

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount of India`s total foreign exchange reserves as on January 1, 2006;
- (b) whether it is proposed to utilise a part of the foreign exchange reserves to fund the infrastructure development;
- (c) if so, whether any guidelines have been laid down in this regard; and
- (d) the projects likely to be taken up, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): India`s foreign exchange reserves (including foreign currency assets, gold, special drawing rights and the reserve tranche position at the IMF) stood at US\$137.2 billion at end-December 2005.

(b), (c) & (d): There is no proposal currently to utilize a part of the foreign exchange reserves directly to fund infrastructure development. However, additional investment, in general, has an impact on foreign exchange reserves through higher imports, if any, occasioned by investment.