GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1843
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026

DECLINE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

1843 Shri Praveen Chakravarthy:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the current level and composition of forex reserves and the decline from the February 2026 peak of $728.5 billion, with principal reasons;
(b) RBI's gross monthly dollar sales since February 2026 and any estimated cost of intervention;
(c) the import cover and reserve-to-short-term-debt ratio against RBI's own adequacy benchmarks; and
(d) any assessment of the effect and savings from appeals since May 2026 urging citizens to conserve foreign exchange?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The levels and composition of India's foreign exchange reserves (FER) as of February 27, 2026 and July 10, 2026, are presented below:

in USD million

	Feb 27, 2026	**July 10, 2026**
Foreign Currency Assets	573,125	546,508
Gold	131,630	105,230
SDRs	18,866	18,626
Reserve Tranche Position	4,873	4,793
Total FER*	**7,28,494**	**6,75,157**

**Difference, if any, is due to rounding off.*

Source: RBI

Movements in the FER occur on account of multiple factors, including purchase and sale of foreign exchange by the Reserve Bank of India, income arising out of the deployment of the FER, external aid receipts of the Central Government, and changes on account of revaluation of the assets.

The value of the Indian Rupee (INR) is market-determined, with no target or specific level or band. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regularly monitors the foreign exchange market and intervenes in situations of excess volatility. The details of gross sale of US dollar (USD) by the RBI since February 2026 are presented below.

Month	**Gross sale of USD (in million)**
February 2026	13,994
March 2026	29,638
April 2026	25,169
May 2026	28,333
Source: RBI	

(c) & (d) The FER position in the country is currently adequate by standard reserve adequacy metrics, providing an import cover of 10.3 months of goods as of July 10, 2026 and at end-March 2026, the ratio of short-term debt (original maturity) to foreign exchange reserves stood at 21.6 per cent.

The Government closely tracks trends in key economic parameters, including foreign exchange reserves.

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