

## **Central Bank Survey: End-February 2020**

The monetary base expanded by Rs4,360 million, from Rs117,687 million as at end-January 2020 to Rs122,047 million as at end-February 2020, or by 3.7 per cent, as against a contraction of 4.6 per cent registered between end-December 2019 and end-January 2020. The rise in the monetary base resulted mostly from the increase in liabilities to Other Depository Corporations. The annual growth rate of the monetary base accelerated from 14.5 per cent in January 2020 to 17.9 per cent in February 2020.

On the sources side of the monetary base, the net foreign assets of the Bank fell by Rs4,908 million, or by 1.8 per cent to Rs273,905 million as at end-February 2020. Net Claims on Central Government went up by Rs10,527 million, or by 43.5 per cent to negative Rs13,685 million as at end-February 2020.

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	Feb-20	Jan-20	Monthly Change		Feb-19	Annual Change	
	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Per Cent)	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Per Cent)
1. Net Foreign Assets	273,905	278,813	-4,908	-1.8	219,967	53,938	24.5
Claims on Nonresidents	274,205	279,085	-4,880	-1.7	220,440	53,765	24.4
Liabilities to Nonresidents	300	272	28	10.5	473	-173	-36.5
2. Domestic Claims	-9,615	-20,134	10,519	52.2	-14,954	5,338	35.7
A. Net Claims on Central Government	-13,685	-24,212	10,527	43.5	-19,289	5,604	29.1
B. Claims on Other Sectors	4,032	4,021	11	0.3	3,920	112	2.8
C. Claims on Other Depository Corporations	38	56	-18	-32.8	415	-378	-91.0
3. ASSETS = LIABILITIES	264,289	258,678	5,611	2.2	205,013	59,276	28.9
4. Monetary Base	122,047	117,687	4,360	3.7	103,485	18,563	17.9
A. Currency in Circulation	39,385	39,911	-526	-1.3	35,670	3,715	10.4
B. Liabilities to Other Depository Corporations	82,528	77,664	4,864	6.3	67,717	14,811	21.9
C. Liabilities to Other Sectors	135	112	23	20.4	98	37	38.1
5. Other Liabilities to Other Depository Corporations	88,535	89,444	-909	-1.0	61,797	26,738	43.3
6. Deposits and Securities other than Shares, Excluded from Monetary Base	24,695	26,918	-2,223	-8.3	23,308	1,388	6.0
7. Other	29,012	24,629	4,382	17.8	16,424	12,587	76.6

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.
Source: Economic Analysis and Research and Statistics Department