

**Table 26a: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Banks : 07 July 2005 - 05 January 2006**

Week Ended	Deposit Base <sup>1</sup>	Average Cash Balances Held for the Week	Required Minimum Cash Balances 5.5% of (1)	Excess Cash Holdings (2) - (3)	Average Cash Ratios (2) / (1)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(2) - (3)	(2) / (1)
	<i>(Rs million)</i>				<i>(Per cent)</i>
<b>07-Jul-05*</b>	143,443	8,077	7,889	188	<b>5.63</b>
<b>14-Jul-05</b>	142,428	8,607	7,834	773	<b>6.04</b>
<b>21-Jul-05</b>	141,800	8,499	7,799	700	<b>5.99</b>
<b>28-Jul-05</b>	143,002	7,978	7,865	113	<b>5.58</b>
<b>04-Aug-05</b>	143,929	8,036	7,916	120	<b>5.58</b>
<b>11-Aug-05</b>	144,813	8,248	7,965	283	<b>5.70</b>
<b>18-Aug-05</b>	145,671	8,151	8,012	139	<b>5.60</b>
<b>25-Aug-05</b>	144,761	8,442	7,962	480	<b>5.83</b>
<b>01-Sep-05</b>	144,530	9,341	7,949	1,392	<b>6.46</b>
<b>08-Sep-05</b>	145,233	9,254	7,988	1,266	<b>6.37</b>
<b>15-Sep-05</b>	146,894	9,275	8,079	1,196	<b>6.31</b>
<b>22-Sep-05</b>	146,802	9,805	8,074	1,731	<b>6.68</b>
<b>29-Sep-05</b>	147,249	9,750	8,099	1,651	<b>6.62</b>
<b>06-Oct-05</b>	148,149	8,939	8,148	791	<b>6.03</b>
<b>13-Oct-05</b>	149,565	9,047	8,226	821	<b>6.05</b>
<b>20-Oct-05</b>	149,717	9,003	8,234	769	<b>6.01</b>
<b>27-Oct-05</b>	149,128	9,538	8,202	1,336	<b>6.40</b>
<b>03-Nov-05</b>	149,956	8,650	8,248	402	<b>5.77</b>
<b>10-Nov-05</b>	150,524	9,229	8,279	950	<b>6.13</b>
<b>17-Nov-05</b>	150,869	9,735	8,298	1,437	<b>6.45</b>
<b>24-Nov-05</b>	151,086	9,914	8,310	1,604	<b>6.56</b>
<b>01-Dec-05</b>	152,008	10,407	8,361	2,046	<b>6.85</b>
<b>08-Dec-05</b>	153,697	9,755	8,453	1,302	<b>6.35</b>
<b>15-Dec-05</b>	153,531	10,648	8,444	2,204	<b>6.94</b>
<b>22-Dec-05</b>	151,791	10,498	8,348	2,150	<b>6.92</b>
<b>29-Dec-05</b>	153,076	10,203	8,419	1,784	<b>6.67</b>
<b>05-Jan-06</b>	154,991	10,097	8,524	1,573	<b>6.51</b>

<sup>1</sup> The deposit base is lagged by one week.

\* Prior to that week, only former Category 1 banks were required to maintain the cash ratio set at 5.5 per cent.

The cash balances consist of cash in banks' vaults and balances held by banks with the Bank of Mauritius.