

**Table 36: Transactions on the Interbank Foreign Exchange Market:
March 2008 - March 2009**

| | Purchase of US\$ against Rupee (US\$ million) | Purchase of US\$ against Other Foreign Currencies (US\$ million) | Total Purchases | | Opening Interbank Min-Max Ask Rate ¹ (Rs/US\$) |
|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | US\$ Equivalent (US\$ million) | Rupee Equivalent (Rs million) | |
| March-09 | | | | | |
| 02-06 March | 3.02 | 1.67 | 4.73# | 162.48 | 34.3125-34.3625 |
| 09-13 March | 0.07 | 2.51 | 2.67# | 91.82 | 34.2250-34.2625 |
| 16-20 March | 1.06 | 2.25 | 4.69# | 160.44 | 33.7250-34.2250 |
| 23-26 March | 0.43 | 0.65 | 1.66# | 56.80 | 33.5625-34.1250 |
| 30-31 March | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.51# | 17.26 | 33.5250 |
| Mar-08 | 3.91 | 18.40 | 23.18# | 621.45 | 26.2375-27.4750 |
| Apr-08 | 4.55 | 6.63 | 13.66# | 354.72 | 25.9125-26.2125 |
| May-08 | 11.79 | 7.15 | 20.80# | 567.78 | 26.1500-27.9875 |
| Jun-08 | 4.11 | 16.68 | 21.07# | 579.89 | 27.3250-27.8125 |
| Jul-08 | 5.43 | 13.57 | 19.97# | 537.29 | 26.7125-27.4375 |
| Aug-08 | 1.95 | 1.71 | 5.93# | 165.77 | 26.8375-28.3125 |
| Sep-08 | 10.93 | 9.76 | 22.94# | 669.09 | 28.3500-29.5375 |
| Oct-08 | 1.30 | 12.87 | 15.50# | 464.44 | 28.4000-32.0625 |
| Nov-08 | 2.66 | 6.73 | 10.18# | 326.20 | 31.8750-32.0875 |
| Dec-08 | 4.08 | 11.70 | 17.38# | 558.11 | 31.9125-32.1625 |
| Jan-09 | 3.52 | 3.45 | 8.06# | 261.17 | 31.9250-32.8000 |
| Feb-09 | 6.68 | 3.28 | 12.94# | 437.05 | 32.8125-34.2375 |
| Mar-09 | 4.81 | 7.30 | 14.26# | 488.80 | 33.5250-34.3625 |

¹ With effect from 23-Oct-00, the Rs/US\$ ask rate is based on the average of daily wholesale Rs/US\$ ask rates of four major banks.

Includes purchases of foreign currencies other than US dollar.

Source: Financial Markets Operations Division.