

6.2 : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ¹

| Item | 1990-91 | | 1992-93 | | 1993-94 | | 1994-95 | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | Rs. crore | U.S. \$ million | Rs. crore | U.S. \$ million | Rs. crore | U.S. \$ million | Rs. crore | U.S. \$ million |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1. Imports (c.i.f.) | 50086.2 | 27915 | 71999.7 | 24316 | 83868.7 | 26739 | 112748.5 | 35904 |
| 2. Exports (f.o.b.) | 33152.6 | 18477 | 54762.0 | 18869 | 71146.0 | 22683 | 84328.5 | 26855 |
| 3. Trade balance (2-1) | -16933.6 | -9438 | -17237.7 | -5447 | -12722.7 | -4056 | -28420.0 | -9049 |
| 4. Invisibles | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 13393.6 | 7464 | 27037.8 | 9334 | 35500.6 | 11319 | 48838.4 | 15554 |
| b) Payments | 13828.5 | 7706 | 22563.6 | 7413 | 26413.7 | 8421 | 31001.0 | 9874 |
| (Of which: Interest & service payments on loans and credits) | (4958) | (2763) | (7395) | (2412) | (8170) | (2605) | (8446) | (2690) |
| c) Net | -434.9 | -242 | 4474.2 | 1921 | 9086.9 | 2898 | 17837.4 | 5680 |
| 5. Current account (net) | -17368.5 | -9680 | -12763.5 | -3526 | -3635.8 | -1158 | -10582.6 | -3369 |
| 6. Capital Account ² | | | | | | | | |
| I. Foreign Investments ³ | 183.5 | 103 | 1699.9 | 557 | 13281.5 | 4235 | 15087.1 | 4807 |
| a) Inflow | 201.8 | 113 | 1798.5 | 589 | 14461.4 | 4611 | 18085.5 | 5763 |
| b) Outflow | 18.3 | 10 | 98.6 | 32 | 1179.9 | 376 | 2998.4 | 956 |
| c) Net | 183.5 | 103 | 1699.9 | 557 | 13281.5 | 4235 | 15087.1 | 4807 |
| II. Loans ³ | 9927.7 | 5533 | 1445.4 | 411 | 5685.7 | 1812 | 9542.4 | 3035 |
| i) External Assistance | | | | | | | | |
| a) Inflow | 6094.5 | 3397 | 10172.7 | 3302 | 10903.5 | 3476 | 10029.7 | 3193 |
| b) Outflow | 2140.1 | 1193 | 4433.5 | 1446 | 4954.7 | 1580 | 5256.5 | 1675 |
| c) Net | 3954.4 | 2204 | 5739.2 | 1856 | 5948.8 | 1896 | 4773.2 | 1518 |
| ii) Commercial Borrowings ⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| a) Inflow | 10827.9 | 6034 | 16466.8 | 5369 | 20372.3 | 6495 | 24299.2 | 7737 |
| b) Outflow | 4854.6 | 2705 | 20760.4 | 6814 | 20635.4 | 6579 | 19530.0 | 6220 |
| c) Net | 5973.3 | 3329 | -4293.8 | -1445 | -263.1 | -84 | 4769.2 | 1517 |
| III. Banking | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 18133.4 | 10105 | 34255.4 | 11998 | 36069.8 | 11500 | 22033.5 | 7020 |
| b) Payments | 16908.6 | 9423 | 22098.6 | 8172 | 28971.3 | 9237 | 23091.6 | 7354 |
| c) Net | 1224.8 | 682 | 12156.8 | 3826 | 7098.5 | 2263 | -1058.1 | -334 |
| IV. Rupee Debt Service | -2139.8 | -1193 | -2334.6 | -878 | -3301.6 | -1053 | -3089.6 | -983 |
| V. Other Capital | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 5593.3 | 3117 | 3350.3 | 1359 | 9013.5 | 2873 | 6911.9 | 2201 |
| b) Payments | 2128.7 | 1186 | 4191.5 | 1399 | 3872.7 | 1235 | 700.7 | 224 |
| c) Net | 3464.6 | 1931 | -841.2 | -40 | 5140.8 | 1638 | 6211.2 | 1977 |
| VI. Errors & omissions | 236.8 | 132 | -245.6 | -940 | 2510.1 | 800 | 2049.1 | 654 |
| 7. Total Capital (I...VI) | 12897.6 | 7188 | 11880.7 | 2936 | 30415.0 | 9695 | 28742.1 | 9156 |
| 8. Overall Balance (5 + 7) | -4470.9 | -2492 | -882.8 | -590 | 26779.2 | 8537 | 18159.5 | 5787 |
| 9. Monetary Movement | | | | | | | | |
| a) IMF Transactions | | | | | | | | |
| i) Purchases | 3333.7 | 1858 | 4231.0 | 1623 | 1006.9 | 321 | — | — |
| ii) Repurchases | 1155.9 | 644 | 867.6 | 335 | 419.7 | 134 | 3585.0 | 1143 |
| iii) Net | 2177.8 | 1214 | 3363.4 | 1288 | 587.2 | 187 | -3585.0 | -1143 |
| b) Increase (-)/decrease (+) in Reserves | 2293.1 | 1278 | -2480.6 | -698 | -27366.4 | -8724 | -14574.5 | -4644 |
| 10. Total (a+b) | 4470.9 | 2492 | 882.8 | 590 | -26779.2 | -8537 | -18159.5 | -5787 |

1 Data from 1990-91 onwards are based on revised format as adopted by the RBI.

2 For further details of capital account transactions (see Table 6.4).

3 Amounts are net of foreign investments and loan operations by Indians abroad.

4 Includes short term credit.

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6.2 : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ¹ (Contd.)

| Item | 1995-96 | | 1996-97 | | 1997-98 | | 1998-99 | |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | R.s. crore | U.S. \$ million | R.s. crore | U.S. \$ million | R.s. crore | U.S. \$ million | R.s. crore | U.S. \$ million |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1. Imports (c.i.f.) | 146542.3 | 43670 | 173753.0 | 48948 | 190508.5 | 51187 | 199914.1 | 47544 |
| 2. Exports (f.o.b.) | 108481.1 | 32311 | 121193.5 | 34133 | 132702.6 | 35680 | 144436.0 | 34298 |
| 3. Trade balance (2-1) | -38061.2 | -11359 | -52559.5 | -14815 | -57805.9 | -15507 | -55478.1 | -13246 |
| 4. Invisibles | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 59443.1 | 17665 | 76091.9 | 21405 | 86242.5 | 23244 | 108457.5 | 25770 |
| b) Payments | 41027.2 | 12216 | 39813.4 | 11209 | 49321.2 | 13237 | 69767.0 | 16562 |
| (Of which: Interest & service payments on loans and credits) | (7734) | (2312) | (7813) | (2201) | (10416) | (2792) | (12614) | (2987) |
| c) Net | 18415.9 | 5449 | 36278.5 | 10196 | 36921.3 | 10007 | 38690.5 | 9208 |
| 5. Current account (net) | -19645.3 | -5910 | -16281.0 | -4619 | -20884.6 | -5500 | -16787.6 | -4038 |
| 6. Capital Account ² | | | | | | | | |
| I. Foreign Investments ³ | 15662.3 | 4615 | 21162.4 | 5963 | 19831.6 | 5353 | 9736.4 | 2312 |
| a) Inflow | 19080.5 | 5643 | 27783.9 | 7824 | 34444.0 | 9266 | 24825.1 | 5892 |
| b) Outflow | 3418.2 | 1028 | 6621.5 | 1861 | 14612.4 | 3913 | 15088.7 | 3580 |
| c) Net | 15662.3 | 4615 | 21162.4 | 5963 | 19831.6 | 5353 | 9736.4 | 2312 |
| II. Loans ³ | 7974.0 | 2201 | 16981.8 | 4795 | 17453.2 | 4799 | 18866.2 | 4418 |
| i) External Assistance | | | | | | | | |
| a) Inflow | 10101.4 | 2933 | 10892.9 | 3056 | 10826.0 | 2885 | 11508.9 | 2726 |
| b) Outflow | 6799.2 | 2066 | 6923.2 | 1955 | 7442.4 | 2000 | 8107.1 | 1927 |
| c) Net | 3302.2 | 867 | 3969.7 | 1101 | 3383.6 | 885 | 3401.8 | 799 |
| ii) Commercial Borrowings ⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| a) Inflow | 28294.1 | 8399 | 52097.0 | 14664 | 53315.7 | 14416 | 50364.5 | 12045 |
| b) Outflow | 23622.3 | 7065 | 39084.9 | 10970 | 39246.1 | 10502 | 34900.1 | 8426 |
| c) Net | 4671.8 | 1334 | 13012.1 | 3694 | 14069.6 | 3914 | 15464.4 | 3619 |
| III. Banking | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 21691.7 | 6453 | 28394.2 | 8018 | 33053.7 | 8910 | 34545.1 | 8197 |
| b) Payments | 19246.7 | 5691 | 20504.1 | 5789 | 36243.4 | 9803 | 28170.4 | 6717 |
| c) Net | 2445.0 | 762 | 7890.1 | 2229 | -3189.7 | -893 | 6374.7 | 1480 |
| IV. Rupee Debt Service | -3105.5 | -952 | -2542.0 | -727 | -2783.5 | -767 | -3307.9 | -802 |
| V. Other Capital | | | | | | | | |
| a) Receipts | 2474.3 | 748 | 9390.5 | 2629 | 14457.3 | 3815 | 16563.2 | 3958 |
| b) Payments | 11140.4 | 3285 | 10267.4 | 2883 | 9170.8 | 2463 | 11877.7 | 2801 |
| c) Net | -8666.1 | -2537 | -876.9 | -254 | 5286.5 | 1352 | 4685.5 | 1157 |
| VI. Errors & omissions | 1286.9 | 600 | -2114.3 | -594 | 940.3 | 167 | -1321.9 | -305 |
| 7. Total Capital (I...VI) | 15596.6 | 4689 | 40501.1 | 11412 | 37538.4 | 10011 | 35033.0 | 8260 |
| 8. Overall Balance (5 + 7) | -4048.7 | -1221 | 24220.1 | 6793 | 16653.8 | 4511 | 18245.4 | 4222 |
| 9. Monetary Movement | | | | | | | | |
| a) IMF Transactions | | | | | | | | |
| i) Purchases | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| ii) Repurchases | 5749.0 | 1715 | 3461.2 | 975 | 2286.2 | 618 | 1652.1 | 393 |
| iii) Net | -5749.0 | -1715 | -3461.2 | -975 | -2286.2 | -618 | -1652.1 | -393 |
| b) Increase (-)/decrease (+) in Reserves | 9797.7 | 2936 | -20758.9 | -5818 | -14367.6 | -3893 | -16593.3 | -3829 |
| 10. Total (a+b) | 4048.7 | 1221 | -24220.1 | -6793 | -16653.8 | -4511 | -18245.4 | -4222 |

1. Data from 1990-91 onwards are based on revised format as adopted by the RBI.

2. For further details of capital account transactions (see Table 6.4).

3. Amounts are net of foreign investments and loan operations by Indians abroad.

4. Includes short term credit.

Notes:

1. The presentation of balance of payments statistics in the above table differs from the adjusted balance of payments statistics published in the previous issues of the Economic Survey.
2. The rupee equivalent of all foreign currency transactions has been arrived at by applying the par/central rates upto June 1972 and thereafter on the basis of the average of RBI's spot buying and selling rate for sterling and the monthly averages of cross-rates based on London market for non-sterling currencies. Effective March 1993, conversion is made by crossing average spot buying and selling rate for US Dollar in the Forex market and the monthly averages of cross rates of non-dollar currencies based on London market.
3. Grants received are covered under item 4(a).
4. Estimated interest accrued and credited to NRI deposits during the year has been treated as notional outflow under invisible payments and added as reinvestment in NRI deposits under banking capital.
5. Balance of payments data from the year 1990-91 are presented in a format in which in the year of imports, the value of defence-related imports are recorded under imports with credits financing such imports shown in the capital account. Interest payments on defence debt owed to the General Currency Area (GCA) (as and when they are made) are recorded under investment income payments in the invisible account and principal repayments under commercial borrowings (as outflows) in the capital account. In the case of the Rupee Payment Area (RPA), interest payment on and principal repayment of debt is clubbed together and shown separately under the item 'Rupee Debt Service' in the capital account. This is in line with the recommendation of the High Level Committee on Balance of Payments (Chairman: Dr. C.Rangarajan).
6. In accordance with the recommendations of Report of the Technical Group on Reconciling of Balance of Payments and DGCI&S Data on Merchandise data on gold brought out by the Indians returning from abroad have been included under Import payments with contra entry under Private Transfer Receipts. Data has, therefore, been revised from 1992-93 i.e. since the inception of the scheme.
7. In accordance with the provision of IMF's Balance of Payments Manual (5th Edition), gold purchased from the Government of India by the RBI has been excluded from the BOP statistics. Data for the earlier year has, therefore, been amended by making suitable adjustment in "Other Capital-Receipts and Foreign Exchange Reserves". Similarly, item "SDR Allocation" has been deleted from the table.
8. With effect from 1996-97, private transfer receipts include redemption in rupees of both principal and interest under Non-Resident External (Rupee) Accounts [NRE(R)A] and Non-Resident Non-Repatriable Rupee Deposit [NR(NR)RD] schemes. This marks an improvement in data reporting.

Source: Reserve Bank of India.