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	9. France	392
	10. Russian Federation	1674
	11. Others	5
C.	External Debt on Government Account under External Assistance (A+B)	62.388

(b) India's foreign exchange reserves comprising Foreign Currency Assets, Gold, SDR and Reserve Tranche Position in IMF stood at US \$ 316.2 billion at end-October 2011. Foreign Currency Assets are primarily held in the US dollar, Euro, Pound Sterling, Australian dollar and Japanese Yen.

(c) The combined fiscal deficit of the Central Government and State Governments is estimated at 6.8 per cent of the GDP in BE 2011-12.

(d) and (e) The ratio of India's foreign exchange reserves to total external debt stood at almost 100 per cent at end-June, 2011. The prudent external debt management policy followed by the Government of India emphasizes monitoring of long and short term debt, raising sovereign loans on concessional terms with long maturities, regulating external commercial borrowings through *end-use* and *all-in-cost* restrictions and rationalizing interest rates on Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Deposits. As a result, the external debt to GDP ratio has declined from 21.1 per cent in 2001-02 and to 17.3 per cent in 2010-11.

Measures to control external capital flows

832. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any control on capital flows to minimize the percentage of volatile external flows;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total value of external flows of foreign exchange reserves over the past three months, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):
(a) and (b) No, Sir. Volatility is inherent in any market. It is an outcome of perceptions of the investors — domestic and overseas, retail and institutional — about the economy, the sector and the company. The domestic fundamentals of economy are strong and intact.

(c) Capital flows on account of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Portfolio Investment

Scheme (PIS) over the period July-2011 to September-2011 and the total value of foreign exchange reserves at the end of past three months are given in the following tables :—

Capital flows

(Amount in USD Million)

Item	July-2011	August-2011	September-2011
Direct Investment (FDI + Reinvested Earnings + Other Capital)	1,099	2,830	1,765
Portfolio Investment (FII + ADR/ GDR + Offshore Funds)	1,560	-1,797	-1,149
TOTAL :	2,659	1,033	616

Foreign Exchange Reserves

(Amount in USD Million)

	July-2011	August-2011	September- 2011	October- 2011*
Foreign Exchange Reserves	319,090	321,982	311,482	320,390

*as on October 28, 2011

**Difficulties in discharging duties by Custom officials at
Container Terminal at Kochi**

833. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Custom officers are facing any problem in discharging their duties at Vallarpadam International Container Terminal at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has approved any exemptions in this regard for PPP Port projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Some operational problems are being faced by Custom Officers in discharging their duties at International Container Transshipment Terminal located in the Vallarpadam SEZ, Kochi. However, mechanism exists to resolve such issues.