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Spotlight on State Finances – Bright ... but Not Enough Power

- What's New: FY11 state finances see some improvement The RBI's latest report on state finances ¹ indicates a consolidation in the state fiscal deficit from 2.9% of GDP in FY10 to 2.7% in FY11. This is in line with the centre's numbers where, ex of telecom license fees, the headline deficit improved from 6.5% in FY10 to 6.2% in FY11 (With telecom, the FY11 deficit was lower at 4.9%). The improvement in finances was due to: (1) An increase in state revenues due to stamp duties, sales tax, excise; and (2) Increased transfers from the centre a result of revenue buoyancy and greater sharing of the centre's taxes in line with the 13th Finance Commission. More-over, debt/GDP ratios have also seen an improvement to 23.5% v/s a peak of 32.8% in 2004.
- ...But lower growth to take its toll on FY12 estimates Consolidated data on state finances is released with a lag of a year. State budgets have projected a moderation in the fiscal deficit from 2.7% in FY11 to 2.2% in FY12. However, similar to the story at the centre (FY12 deficit came in at 5.9% v/s budget estimates of 4.6%), lower growth in FY12 could take its toll on revenues, impacting the deficits. However, it could be less challenging than the centre given that the centre bears most of the subsidy burden.
- Moreover, state numbers don't reflect rising SEB losses A growing concern is rising financial losses of the SEBs (See page 4). Adjusting for subsidies, latest data pegs losses at Rs820bn (0.9% of GDP). This is due to (1) non-revision of tariffs and (2) non-realization of subsidies, which in turn results in higher borrowings from the banking system. (Key to note is that due to 'cash-based' accounting, arrears on subsidy are not captured in the budget). Further, more worrying is the fact that in addition to direct budgetary support, states also extend guarantees for loans taken by the power utilities.
- Market implications Headline state deficit numbers as a percent of GDP have improved from over 4% in FY04 to 2.7% currently. But, similar to the situation at the centre, financing requirements (including various subsidies) have doubled in the past few years, putting pressure on yields. Further, rising SEB losses are taking a toll on banks and the power sector. Latest data indicates that 70% of SEB losses have been financed by PSU banks and 42% of these loans are backed by state guarantees.
- Some rays of light Over the past years, progress on enacting Fiscal Responsibility Legislation, coupled with other institutional measures, does indicate state governments' commitment to reform with the aim of eliminating revenue deficits and reducing the fiscal deficit by FY15. This coupled with the eventual implementation of a GST bodes well for the medium-term fiscal scenario. However, in the near term, what is key is as the RBI says, "information on unpaid subsidies, loans extended against govt guarantees ... should be transparently reported by the State governments'

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TRENDS IN CENTRE DEFICIT

Fiscal consolidation at the centre has gone off track since FY08, with the deficit edging higher from 2.5% of GDP to 6.5% in FY10.

FY11 saw some improvement to 4.9% thanks to revenue buoyancy and 3G auctions, but things reversed in FY12 with the deficit back up to 5.9%.

In FY13, the government's targeted a deficit of 5.1% is again likely to see slippage to the tune of 40bps

TRENDS IN STATE DEFICITS

State deficits too have edged up from 1.5% of GDP in FY08 to 2.9% of GDP in FY10

Similar to the story at the centre, FY11 saw an improvement to 2.7% due to higher revenues

While the numbers for FY12 are not yet released, similar to the situation at the centre, these too could see a reversal due to lower growth impacting revenues

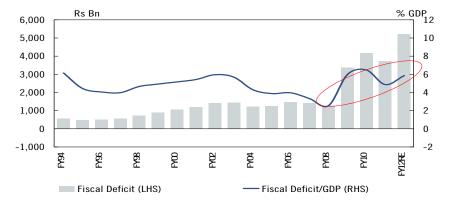
COMBINED PICTURE to REMAIN WEAK

As a result of high deficits at the centre, the combined deficit has remained sticky in the 8-9% of GDP range.

This has resulted in a near doubling of the borrowing requirements, putting pressure on yields

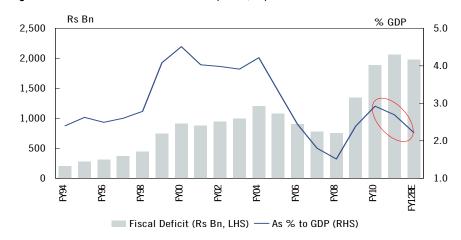
Centre - State Deficit Trends

Figure 1. Trends in the Centre's' Fiscal Deficit (Rs Bn, %)



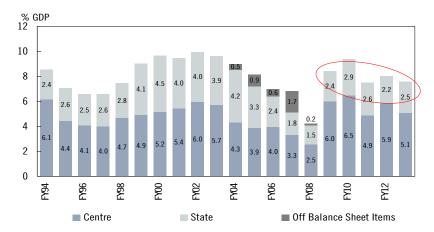
Source: RBI, Budget Documents

Figure 2. Trends in the States' Fiscal Deficit (Rs Bn, %)



Source: RBI, Budget Documents

Figure 3. Trends in the Combined Deficit – Centre + States (% GDP)



Source: RBI, Budget Documents

STATE TAX REVENUES EDGING HIGHER

Taxes contribute 70% of receipts for the states. Tax revenues as a percentage of GDP have risen to ~9% from 5-6% a few years ago. Tax revenues primarily comprise:

- (1) States Own Tax Revenues 70% of total taxes, with the key contributor being sales taxes (share of about ~40% of total taxes)
- (2) Tax transfers from the Centre, which remained at ~30%

EXPENDITURES HAVE COME OFF, BUT REMAIN HIGH AS A PERCENTAGE TO GDP

Expenditures have come off as a percentage of GDP, but remain high at ~16%. Moreover, the quality of spending is poor given that 80% of expenditure is geared towards revenue (non-development) spending.

For FY12, states have budgeted a deceleration in expenditure, to be achieved through a reduction in interest payments, pension expenditure, and development revenue expenditure.

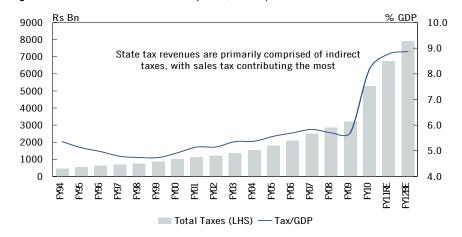
REVENUE BALANCE EXPECTED TO MOVE TO SURPLUS MODE AGAIN

Following a deficit during FY10-11, due to weak tax revenues the revenue account is budgeted to post a surplus in FY12 due to a reduction in expenditure.

This is positive if implemented and in line with recommendations proposed by the 13FC. It would also pave the way for higher capital outlays. However, similar to the revenue slippage at the centre, lower growth could impact state finances as well once the final numbers are out.

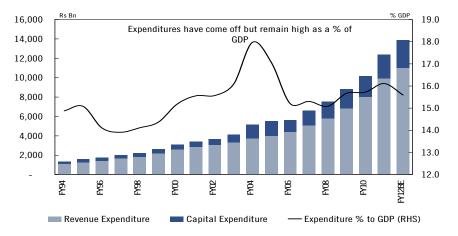
State Revenue and Expenditure Trends

Figure 4. Trends in State Tax Revenues (Rs Bn, % GDP)



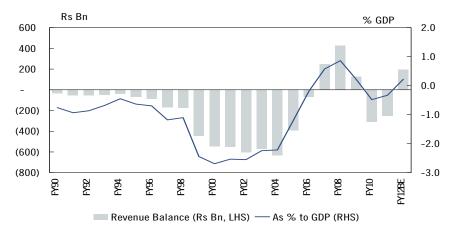
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Figure 5. Trends in Expenditures (Rs Bn, % GDP)



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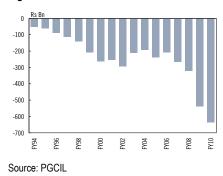
Figure 6. Trends in the Revenue Deficit (Rs Bn, % GDP)



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Annex 1 – SEB Losses Remain a Worry

Figure 7. Trends in SEB Losses



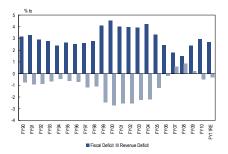
Rising SEB Losses – Takes a toll on public finances, banks and the power sector. Adjusting for subsidies, latest available data pegs financial losses at Rs820bn). This is on account of (1) Non-revision of tariffs and (2) Non-realization of subsidies which in turn results in higher borrowings from the banking system (*Key to note is that due to 'cash-based' accounting, arrears on subsidy are not captured in the budget*). However, more worrying is that in addition to direct budgetary support, states also extend guarantees for loans taken by the power utilities. Latest data indicates that over 70% of SEB losses have been financed by PSUs and 42% of these loans are in turn backed by state government guarantees. Our power analysts Venkatesh Balasubramaniam and Atul Tiwari say the implications of losses have been: (1) Falling merchant prices despite strong demand for electricity and (2) lower health and stability of system. While generation capacity is increasing, finances of the distribution companies are deteriorating. Thus, if distribution companies cannot distribute the power profitably to end consumers, it would affect all participants in the system.

Figure 8. Power Sector Snapshot – Energy Shortages, Installed Capacity, SEB Losses

		FY11		Rs Bn, FY10		
	Installed Capacity (MW, on 30-Jun-11)	Energy Surplus/Deficit (%)	Supply (Mn KwH)	Demand (Mn KwH)	Energy Surplus/Deficit (%)	SEB Losses w/o subsidy
Andhra Pradesh	15,575	-3.2%	69,534	74,098	-6.2	-62.9
Arunachal Pradesh	213	-14.7%	463	505	-8.3	-0.3
Assam	979	-6.3%	4,833	5,113	-5.5	-3.4
Bihar	1,922	-13.0%	9,243	11,844	-22.0	NA
Chandigarh	100	0.0%	1,352	1,356	-0.3	NA
Chattisgarh	4,987	-1.7%	11,859	12,218	-2.9	-4.3
Dadar Nagar Haveli	64	-0.1%	3,716	3,746	-0.8	NA
Daman & Diu	35	-8.4%	1,638	1,827	-10.3	NA
Delhi	5,783	-0.3%	23,227	23,299	-0.3	9.2
DVC	4,564	-9.2%	13,109	13,635	-3.9	NA
NA Goa	394	-2.1%	2,522	2,556	-1.3	0.8
Gujarat	15,903	-5.7%	61,929	62,160	-0.4	-8.4
Haryana	5,966	-5.6%	29,903	31,211	-4.2	-47.0
Himachal Pradesh	2,827	-3.4%	6,734	6,785	-0.8	-1.5
Jammu & Kashmir	2,296	-25.0%	8,938	11,648	-23.3	-21.8
Jharkhand	2,509	-3.4%	4,997	5,142	-2.8	NA
Karnataka	12,146	-7.6%	43,610	48,757	-10.6	-14.5
Kerala	3,719	-1.4%	15,936	16,271	-2.1	2.4
Lakshadweep	10.7		31	31	0.0	NA
Madhya Pradesh	8,476	-20.2%	34,339	40,823	-15.9	-51.7
Maharashtra	23,105	-16.6%	97,734	117,884	-17.1	-10.4
Manipur	158	-11.1%	435	475	-8.4	-1.1
Meghalaya	290	-12.5%	1,227	1,612	-23.9	-0.7
Mizoram	139	-14.6%	299	334	-10.5	-1.3
Nagaland	103	-10.8%	437	479	-8.8	-1.1
Orissa	5,379	-0.3%	18,733	18,915	-1.0	-2.9
Puducherry	264	-4.0%	1,772	1,798	-1.4	-0.4
Punjab	7,019	-6.0%	37,676	38,925	-3.2	-44.5
Rajasthan	8,975	-0.9%	40,058	41,755	-4.1	-127.2
Sikkim	201	0.0%	312	316	-1.3	0.0
Tamil Nadu	15,515	-6.5%	65,134	70,533	-7.7	-113.5
Tripura	265	-9.2%	757	800	-5.4	-0.5
Uttar Pradesh	10,458	-15.0%	59,943	67,553	-11.3	-93.6
Uttaranchal	2,455	-6.0%	8,506	8,740	-2.7	NA
West Bengal	8,567	-1.7%	31,789	32,144	-1.1	2.7
Andaman Nicobar	65		162	202	-20.0	NA
Central - Unallocated	6,089					NA
Total	177,515	-8.50%	712,694	775,257	-8.1	-635.5

Source: CEA, PFC, CIRA. FY12 Projections are by CEA

Figure 9. Trends in State Fiscal and Revenues Deficits as % of GDP



Source: RBI;

HOW ARE DEFICITS FINANCED?

- (1) Market borrowings or issuance of bonds from the RBI
- (2) Statutory Transfers of taxes and grants from the Centre
- (3) Access to Central Plan funds through centrally sponsored schemes

Annex II – Snapshot of State Finances

Trends in Finances: Following the implementation of fiscal responsibility legislation across states during 2002-10, as well as implementation of state Value Added Tax (VAT), the fiscal deficit declined from a high of 4.4% of GDP in FY04 to 1.5% in FY08. Encouragingly, the revenue balance also moved into surplus mode from FY08 to FY09. However, with the onset of the global crisis, things took a turn for the worse with the deficit touching 2.9% of GDP in FY10. This was due to Sixth Pay Commission recommendations and other countercyclical measures. Similar to the story at the centre, FY11 saw an improvement to 2.7% due to higher revenues. While the numbers for FY12 are not yet released, similar to the situation at the centre, these too could see a reversal due to lower growth impacting revenues GDP in FY10 to 2.2% in FY12 (BE).

VAT helped and so could GST: States' experience with implementing VAT has been successful, with VAT being the most important source of tax revenue, contributing more than 50% of their own tax receipts. Looking ahead, introduction of GST would further reduce differences between taxation powers of the Centre and States, as States will have the power to tax the services sector. However, in addition to constitutional amendments, a key issue pending resolution is the finalization of the compensation structure in case of revenue loss to States. Being a destination-based tax, transfer of input tax credits needs to be ensured in the case of inter-State transactions.

Figure 10. State Finances – Snapshot Table (Rs Bn)

	Fis Deficit/S			enue /Surplus	Tot	Total Debt		
	FY11	FY12BE	FY11	FY12BE	FY11	FY12BE		
Andhra Pradesh	2.4	2.9	-0.1	-0.6	24.0	25.6		
Arunachal Pradesh	1.5	2.0	-36.0	-24.1	42.3	40.0		
Assam	8.3	2.9	5.0	-0.9	26.2	26.4		
Bihar	4.1	2.5	-1.1	-2.6	30.2	28.9		
Chhattisgarh	2.2	2.8	-0.8	-1.0	13.2	15.0		
Goa	3.6	4.8	-1.1	0.5	30.2	28.0		
Gujarat	3.1	2.4	1.1	-0.1	26.9	26.0		
Haryana	3.5	2.7	1.8	0.9	18.9	19.0		
Himachal Pradesh	3.5	2.7	0.3	-0.1	47.8	44.3		
Jammu and Kashmir	2.7	5.5	-11.9	-8.1	70.5	69.3		
Jharkhand	4.5	3.3	0.1	-3.1	27.3	30.9		
Karnataka	2.9	2.7	-0.4	-0.3	22.6	22.4		
Kerala	2.9	3.4	1.4	1.8	31.1	30.4		
Madhya Pradesh	3.5	3.0	-2.0	-1.5	30.8	31.1		
Maharashtra	2.4	1.9	0.6	0.0	21.9	21.0		
Manipur	9.3	8.2	-13.5	-11.2	66.9	69.3		
Meghalaya	2.6	2.5	-2.3	-3.8	29.4	29.1		
Mizoram	11.6	2.4	-0.3	-4.5	68.4	63.8		
Nagaland	2.8	3.5	-8.1	-8.3	46.6	46.4		
NCT Delhi	0.6	0.9	-3.5	-1.3	11.6	10.0		
Orissa	2.6	2.8	0.2	0.0	25.9	24.9		
Puducherry	7.0	6.5	3.6	0.6	42.9	44.3		
Punjab	3.2	3.8	1.7	1.6	33.4	33.4		
Rajasthan	2.5	2.4	0.3	-0.1	32.7	32.1		
Sikkim	8.9	2.4	-8.2	-15.2	45.4	43.3		
Tamil Nadu	3.2	2.8	0.6	0.0	20.8	21.6		
Tripura	4.0	2.4	-4.5	-5.5	34.0	31.9		
Uttar Pradesh	3.9	2.9	-0.2	-0.9	38.1	37.6		
Uttarakhand	2.0	3.5	-0.7	-0.4	27.2	27.1		
West Bengal	4.6	2.9	3.7	1.6	42.0	39.9		
All States	2.7	2.2	-1.3	0.3	23.5	22.5		

Source: RBI

Annex 3 – Key State Statistics

India is a federation of 28 states and 7 union territories. Given the disparate nature of their composition and population, growth performance has varied significantly across states. Excluding Delhi and Goa, the richest five states (based on per capita incomes, these are Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Punjab), with ~20% of India's population, produce ~40% of the total output. Income levels have varied too. The per capita income of India's richest state – Haryana – is nearly six times that of the poorest state – Bihar.

Figure 11. State Demographics and Growth Patterns

	Population	Urbanization Rate	Literacy Rate	Per Capita GDP	GDP Growth
	Mns	%	%	Rs, FY12	FY12
Andhra Pradesh	84.7	33.5	67.7	71,540	6.8
Arunachal Pradesh	1.4	22.7	67.0	62,213	3.7
Assam	31.1	14.1	73.2	33,633	8.4
Bihar	103.8	11.3	63.8	24,681	13.1
Chhattisgarh	25.5	23.2	71.0	46,573	10.8
Goa	1.5	62.2	87.4	192,652	10.7
Gujarat	60.4	42.6	79.3	75,115	10.5*
Haryana	25.4	34.8	76.6	109,227	8.1
Himachal Pradesh	6.9	10.0	83.8	73,608	7.6
Jammu and Kashmir	12.6	27.2	68.7	41,833	6.8
Jharkhand	33.0	24.1	67.6	31,982	6.6
Karnataka	61.1	38.6	75.6	69,493	6.4
Kerala	33.4	47.7	93.9	83,725	7.8
Madhya Pradesh	72.6	27.6	70.6	32,222	8.2*
Maharashtra	112.4	45.2	82.9	83,471	10.5*
Manipur	2.7	30.2	79.9	32,284	6.2
Meghalaya	3.0	20.1	75.5	56,643	9.5
Mizoram	1.1	51.5	91.6	48,591	9.2*
Nagaland	2.0	29.0	80.1	56,116	4.0
NCT Delhi	16.8	97.5	86.3	175,812	11.3
Orissa	41.9	16.7	73.5	46,150	7.2
Puducherry	1.2	68.3	86.6	95,759	11.0
Punjab	27.7	37.5	76.7	78,171	5.8
Rajasthan	68.6	24.9	67.1	42,434	11.0*
Sikkim	0.6	25.0	82.2	81,159	8.9*
Tamil Nadu	72.1	48.4	80.3	84,058	9.4
Tripura	3.6	26.2	87.8	50,750	8.9
Uttar Pradesh	199.6	22.3	69.7	29,417	6.2
Uttarakhand	10.1	30.6	79.6	75,604	8.8
West Bengal	91.3	31.9	77.1	55,864	7.1
All States	1210.0	31.1	74.0	60,972	6.9

Source: CSO, * Indicates data for FY11 as FY12 is still not out, Census 2011

Annex 4: Statistical Snapshot

Figure 12. India – Macroecono	omic Sun	nmary, I	-Y00-13	E (%)										
Year to 31 March	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E
National Income Indicators*	00.070	04.040	00.070	05 500	00.047	00.400	00.004	10.017	40.074	50.004	04.574	70 744	00.400	400.044
Nominal GDP (Rs bn)	20,279	21,840	23,676	25,500	28,617	32,422	36,934	42,947	49,871	56,301	64,574	76,741		102,044
Nominal GDP (US\$ bn)	467	478	493	528	623.5	720.5	833.7	950.2	1240.6	1223.9	1362.3	1683.7	1,853	2,072
Per Capita GDP (US\$)	467	469	474	500	582 8.5	662	754 9.5	847 9.6	1,090	1,061	1,163	1,416	1,535	1,692
Real GDP growth (%) Agriculture growth (%)	6.0 0.5	4.4 -0.2	5.8 6.3	3.8 -7.2	10.0	7.6 1.6	9.5 5.1	9.0 4.2	9.3 5.8	6.7 0.1	8.4 1.0	8.4 7.0	6.9 2.5	7.0 3.0
Industry growth (%)	4.6	6.4	2.7	7.1	7.4	9.4	9.7	12.2	9.7	4.4	8.4	7.0	3.9	5.0
Services growth (%)	9.5	5.7	7.2	7.5	8.5	9.4	10.9	10.1	10.3	10.0	10.5	9.3	9.4	9.0
By Demand * (%YoY)	5.5	5.7	1.2	7.5	0.0	5.4	10.5	10.1	10.5	10.0	10.5	5.0	J. T	5.0
Consumption	7.2	3.0	5.3	2.3	5.4	2.3	8.6	7.9	9.3	7.6	8.1	8.1	6.0	6.3
Pvt Consm	6.1	3.4	6.0	2.9	5.9	2.1	8.5	8.7	9.2	7.1	7.0	8.1	6.5	6.5
Public Consm	13.2	0.9	2.3	-0.4	2.6	3.4	8.9	3.8	9.6	10.4	14.3	7.8	3.9	5.0
Gross Fixed Capital Formn	11.2	0.0	7.4	6.8	13.6	20.7	16.2	13.8	16.2	3.5	6.8	7.5	5.6	6.5
Cons; Invst, Savings ** (%GDP)														
Consumption	79.4	78.5	78.9	77.2	75.0	70.3	69.3	68.3	67.4	68.8	69.4	68.4	67.9	67.0
Capital Formation	25.3	23.8	22.3	24.6	26.9	32.8	34.7	35.7	38.1	34.3	36.1	35.8	35.4	36.0
Gross Domestic Savings	24.2	23.2	22.9	25.7	29.1	32.4	33.4	34.6	36.8	32.0	33.8	32.3	33.0	33.5
Real Indicators (%YoY)														
Cement despatches (domestic)	15.2	-1.9	9.8	8.7	5.8	8.1	10.1	10.2	9.8	8.5	11.2	4.8	8.0	9.0
Commercial vehicle sales	22.0	-11.9	-4.5	28.0	36.2	22.4	10.1	33.3	4.2	-21.4	39.2	27.0	14.1	15.0
Car sales	45.3	-5.3	3.2	7.8	27.2	17.8	7.7	20.7	12.1	0.3	25.7	29.3	-4.0	7.5
Two-wheelers	9.4	0.7	15.3	17.0	11.3	15.7	13.6	11.5	-7.8	2.7	25.9	25.8	15.0	11.0
Diesel consumption	5.6	-3.4	-3.7	0.3	1.2	6.9	1.4	6.7	11.1	8.5	8.9	6.5	6.0	6.0
Mobile Tele density	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.3	3.1	4.8	8.2	14.1	22.0	33.0	48.9	67.9	74.9	81.6
Monetary Indicators (% YoY)														
Money supply	14.6	16.8	14.1	14.7	16.8	12.0	21.4	21.3	21.1	19.3	16.7	16.0	17.0	17.0
Inflation – WPI (Avg)	3.3	7.1	3.6	3.4	5.5	6.5	4.4	6.5	4.8	8.0	3.6	8.6	9.0	7.0
CPI (Avg)	3.4	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	6.8	6.2	9.1	13.0	9.5	9.0	7.0
Bank credit growth	18.2	17.3	15.3	23.7	15.3	30.9	37.0	28.1	22.3	17.5	16.7	21.4	18.0	18.0
Deposit growth	13.9	18.4	14.6	16.1	17.5	13.0	24.0	23.8	22.4	18.0	17.0	15.8	17.0	17.0
Fiscal Indicators (% GDP)														
Centre's fiscal deficit)	-5.2	-5.4	-6.0	-5.7	-4.3	-3.9	-4.0	-3.3	-2.5	-6.0	-6.5	-4.9	-5.9	-5.5
State fiscal deficit	-4.5	-4.0	-4.1	-3.9	-4.2	-3.3	-2.4	-1.8	-1.5	-2.4	-2.9	-2.7	-2.5	-2.5
Combined deficit (Centre+State)	-9.0	-9.1	-9.5	-9.1	-8.1	-7.2	-6.5	-5.4	-4.1	-8.4	-9.6	-8.3	-8.4	-8.0
Off Balance Sheet Items	70.0	-	-	-	05.4	-	-0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-1.7	-0.2	NA 74.4	NA 70.0	NA
Combined liabilities (dom+ext) External Sector (% YoY)	73.8	77.1	82.0	85.5	85.4	85.2	83.0	79.3	76.1	76.1	75.0	71.1	70.0	69.0
	37.5	45.5	44.7	53.8	66.3	85.2	105.2	128.9	166.2	189.0	182.4	250.5	300.6	351.7
Exports (US\$bn) % YoY	9.5	21.1	-1.6	20.3	23.3	28.5	23.4	22.6	28.9	13.7	-3.5	37.3	20.0	17.0
Imports (US\$bn)	55.4	57.9	56.3	64.5	80.0	118.9	157.1	190.7	257.6	308.5	300.6	381.1	476.3	557.3
%YoY	16.5	4.6	-2.8	14.5	24.1	48.6	32.1	21.4	35.1	19.8	-2.6	26.7	25.0	17.0
Trade deficit (US\$bn)	-17.8	-12.5	-11.6	-10.7	-13.7	-33.7	-51.9	-61.8	-91.5	-119.5	-118.2	-130.6	-175.8	-205.6
Invisibles (US\$bn)	13.7	9.8	15.0	17.0	27.8	31.2	42.0	52.2	75.7	91.6	80.0	84.6	105.0	124.4
Current Account Deficit (US\$bn)	-4.1	-2.7	3.4	6.3	14.1	-2.5	-9.9	-9.6	-15.7	-27.9	-38.2	-45.9	-70.8	-81.3
% to GDP	-0.9	-0.6	0.7	1.2	2.3	-0.3	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-2.3	-2.8	-2.7	-3.8	-3.9
Capital Account (US\$bn)	9.5	8.8	8.6	10.8	16.7	28.0	25.5	45.2	106.6	6.8	51.6	62.0	66.6	75.6
% GDP	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.7	3.9	3.1	4.8	8.6	0.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6
Forex Assets (excl gold) (US\$bn)	35.1	39.6	51.0	71.9	106.1	135.1	145.1	191.9	299.1	241.6	252.8	273.7	269.5	263.9
Months of imports	7.6	8.2	10.9	13.4	15.9	13.6	11.1	12.1	13.9	9.4	10.1	8.6	6.8	5.7
External Debt (US\$bn)	98.3	101.3	98.8	104.9	112.7	134.0	139.1	172.4	224.4	224.5	261.0	306.4	326.6	341.6
Short Term Debt	3.9	3.6	2.7	4.7	4.4	17.7	19.5	28.1	45.7	43.3	52.3	65.0	71.5	81.5
Exchange Rate														
US\$/INR - annual avg	43.4	45.7	48.0	48.3	45.9	45.0	44.3	45.2	40.2	46.0	47.4	45.6	48.1	49.3
% depreciation	2.8	5.3	5.0	0.6	-5.0	-2.0	-1.6	2.0	-11.1	14.4	3.0	-3.8	5.5	2.4
US\$/INR - year end	43.6	46.5	48.9	47.5	43.6	43.8	44.6	43.6	40.1	50.7	44.9	44.6	50.3	50.0
% depreciation	2.8	6.7	5.2	-2.9	-8.2	0.3	2.0	-2.3	-8.0	26.4	-11.4	-0.7	12.8	-0.6

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