

DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER (APRIL-JUNE) OF 2018-19¹

Preliminary data on India's balance of payments (BoP) for the first quarter (Q1), *i.e.*, April-June 2018-19, are presented in Statements I (BPM6 format, Available at http://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/docs/PR576ST070818_S1.xls) and II (old format, Available at http://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/docs/PR576ST070818_S2.xls).

Key Features of India's BoP in Q1 of 2018-19

- India's current account deficit (CAD) stood at US\$ 15.8 billion (2.4 per cent of GDP) in Q1 of 2018-19 as compared with US\$ 15.0 billion (2.5 per cent of GDP) in Q1 of 2017-18.
- The widening of the CAD on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis was primarily on account of a higher trade deficit at US\$ 45.7 billion as compared with US\$ 41.9 billion a year ago.
- Net services receipts increased by 2.1 per cent on a y-o-y basis mainly on the back of a rise in net earnings from software and financial services.
- Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, amounted to US\$ 18.8 billion, increasing by 16.9 per cent from their level a year ago.
- In the financial account, net foreign direct investment at US\$ 9.7 billion in Q1 of 2018-19 was higher than US\$ 7.1 billion in Q1 of 2017-18.
- Portfolio investment recorded net outflow of US\$ 8.1 billion in Q1 of 2018-19 – as compared with an inflow of US\$ 12.5 billion in Q1 last year – on account of net sales in both the debt and equity markets.
- Net receipts on account of non-resident deposits amounted to US\$ 3.5 billion in Q1 of 2018-19 as compared with US\$ 1.2 billion a year ago.
- In Q1 of 2018-19, there was a depletion of US\$ 11.3 billion of the foreign exchange reserves (on BoP basis) as against an accretion of US\$ 11.4 billion in Q1 of 2017-18 (Table 1).

Table 1: Major Items of India's Balance of Payments

(US\$ Billion)						
	April-June 2018 P			April-June 2017 PR		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
A. Current Account	155.7	171.5	-15.8	139.9	154.9	-15.0
1. Goods	83.4	129.1	-45.7	73.1	115.1	-41.9
Of which:						

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POL	11.9	34.7	-22.8	7.5	22.8	-15.4
2. Services	48.2	29.5	18.7	45.9	27.6	18.3
3. Primary Income	5.3	11.1	-5.8	4.7	10.6	-5.8
4. Secondary Income	18.8	1.7	17.1	16.1	1.6	14.5
B. Capital Account and Financial Account	142.4	125.9	16.6	155.7	140.2	15.5
Of which:						
Change in Reserves (Increase (-)/Decrease (+))	11.3	0.0	11.3	0.0	11.4	-11.4
C. Errors & Omissions (-) (A+B)		0.8	-0.8		0.6	-0.6
P: Preliminary; PR: Partially Revised						
<i>Note: Total of subcomponents may not tally with the aggregate due to rounding off.</i>						

TWO DAY REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE WITH FOCUS ON ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS HELD IN BHOPAL²

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG), Government of India in association with Government of Madhya Pradesh is organized a Regional Conference on Good Governance with Focus on Aspirational Districts, in Bhopal beginning on September 10, 2018. Delegates from 12 States and 2 UTs participated in the Conference. There were 5 Technical sessions in the 2-day conference.

- On the Day 1, 13 Presentations made in 4 sessions followed by Panel Discussions. The themes include: ICT Enabled Education, Agriculture, Public Service and Grievance Management and Good Governance initiatives.
- On Day 2, 4 Presentations made in the session on Citizen centric Services.

The DAR&PG has organized 28 Regional Conferences till date. This Conference is an effort to create a common platform to share experiences in the formulation and implementation of Best Practices in Citizen Centric Governance and improved Public Service Delivery through e-Governance, transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly effective administration.

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