
CBI Instruments of Monetary Policy



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Overview of Presentation



- Controlling base money
 - Buying and selling FX
 - Buying and selling t-bills (OMO)
 - Standing credit and deposit facilities
 - Placement of government deposits
- Influencing the money multiplier
 - Minimum reserve requirement
- Instruments and their design

Controlling Base Money

CBI Balance Sheet - Components of Base Money

Assets	Liabilities
Gold and foreign currency (FA)	Currency
Claim on banks (CB)	Outside banks (C)
	Inside banks (VC)
Claims on Government	Deposits
Credits to Government (CG)	Banks current account (R_b)
Government securities (GS)	Banks term accounts (R_{bt})
	Government (R_g)
	FX (R_{bf})
	CBI bills (CS)
Other Assets (OA)	Other Liabilities (OL)

Base Money



- $B \equiv C + R_b + VC$ (uses)
- $B \equiv NFA + NCB + NCG + NOA$, (sources), where
- $NFA \equiv FA - R_{bf}$,
- $NCB \equiv CB - CS - R_{bt}$
- $NCG \equiv CG + GS - R_g$, and
- $NOA \equiv OA - OL$

Sources and Uses of Base Money



- $B = NFA + NDA + NOA = C + R_b + VC = C + RR + ER$
- $\Delta B = \Delta NFA + \Delta NDA$
- $\Delta \text{Net Foreign Assets } (\Delta NFA) = FXP - FXS$
 - Purchase and sales of FX with government and banks
- $\Delta NDA = \Delta NCG + \Delta NCB = \Delta CG + \Delta GS - \Delta R_g + \Delta CB - \Delta CS - \Delta R_{bt}$
 - Credit to government and banks
 - Purchases and sales of bills
 - Government deposits with CBI
 - Bank term deposits with CBI

Instruments of Control



- FX operations
 - Purchase of FX (increase in NFA) increases B
- CBI bills
 - Auction of bills decreases B
- Open market operations in domestic securities
 - Purchase of bills (t-bills) increases B
- Standing Facilities
 - Credits to banks (increase in NDA) increases B
 - Term deposits from banks (decrease in NDA) reduces B
- Credit to government
 - Credit to government (increase in NDA) increases B
- Placement of government deposits
 - Shift of deposits from CBI to banks (increase in NDA) increases B

Autonomous factors affecting B



CBI influences these with access rules and Policy Rate

- Credit to government
 - Increases NCG (increases B)
- Government deposits with CBI
 - Increase reduces NCG (reduces B)
- Credit to banks
 - Increase NCB (increases B)
- Bank term deposits with CBI
 - Increase reduces NCB (reduces B)

Instrument Design

Objectives of design



- Primary purpose is to provide effective control of B
- Secondary purpose is to promote efficient market liquidity management and market development

Open Market Operations



- Should provide for secular growth in B and absorb short-term shocks
 - Interest rate and exchange rate smoothing interventions should be modest
- Market development is promoted when:
 - Operations (FX and notes) are with the market by auction
 - Bill maturities reflect market demand and are predictable
 - CBI bill issues should be coordinated with MOF issue program
 - Coordinate maturities
 - Coordinate auction dates
 - Coordinate issue amounts

Standing Facilities



- Should not be a regular source of growth in B
- Should provide a market liquidity safety net while encouraging use of the market
 - Credit rate should be
 - modestly above market interbank rate
 - against proper collateral
 - to solvent banks only
 - Deposit rate should be modestly below market interbank rate

Minimum Reserve Requirement



- Changes in reserve ratio
 - Have large discrete impact
 - Should be used very infrequently
- Control of multiplier is maximized when:
 - rr applies to deposit component of M (D), and
 - reserve assets are components of B (R)
- Bank liquidity management is maximized when:
 - requirement is for average reserve holding,
 - Settlement period is long, and
 - banks determine mix of vault cash and current account balances at central bank

Use of Instruments

Exchange Rate



Target Exchange Rate

- What rate to target?
 - Explain target and reasons for it to public
- Monitor and forecast impact on Net Foreign Assets of CBI
 - This is part of liquidity forecast

Policy Interest Rate



- What rate to target?
 - Explain target and reasons for it to public
- Factors to consider
 - Positive real rate (nominal rate less expected inflation rate)
 - U.S. dollar rate plus rate of exchange rate depreciation plus country risk premium
 - State of market liquidity (excess reserves/deposits)

- Market development and efficiency
 - Set and preannounce auction plans in coordination with MOF
 - Limited fine tuning to maintain market liquidity
 - Temporary increase in primary auction amount
 - Buy back from market (OMO, repos, FX swaps)
- Factors to consider
 - Scheduled auction amounts that are expected to produce desired base money growth (from liquidity forecast)
 - Short term operations reflect liquidity developments and forecast
 - Keep excess reserves at the desired (demanded) level

Conclusion

Summary



- Policy instruments should be designed to
 - effectively control B and m
 - promote bank liquidity management and market development
- Open market operations in FX and t-bills are flexible and under central bank control
- Standing lending and deposit facilities provide banks liquidity safe nets
- A minimum reserve requirement reduces m and can contribute to bank liquidity management, but should not be used actively.



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