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State/UT wise breakup of the WMA is available on RBI's website. The RBI said Special Drawing Facility (SDF) availed by State Governments/ UTs will continue to be linked to the quantum of their investments in marketable securities, issued by the Government, including Auction Treasury Bills (ATBs).

SDF, WMA and Overdraft (OD) schemes were last reviewed and announced on April 1, 2022.