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HIGHLIGHTS

- As per the second advance estimates of national income, released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on February 28, 2017, growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant market prices is placedat 7.1 per cent in 2016-17as compared to 7.9 per cent in 2015-16.
- The growth in Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant (2011-12) basic prices forthe year 2016-17 is estimated to be 6.7 per cent, as compared to 7.8 per cent in 2015-16. At the sectoral level, agriculture, industry and services sectors grew at the rate of 4.4 per cent, 5.8 per cent and 7.9 per cent respectively in 2016-17.
- Stocks of food-grains (rice and wheat) held by FCI as on February 1, 2017 was 40.7 million tonnes, compared to 49.2 million tonnes as on February 1, 2016.
- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP)contracted by 0.4 per cent inDecember2016, as compared to a contraction of 0.9 per cent in December 2015. The IIP growth during April-December2016was0.3 per cent, as compared to 3.2 per cent during April-December 2015.
- Eight core infrastructure industries grew by3.4 per cent in January2017, as compared to 5.7 per centin January 2016. The growth of these industries during April-January2016-17 was4.8 per cent,as compared to 2.9 per cent during the corresponding period of previous year.
- Growth of money supply on year on year (YoY) basis as on February 3, 2017 stood at 6.7 per cent, as compared to a growth rate of 11.0 per cent recorded on the corresponding date in the previous year.
- Merchandise exports and imports increased by 4.3 per cent and10.7 per cent respectively in US$ terms in January 2017 over January 2016. During January 2017, value of oil imports increased by61.1 per cent over January 2016, and non-oil imports remained at around the January 2016 level. During April-January 2016-17, merchandise exports increased by 1.1 per cent,while imports declined by 5.8 per cent.

- Foreign exchange reserves stood at US$ 362.7 billion as on 17th February 2017, as compared to US$ 360.2 billion at end March 2016.The rupee appreciated against the US dollar, Pound sterling and Euro by 1.5 per cent, 0.1 per cent and 1.2 per cent respectively, while depreciated against Japanese yen by 0.3 per cent in February 2017 over January 2017.
- The WPI headline inflation increased to 5.2 per cent in January2017from3.4 per cent in December2016.CPI (New Series) inflation declined to 3.2 per cent in January 2017 from 3.4 per cent in December 2016.
- Gross tax revenue during April-January 2016-17 recorded a growth of 17.7 per cent over April-January 2015-16. Tax revenue (net to Centre) increased by 20.2 per cent during April-January 2016-17.
- The budget estimate of the fiscal deficit as per cent of GDP for 2017-18 has been set at 3.2 per cent, as compared to 3.5 per cent in 2016-17(RE).

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1. ECONOMIC GROWTH

- As per the 2nd advance estimates of national income, released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on February 28, 2017, growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant market prices is placed at 7.1 per cent in 2016-17 as compared to 7.9 per cent in 2015-16.
- The growth in Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant (2011-12) basic prices for the year 2016-17 is estimated to be 6.7 per cent, as compared to 7.8 per cent in 2015-16. At the sectoral level, agriculture, industry and services sectors grew at the rate of 4.4 per cent, 5.8 per cent and 7.9 per cent respectively in 2016-17.
- The share of total final consumption in GDP at current prices in 2016-17is estimated to be69.3 per centas compared to 68.1 per centin 2015-16. The fixed investment rate (ratio of gross fixed capital formation to GDP) declinedfrom 29.2 per centin 2015-16to 26.9 per cent in 2016-17.
- The saving rate (ratio of gross saving to GDP) for the years 2015-16was 32.2 per cent, as compared to 33.0 per cent in 2014-15. The investment rate (rate of gross capital formation to GDP) in 2015-16 was 33.2 per cent,as compared to 34.2 per cent in 2014-15.

2. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD MANAGEMENT

- **Rainfall:**The cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole, during the period January 1–February 8, 2017was 29 per cent above normal. The actual rainfall received during this period was 31.9 mm as against the normal at 24.7 mm. Out of the total 36 meteorological subdivisions, 11 subdivisions received large excess/ excess rainfall, 3 subdivisions received normal rainfall, 4 subdivisions received deficient rainfall, 12 subdivisions received large deficient rainfall and remaining 6 subdivisions received no rainfall.
- **All India production of food grains:**As per the 2ndAdvance Estimates of production of foodgrains for 2016-17, the production of total kharif food-grains is estimated at 137.5 million tonnes for the kharif season, as compared to 124.2 million tonnes for the kharif season of 2015-16. As per 2nd Advance Estimates,the total foodgrains production for 2016-17 is estimated at 272.0million tonnes (Table 3) as against 253.2 million tonnes for 2015-16.
- **Procurement:**Procurement of rice as on February 1, 2017 was 27.5 million tonnes during Kharif Marketing Season 2016-17 whereas procurement of wheat was 23.0 million tonnes during Rabi Marketing Season 2016-17(Table 4).
- **Off-take:**Off-take of rice during the month of December, 2016 was 30.2 lakh tonnes. This comprises 25.3 lakh tonnes under TPDS/NFSA and 4.9 lakh tonnes under other schemes. In respect of wheat, the total off-take was 27.1 lakh tonnes comprising 21.0 lakh tonnes under TPDS/NFSA and 6.1 lakh tonnes under other schemes. The cumulative off-take of food grains during 2016-17 (till December, 2016) is 57.2 lakh tonnes(Table 5).
- **Stocks:**Stocks of food-grains (rice and wheat) held by FCI as on February 1, 2017 was 40.7 million tonnes, as compared to 49.2 million tonnes as on February 1, 2016(Table 6).

3. INDUSTRY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

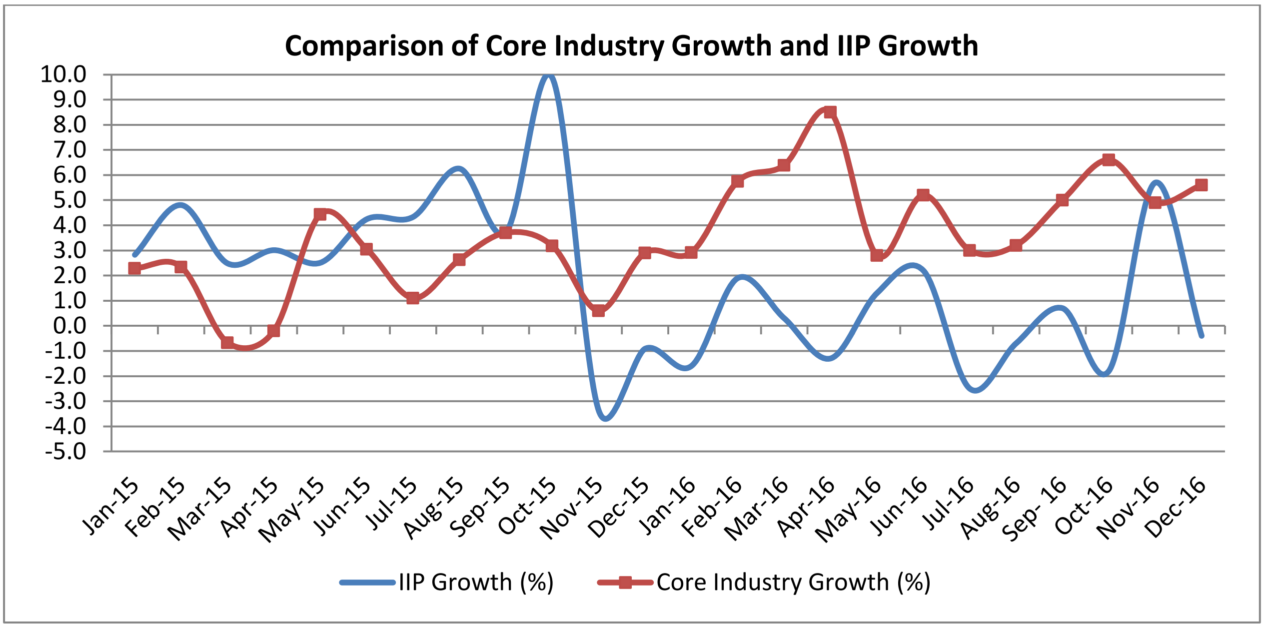
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

- The overall IIP contracted by 0.4 per cent in December 2016,as compared to a contraction of 0.9 per cent in the corresponding month of previous year. During April-December 2016, the IIP growth was 0.3 per cent, as compared to the growth of 3.2 per cent during the corresponding period of previous year.

- The mining sector grew at 5.2 per cent in December 2016, as compared to 2.8 per cent growth in December 2015.The manufacturing production contracted by 2.0 per cent in December 2016, almost same as thatin the corresponding month of previous year.During April-December 2016, this sector contracted of 0.5 per cent, as compared to a growth of 3.2 per cent during the corresponding period of previous year.
- In terms of use based classification, only basic goods production increased by 5.3 per cent in December 2016, while other sub sectors recorded contraction in production. The contraction in capital goods production is significantly smaller (3.0 per cent) in December 2016 as compared to December 2015 (contraction of 18.6 per cent).

Eight Core Industries

- Eight core infrastructure industries grew by 3.4 per cent in January 2017, as compared to a growth of 5.7 per cent in January 2016. The growth of these industries during April-January 2016-17 was 4.8 per cent, as compared to 2.9 per cent during the corresponding period of previous year.
- Coal production increased by 4.8 per cent in January 2017 as compared to 7.9 per cent growth in January 2016. Production of crude oil, natural gas and steel registered a growth of 1.3 per cent, 11.9 per cent and 11.4 per cent respectively in January 2017.
- Refinery production contracted by 1.5 per cent in January 2017 as compared to a growth of 9.0 per cent during the corresponding month of previous year. Fertilizers production contracted by 1.6 per cent in January 2017.



Some Infrastructure Indicators

- The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,124 million at the end of November 2016 to 1,152 million at the end of December 2016.The overall tele-density in India stood at 89.9per hundred individualsat end December 2016; theurban tele-densitywas170.2and rural tele-density was 53.3.
- The traffic handled in major ports grew by 7.1 per cent,to535.4million tonnes in April-January2016-17from499.7million tonnesin the corresponding period of previous year.

- **Power Sector Scenario**

  - As per the Central Electricity Authority, electricity generationgrew by 3.5per centin January2017. Growth of electricity generation was 5.0 per cent during April-January2016-17.
  - The addition to powergenerationcapacity wasabout 8536 MW duringApril-January 2016-17, as compared to 13522MW duringApril-January 2015-16.
  - The total installed capacity for electricity generation was 314642MW atthe end ofJanuary2017, of which the share of thermal, hydro, renewable and nuclear sources was 68.2 per cent, 14.0 per cent , 15.9 per cent and 1.8 per cent respectively.

4. FINANCIAL MARKETS

Money and Banking

- **Money Supply:**Growth of money supply on year on year (YoY) basis as onFebruary 3, 2017 stood at 6.7 per cent as compared to a growth rate of 11.0 per cent recorded on the corresponding date in the previous year. As regards the components of money supply, the growth of currency with the public registered decline of 36.2 per cent as on February 3, 2017 against growth of 12.8 percent registered during the corresponding period a year ago. The growth rate of time deposits with banks was 11.9 per cent as of 3rd February 2017 as against 10.6 per cent in recorded in the corresponding period a year ago. Demand deposits increased by 26.3 percent as of 3rd February 2017 as against 11.9 percent during the same period of the previous year. The sources of money supply are given in the Table 9.
- **Growth of Deposits, Credit and Investments by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs):** Growth of aggregate deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) as February 3, 2017 was 13.5 per cent on YoY basis as compared to 10.7 per cent recorded during the corresponding date of the previous year. In terms of bank credit, YoY growth was 5.0 per cent as of February 3, 2017 as against 11.1 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago. The YoY growth of investment in Government and other approved securities by SCBs was 26.4 per cent as of 3rd February 2017 as compared to 9.4 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year.

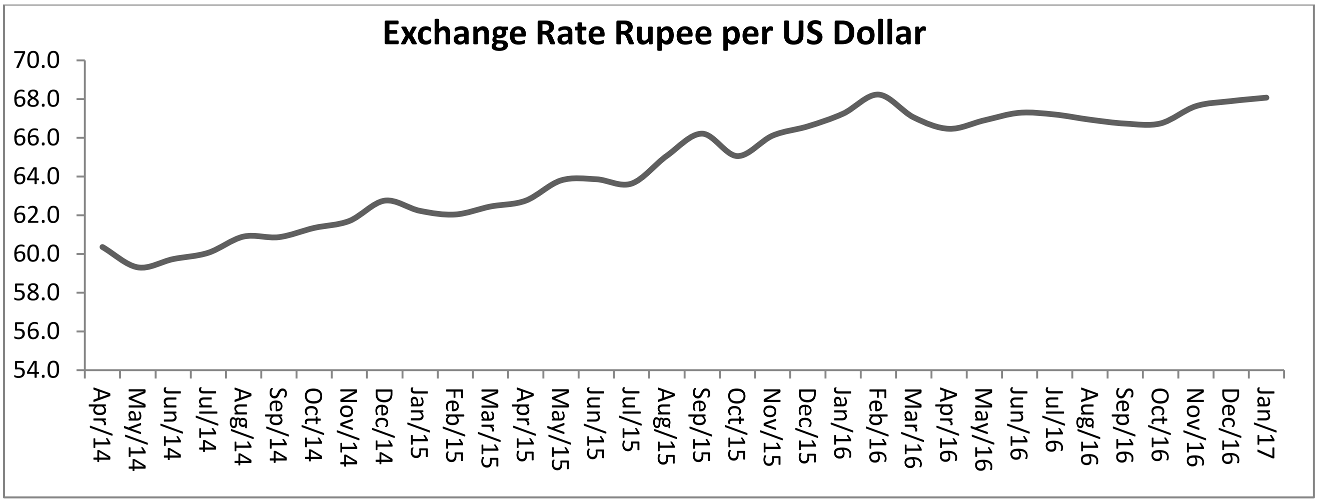
  Lending and deposit rates
- The base lending rate as of February 10, 2017 was 9.25/9.65 percent as compared to 9.30/9.70 percent during the corresponding period a year ago. The term deposit rates for above one year was 6.50/7.00 per cent as onFebruary 10, 2017 as against 7.00/7.90 per cent during the corresponding period a year ago.

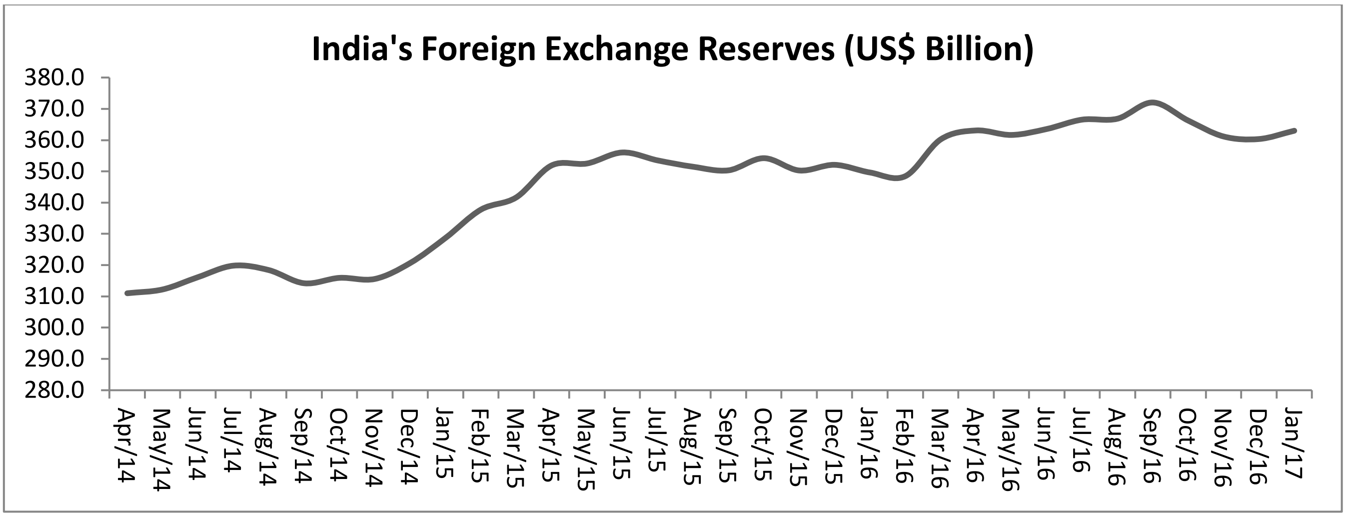
5. EXTERNAL SECTOR

- **Foreign trade:**The value of merchandise exports and imports increased by 4.3 per cent and 10.7 per cent respectively in US dollar terms in January 2017 over January 2016. During January 2017, value of oil imports increased by 61.1 per cent, whereasnon-oil imports remained at the same level(over January 2016). During April-January 2016-17, merchandise exports increased by 1.1 per cent, while imports declined by 5.8 per cent (Table 10).
- **Balance of Payments**:India’s balance of payments situation has been benign and comfortable since 2013-14 and this continued through the first half (H1) of 2016-17. India’s current account deficit (CAD) was lower at US$ 3.7 billion (0.3 per cent of GDP) in H1 of 2016-17, as compared to US$ 14.7 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) in H1 of 2015-16. Net invisibles were lower at US$ 45.7 billion in H1 of 2016-17 as against US$ 56.7 billion in H1 of 2015-16. The net capital inflows

declined to 1.8 per cent of GDP during H1 of 2016-17, as against 2.5 per cent of GDP during H1 of 2015-16.

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves**:Foreign exchange reserves stood at US$ 362.7 billion as on 17th February 2017, as compared to US$ 360.2 billion at end March 2016.
- **Exchange rate**:The rupee appreciated against the US dollar, Pound sterling and Euro by 1.5 per cent, 0.1 per cent and 1.2 per cent respectively, while depreciated against Japanese yen by 0.3 per cent in February 2017 over January 2017.
- **External Debt:** India's external debt stood at US$ 484.3 billion at end-September 2016, recording a decline of 0.2 per cent over the level at end-March 2016. Long-term debt was US$ 403.1 billion at end-September 2016 as compared to US$ 401.7 billion at end-March 2016. Short-term external debt was US$ 81.2 billion at end-September 2016, as compared to US$ 83.4 billion at end-March 2016.





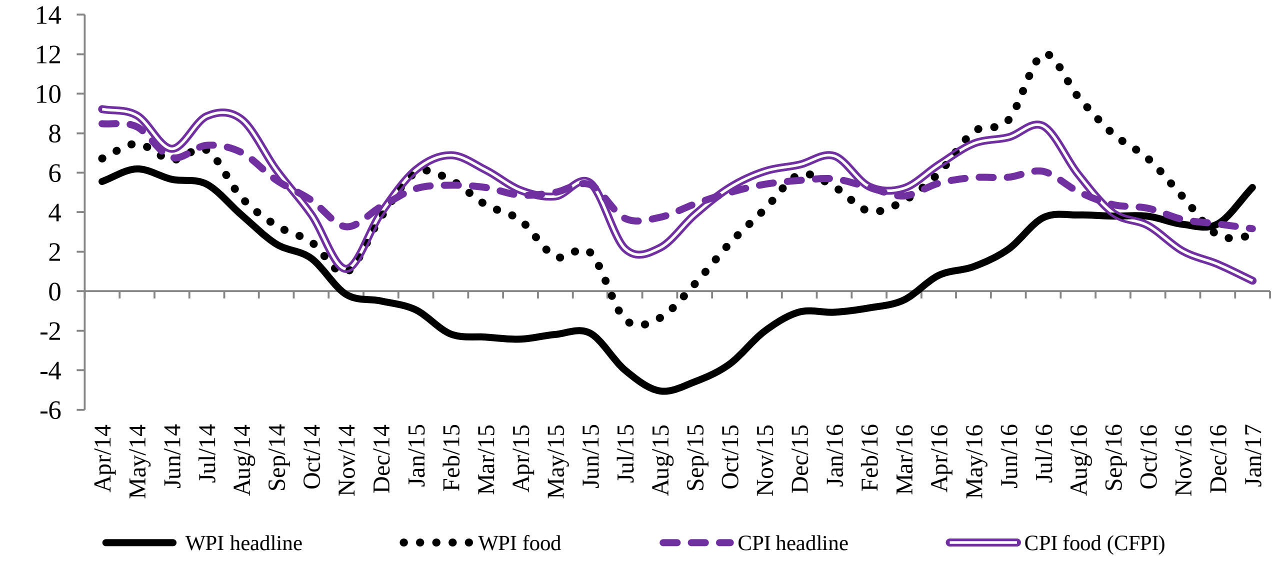
6. INFLATION

- **The Inflation based on Consumer Price Indices (CPI):**The all India CPI inflation (New Series-Combined) eased to 3.2 per cent in January 2017 from 3.4 per cent in December 2016 mainly on account of fall in food inflation. Food inflation based on Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) declined to 0.5 per cent in January 2017 from 1.4 per cent in December 2016 on account of decline in inflation in all sub-groups of CFPI except oils & fats and fruits. CPI fuel and light inflation declined to 3.4 per cent in January 2017 from 3.8 per cent in the previous month.

- Inflation based on CPI-IW for December 2016 declined to 2.2 per cent from 2.6 per cent in the previous month. Inflation based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL stood at 2.5 per cent and 2.6 per cent respectively in January 2017(Table 16).
- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI):**The headline WPI inflation increased to 5.2 per cent in January 2017 from 3.4 per cent in December 2016. WPI food inflation (food articles + food products) remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent in the last two months. Inflation in fuel & power increased to 18.1 per cent in January 2017 from 8.7 per cent in the previous month. Inflation for manufactured products and non-food manufactured products (core) increased to 4.0 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively in January 2017 as compared to 3.7 per cent and 2.2 per cent in the previous month.

- **Global Commodity Prices (based on the World Bank Pink Sheet data):**Food inflation based on World Bank Food index increased to 11.7 per cent in January 2017 from 8.3 per cent in December 2016. Energy prices as measured by the World Bank energy index increased by 70.1 per cent (YoY) and metals & minerals increased by 34.7 per cent in January 2017 (Table 15).

Fig 1: Inflation based on WPI and CPI (in per cent)



7. PUBLIC FINANCE

- The budget estimate of the fiscal deficit as percentage of GDP at current market price for 2017-18 has been set at 3.2 per cent, as compared to 3.5 per cent in 2016-17(RE). The Budget estimate for revenue deficit as percentage of GDP at current market price for 2017-18 is 1.9 per cent, as compared to 2.1 percent in 2016-17(RE).

- The growth in provisional figures during April-January 2016-17over April-January 2015-16 are as follows:

  - Gross tax revenue for April-January 2016-17was Rs.12,44,670 crore, recording a growth of 17.7 per cent.
  - Revenue Receipts (net to Centre) increased by 14.6 per cent inApril-January 2016-17 to Rs.10,09,394 crore.
  - Tax revenue (net to Centre) increased to Rs.8,16,354 crore in April-January 2016-17 recording a growth of 20.2 per cent.

- Non-tax revenue at Rs. 1,93,040 crore, declined by 4.6 per cent.
- Total expenditure amounting to Rs.16,17,657 crore, increased by 12.6 per cent.
- While revenue expenditure increased by 15.2 per cent, capital expenditure declined by 2.7 per cent.

8. SOME MAJOR ECONOMIC DECISIONSIN JANUARY 2017

- The Union Cabinet approved to the exclusion of State Governments States/UTs (with Legislature) except Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh from National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) investments from 01.04.2016. It also approved providing a one-time loan of Rs. 45,000 crore from NSSF tothe Food Corporation of India to meet its food subsidy requirements.
- The Union Cabinet approvedthe proposal of the DARE/ICAR Plan Scheme of the 'Establishment of Indian Agricultural Research Institute- Jharkhand'.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Arab Emirates for cooperation in the field of small and medium enterprises and innovation.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved listing of five Government owned General Insurance Companies (the New India Assurance Company Ltd, United India Insurance Company Ltd., Oriental Insurance Company Ltd., National Insurance Company Ltd. and General Insurance Corporation of India) in the stock exchanges.
- The Union Cabinet approved short term market borrowing by the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) foron-lending to Cooperative Banks. It will increase availability of short term crop loans to farmers through Cooperative banks at reduced rate of interest.
- The Union Cabinet approved interest waiver for the two months of November and December, 2016 for farmers accessing short term crop loans from Cooperative Banks and providing interest subvention to NABARD on additional refinance by NABARD to Cooperative Banks.
- CCEA approved the proposal of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), a Mini Ratna Category-1 Company under the Department of Commerce for redevelopment of Pragati Maidan by setting up of a world class Integrated Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

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TABLES

Table 1: Growth of GVA at Basic Prices by Economic Activity at Constant (2011-12) Prices (in per cent)						
Sectors	**Growth Rate (%)**			**Share in GVA or GDP (%)**		
	2014-15 2nd RE	**2015-16 1st RE**	**2016-17 2ndAE**	**2014-15 2nd RE**	**2015-16 1st RE**	**2016-17 2ndAE**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	**-0.3**	**0.8**	**4.4**	**16.5**	**15.4**	**15.1**
Industry	**6.9**	**8.2**	**5.8**	**31.3**	**31.4**	**31.1**
Mining & quarrying	14.7	12.3	1.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
Manufacturing	7.5	10.6	7.7	17.4	17.8	18.0
Electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services	7.2	5.1	6.6	2.2	2.1	2.1
Construction	3.0	2.8	3.1	8.5	8.1	7.9
Services	**9.5**	**9.8**	**7.9**	**52.2**	**53.2**	**53.8**
Trade, Hotel, Transport Storage	8.6	10.7	7.3	18.5	19.0	19.1
Financial , real estate & prof servs	11.1	10.8	6.5	21.3	21.9	21.9
Public Administration, defence and other services	8.1	6.9	11.2	12.4	12.3	12.8
GVA at basic prices	**6.9**	**7.8**	**6.7**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**
GDP	**7.2**	**7.9**	**7.1**	**---**	**---**	**---**
Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO). 2nd RE: Second Revised Estimates 1st RE: First Revised Estimates, 2ndAE: as per second advance estimates of GDP released on 28th February 2017.						

Table 2: Quarter-wise Growth of GVA at Constant (2011-12) Basic Prices (per cent)											
Sectors	**2014-15**				**2015-16**				**2016-17**		
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4***	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	**2.3**	**2.8**	**-2.4**	**-1.7**	**2.6**	**2.3**	**-2.2**	**1.7**	**1.9**	**3.8**	**6.0**
Industry	**8.0**	**5.9**	**3.8**	**5.7**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**9.5**	**8.6**	**6.1**	**5.1**	**6.6**
Mining & quarrying	16.5	7.0	9.1	10.1	11.2	13.9	13.3	11.5	-0.3	-1.3	7.5
Manufacturing	7.9	5.8	1.7	6.6	8.5	10.3	12.8	10.8	9.0	6.9	8.3
Electricity, gas ,water supply & other utility services	10.2	8.8	8.8	4.4	2.5	5.9	4.1	7.8	9.6	3.8	6.8
Construction	5.0	5.3	4.9	2.6	4.8	0.0	3.2	3.0	1.7	3.4	2.7
Services	**8.6**	**10.7**	**12.9**	**9.3**	**9.5**	**10.4**	**9.4**	**10.1**	**8.8**	**8.2**	**6.8**
Trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting	11.6	8.4	6.2	13.1	10.6	8.9	9.6	13.2	8.2	6.9	7.2
Financial, real estate & professional services	8.5	12.7	12.1	9.0	10.2	13.1	10.4	8.9	8.7	7.6	3.1
Public administration, defence and Other Services	4.2	10.3	25.3	4.1	6.3	7.2	7.5	6.7	9.9	11.0	11.9
GVA at Basic Price	7.4	8.1	6.7	6.2	**7.8**	**8.4**	**7.0**	**8.2**	**6.9**	**6.7**	**6.6**
GDP at market prices	**7.5**	**8.3**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**7.8**	**8.4**	**6.9**	**8.6**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.0**
Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO). *: Implied growth rate calculated from the second advance estimates of GDP released on 28th February 2017.											

Table 3: Production of Major Agricultural Crops (2nd Adv. Est.)					
Crops	Production (in Million Tonnes)				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (Final)	2016-17 (2ndAE)
Total Foodgrains	**257.1**	**265.0**	**252.0**	**251.6**	**272.0**
Rice	105.2	106.7	105.5	104.4	108.9
Wheat	93.5	95.9	86.5	92.3	96.6
Total Coarse Cereals	40.0	43.3	42.9	38.5	44.3
Total Pulses	18.3	19.3	17.2	16.4	22.1
Total Oilseeds	30.9	32.8	27.5	25.3	33.6
Sugarcane	341.2	352.1	362.3	348.4	310.0
Cotton#	34.2	35.9	34.8	30.0	32.5

Source: DES, DAC&FW, M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, # Million bales of 170 kgs. each.

Table 4 : Procurement of Crops in Million Tonnes						
Crops	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**
Rice#	35.0	34.0	31.8	32.0	34.2	27.5$
Wheat@	28.3	38.2	25.1	28.0	28.1	23.0$
Total	**63.3**	**72.2**	**56.9**	**60.2**	**62.3**	**50.5**

Kharif Marketing Season (October-September), @ Rabi Marketing Season (April-March), $ Position as on 01.02.2017
Source: DFPD, M/o Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

Table 5: Off-Take of Food Grains (Million Tonnes)					
Crops	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17 (Till December)**
Rice	32.6	29.2	30.7	31.8	30.2
Wheat	33.2	30.6	25.2	31.8	27.0
Total (Rice & Wheat)	**65.8**	**59.8**	**55.9**	**63.6**	**50.2**

Source: DFPD, M/o Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

Table 6: Stocks of Food Grains (Million Tonnes)		
Crops	**February 1, 2016**	**February 1, 2017**
1. Rice	16.2	17.0
2. Unmilled Paddy#	18.9	18.3
3. Converted Unmilled Paddy in terms of Rice	12.7	12.2
4. Wheat	20.3	11.5
Total (Rice & Wheat)(1+3+4)	**49.2**	**40.7**

Since September, 2013, FCI gives separate figures for rice and unmilled paddy lying with FCI & state agencies in terms of rice.

Table 7: Percentage Change in Index of Industrial Production				
Industry Group	**April-Dec. 2015-16**	**April-Dec. 2016-17**	**Dec. 2015**	**Dec. 2016**
General index	**3.2**	**0.3**	**-0.9**	**-0.4**
Mining	2.3	0.9	2.8	5.2
Manufacturing	3.2	-0.5	-1.9	-2.0
Electricity	4.5	5.1	3.2	6.3
Basic goods	3.5	4.3	0.7	5.3
Capital goods	1.9	-17.3	-18.6	-3.0
Intermediate goods	2.0	2.8	1.5	-1.2
Consumer goods	4.0	0.6	3.2	-6.8
Durables	12.3	5.0	16.6	-10.3
Non-durables	-0.9	-2.3	-2.7	-5.0
Source: Central Statistics Office.				

Table 8: Production Growth (per cent) in Core Infrastructure-Supportive Industries				
Industry	**April-Jan. 2015-16**	**April-Jan. 2016-17**	**January 2016**	**January 2017**
Coal	4.9	2.3	7.9	4.8
Crude oil	-1.2	-2.8	-4.7	1.3
Natural Gas	-4.0	-1.9	-15.3	11.9
Refinery Products	3.0	6.8	9.0	-1.5
Fertilizers	11.0	2.9	8.2	-1.6
Steel	-1.5	9.2	0.0	11.4
Cement	3.3	1.0	9.2	-13.3
Electricity	6.7	5.4	11.6	4.8
Overall growth	2.9	4.8	5.7	3.4
Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, DIPP (Ministry of Commerce & Industry)				

Table 9: Broad Money: Sources				
				(₹ Billion)
Item	**Outstanding as on**		**Y-O-Y Growth**	
	2016		**2015**	**2016**
	Mar. 31	**February 3**	**%**	**%**
M3	1,16,176.2	122,993.4	11.0	6.7
Sources				
Net Bank Credit to Government	32,384.8	40,659.2	9.1	18.9
Bank Credit to Commercial Sector	78,030.7	80,404.6	11.0	4.8
Net Foreign Exchange Assets of Banking Sector	25,337.2	26,360.8	17.3	6.9
Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public	219.1	246.2	12.8	14.4
Banking Sector's Net Non-Monetary Liabilities	19,795.6	24,677.3	14.9	20.1
Source: Reserve Bank of India				

Table 10 : Merchandise Exports and Imports (in US$ million)							
Item	**2015-16**	**2016**	**2017**	**% Change**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**% Change**
		January			**(April-January)**		
Exports	262290	21199	22115	4.3	218533	220923	1.1
Imports	381007	28867	31956	10.7	326277	307312	-5.8
Oil Imports	82944	5054	8141	61.1	73322	69063	-5.8
Non-Oil Imports	298062	23812	23815	0.0	252956	238249	-5.8
Trade Balance	-118716	-7668	-9841	-	-107745	-86389	-
Source: Provisional data as per the Press Note of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry							

Table 11: Foreign Exchange Reserves (in Billion)				
End of Financial Year	**Foreign Exchange Reserves**		**Variation**	
	(Rupees)	**(US Dollar)**	**(Rupees)**	**(US Dollar)**
At the end of year			**(Variation over last year)**	
2012-13	15884	292.0	823	-2.4
2013-14	18284	304.2	2400	12.2
2014-15	21376	341.6	3093	37.4
2015-16	23787	360.2	2411	18.6
At the end of month			**(Variation over last month)**	
January 2016	23586	349.6	370	-2.4
February 2016	23744	348.4	158	-1.2
March 2016	23787	360.2	44	11.8
April 2016	24040	363.0	253	2.9
May 2016	24174	361.6	134	-1.4
June 2016	24442	363.5	268	1.9
July 2016	24446	366.5	4	3.0
August 2016	24448	366.8	2	0.3
September 2016	24693	372.0	245	5.2
October 2016	24413	366.2	-280	-5.8
November 2016	24725	361.1	312	-5.1
December 2016	24376	358.9	-349	-2.2
January 2017	24601	363.0	224	4.1
Source: RBI				

Table 12 :Rupee per unit of foreign currency*				
	US dollar	**Pound sterling**	**Japanese yen**	**Euro**
March 2013**	54.4046	82.0190	0.5744	70.5951
March 2014	61.0140	101.4083	0.5965	84.3621
March 2015	62.4498	93.4422	0.5190	67.5548
March 2016	67.0581	95.3894	0.5935	74.4543
2015-16				
April 2015	62.7532	93.9083	0.5253	67.7934
May 2015	63.8003	98.8205	0.5283	71.2135
June 2015	63.8607	99.3620	0.5165	71.5874
July 2015	63.6350	99.0771	0.5161	70.0292
August 2015	65.0723	101.4870	0.5287	72.5145
September 2015	66.2178	101.6029	0.5515	74.3909
October 2015	65.0580	99.7563	0.5419	73.0629
November 2015	66.1171	100.6188	0.5401	71.0917
December 2015	66.5955	99.9353	0.5468	72.4567
2016-17				
April 2016	66.4695	95.2721	0.6070	75.4092
May 2016	66.9067	97.2485	0.6148	75.6918
June 2016	67.2969	95.5533	0.6389	75.5728
July 2016	67.2076	88.5198	0.6449	74.3591
August 2016	66.9396	87.7976	0.6606	75.0042
September 2016	66.7377	87.7152	0.6549	74.8257
October 2016	66.7481	82.5534	0.6438	73.6340
November 2016	67.6381	84.0243	0.6262	73.1418
December 2016	67.9004	84.7352	0.5854	71.5980
January 2017	68.0803	83.8615	0.5918	72.3259

Source: Reserve Bank of India. * FEDAI Indicative Market Rates (on monthly average basis). ** Data from March, 2013 onwards are based on RBI's referencerate.

Table 13: Balance of Payments (US $ billion)				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**
	(April-March)		**H1**	**H1**
Exports, f.o.b	316.5	266.4	135.6	134
Imports, c.i.f	461.5	396.4	206.9	183.5
Trade balance	-144.9	-130.1	-71.3	-49.5
Net services	76.5	69.7	35.6	32.0
Invisibles (net)	118.1	107.9	56.7	45.7
Current A/C Balance	**-26.9**	**-22.2**	**-14.7**	**-3.7**
Capital/Finance A/C of Which				
Foreign Investment (net)	73.5	31.9	13	29.4
FDI (net)	31.3	36	16.5	21.3
Portfolio (net)	42.2	-4.1	-3.5	8.2
Non-Resident Deposits (net)	14.1	16.1	10.1	3.5
Other capital flows (net)	-2.5	-4.8	3.3	-9.5
Total Capital A/C (net)	**88.3**	**40.1**	**25.3**	**19.2**
Reserve Movement (-increase) and (+ decrease)	**-61.4**	**-17.9**	**-10.6**	**-15.5**
Memo Items/Assumptions				
Trade balance/GDP(%)	-7.1	-6.3	-7.1	-4.6
Current Account Balance/GDP (%)	-1.3	-1.1	-1.5	-0.3
Net Capital Flows/GDP (%)	4.3	1.9	2.5	1.8

Source: Reserve Bank of India

Table 14: External Assistance and Debt Service Payments (₹ crore)*				
	Jan.-2016	2015-16 (Apr.-Jan.)	Jan.-2017	2016-17 (Apr.-Jan.)
External Assistance (Government Account)				
1) Gross Disbursement	2542.0	24313.5	2347.9	30584.2
2) Repayments	2096.2	19157.9	2312.8	21829.0
3) Interest Payments	325.2	3012.4	401.1	4024.7
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	445.7	5155.6	35.1	8755.2
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	120.5	2143.2	-366.0	4730.6
External Assistance (Non-Government Account)				
1) Gross Disbursement	131.2	4210.7	0.0	2723.3
2) Repayments	267.4	3306.6	88.7	3518.5
3) Interest Payments	45.1	426.5	20.3	454.9
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	-136.2	904.1	-88.7	-795.3
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	-181.3	477.6	-109.0	-1250.2
Government Grants				
1) Gross Disbursement	10.0	2116.5	10.9	902.7
2) Repayments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3) Interest Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	10.0	2116.5	10.9	902.7
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	10.0	2116.5	10.9	902.7
Non-Government Grants				
1) Gross Disbursement	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.0
2) Repayments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3) Interest Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.0
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.0
Grand Total				
1) Gross Disbursements	2683.2	30689.4	2358.8	34210.2
2) Repayments	2363.7	22464.5	2401.4	25347.5
3) Interest Payments	370.4	3438.9	421.5	4479.6
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	319.5	8224.9	-42.6	8862.6
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	-50.8	4786.0	-464.1	4383.1

*: Data are provisional. Source: Office of the Controller of Aid, Accounts and Audit, Ministry of Finance

Table 15: Year-on-Year global inflation for major groups/sub-groups (in per cent)				
	Jan. 2016	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017
Energy	-35.8	7.7	42.9	70.1
Non-energy	-15.5	8.2	9.7	14.5
Agriculture	-11.8	5.0	4.7	9.4
Beverages	-11.3	0.2	-6.3	3.2
Food	-13.9	8.3	8.3	11.7
Raw Materials	-6.0	-0.8	1.8	6.8
Fertilizers	-16.3	-21.8	-19.2	-11.1
Metals & Minerals	-25.2	23.6	30.4	34.7
Precious Metals	-13.7	14.9	9.0	10.4

Source: World Bank

Table 16: Year-on-Year inflation based on WPI and CPI's (in per cent)					
	WPI	**CPI-IW**	**CPI-AL**	**CPI-RL**	**CPI (NS-Combined)**
Base :	**2004-05**	**2001**	**1986-87**	**1986-87**	**2012**
2014-15	2.0	6.3	6.6	6.9	5.9
2015-16	-2.5	5.6	4.4	4.6	4.9
2015-16 (Apr.-Jan.)	**-2.8**	**5.7**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.9**
2016-17 (Apr.-Jan.)	**3.1**	**-**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.7**
Jan.-2016	-1.1	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.7
Feb.-2016	-0.9	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.3
Mar.-2016	-0.5	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
Apr.-2016	0.8	5.9	5.3	5.6	5.5
May-2016	1.2	6.6	6.0	6.1	5.8
June-2016	2.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.8
July-2016	3.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.1
Aug.-2016	3.9	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.0
Sept.-2016	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.4
Oct.-2016	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	4.2
Nov.-2016	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.6
Dec.-2016	3.4	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.4
Jan.-2017	5.2	-	2.5	2.6	3.2

Note: WPI inflation for last two months and CPI (New Series-Combined) inflation for last one month are provisional.
Source: Office of Economic Adviser- DIPP, Labour Bureau and Central Statistics Office.

Table 17: Fiscal Indicators- Rolling Targets as Percentage of GDP				
				(at current market prices)
	Revised Estimates	**Budget Estimates**	**Targets for**	
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**
Gross Tax Revenue	11.3	11.3	11.6	11.9
Total outstanding liabilities at the end of the year	46.7	44.7	42.8	40.9
Revenue Deficit	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4
Effective Revenue Deficit	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.2
Fiscal Deficit	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.0

Notes:
1. "Total outstanding liabilities" include external public debt at current exchange rates. For projections, constant exchange rates have been assumed. Liabilities do not include part of NSSF and total MSS liabilities which are not used for Central Government deficit.

Source: Union Budget 2017-18

Table 18: Trends in CentralGovernment Finances : April-January 2016-17					
Items	**Revised Estimates 2016-17(Rs. Crore)**	**April-January**		**Growth (April-Jan.) 2015-16 (Per cent)**	**Growth (April-Jan.) 2016-17 (Per cent)**
		2015-16 (Rs Crore)	**2016-17 (Rs. Crore)**		
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
1.Revenue Receipts	1423562	881182	1009394	17.0	14.6
Gross tax revenue*	1703243	1057704	1244670	21.3	17.7
Tax (net to Centre)	1088792	678892	816354	14.1	20.2
Non Tax Revenue	334770	202290	193040	27.8	-4.6
2.Capital Receipts	590845	555158	608263	-5.1	9.6
of which					
Recovery of loans	11071	10011	13057	0.6	30.4
Other Receipts	45500	12866	31014	82.0	141.1
Borrowings and other liabilities	534274	532281	564192	-6.3	6.0
3.Total Receipts (1+2)	2014407	1436340	1617657	7.3	12.6
4.Non-Plan Expenditure (a)+(b)	----	1068419	1174303	10.3	9.9
(a) Revenue Account	----	977970	1094047	8.6	11.9
of which:					
Interest payments	483069	341634	368592	9.4	7.9
Major Subsidies	232705	212864	216266	-8.2	1.6
Pensions	128166	77335	113148	1.6	46.3
(b) Capital Account	----	90449	80256	34.1	-11.3
5.Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii)	----	367921	443354	-0.6	20.5
(i) Revenue Account	----	249386	320173	-15.1	28.4
(ii) Capital Account	----	118535	123181	55.5	3.9
6.Total Expenditure (4)+(5)=(a)+(b)	2014407	1436340	1617657	7.3	12.6
(a)Revenue Expenditure	1734560	1227356	1414220	2.7	15.2
(b)Of which Grants for creation of Capital Assets	171472	99268	135063	-2.9	36.1
(c)Capital Expenditure	279847	208984	203437	45.5	-2.7
7.Revenue Deficit	310998	346174	404826	-21.6	16.9
8.Effective Revenue Deficit (7-6(b))	139526	246906	269763	-27.2	9.3
9.Fiscal Deficit	534274	532281	564192	-6.3	6.0
10.Primary Deficit	51205	190647	195600	-25.5	2.6
Source: Controller Genral of Accounts, *: Gross Tax Revenue is prior to devolution to the States.					

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