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# MONTHLY ECONOMIC REPORT

**JULY, 2003** 

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The monsoon season rainfall upto July 23, 2003 was normal/excess in 86 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions.
- Foodgrain stocks were at 35.17 million tonnes as on July 1, 2003.
- Overall industrial growth was 5.0 per cent in April-May, 2003-04 as compared with 4.1 per cent in April-May, 2002-03.
- Core infrastructure sectors achieved an average growth rate of 4.0 per cent in April-May, 2003-04 as compared with 5.8 per cent in April-May, 2002-03.
- Money Supply (M3) growth was 4.7 per cent during March 31, 2003 to June 27, 2003, whereas annual growth rate was 12.2 per cent.
- The annual inflation rate in terms of WPI (Base 1993-94) was 4.65 per cent for week ended July 12, 2003 compared with 2.79 per cent a year ago.
- Exports higher by 11.1 per cent in dollar terms in April-May, 2003-04 compared to 18.3 per cent in April-May, 2002-03. Imports increased by 19.5 per cent in April-May, 2003-04 as compared with an increase of 7.1 per cent in April-May, 2002-03.
- Rupee appreciated against US Dollar and Japanese Yen and depreciated against Pound Sterling and Euro in June, 2003.
- Forex reserves (excluding Gold & SDRs) stood at \$78.55 billion at the end of June, 2003.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April-May, 2003-04, lower by 51.0 per cent over April-May, 2002-03.
- Fiscal deficit during April-May, 2003-04 is 22.2 per cent of the budget estimates as compared with 22.1 per cent in the corresponding period of last year.

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# **AGRICULTURE**

#### MONSOON SEASON RAINFALL\*

		Num	ber of Mete	eorological S	Sub-divisio	ons			
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998-02+	2003		
Excess/Normal Deficient/Scanty/Nil	29 7	28 8	29 7	24 12	16 20	25 11	31 5		
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36		
+ Annual average	* (June-Sept.)								

The Monsoon season rainfall from June 1, 2003 to July 23, 2003 was normal/excess in 31 (86 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 5 (14 per cent). The annual average for 1998-2002 was normal/excess in 25 (70 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 11 (30 per cent).

#### **PROCUREMENT**

(Million Tonnes)

	Full	Marketing Yea	ar	Up to .	July 24		
(1)	<b>2000-01</b> (2)	<b>2001-02</b> (3)	<b>2002-03</b> (4)	<b>2002(P)</b> (5)	<b>2003(P)</b> (6)	% change Col. (6)/(5)	
Rice (Oct-Sep) Wheat (Apr-Mar)	19.59 16.36	21.28 20.63	19.02	20.41 19.02	16.04 15.80	-21.4 -16.9	
Total	35.95	41.91	19.02	39.43	31.84	-19.2	

Wheat procurement up to July 24, 2003 in the current marketing year, (i.e., 2003-2004) was lower by 16.9 per cent at 15.80 million tonnes compared with 19.02 million tonnes in the corresponding period in 2002-03. Procurement of rice during the marketing year 2002-03 (up to July 24, 2003) at 16.04 million tonnes was lower by 21.4 per cent than the level of 20.41 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2001-02.

#### **OFF-TAKE**

(Million Tonnes)

				April-May		
	2000-01(P)	2001-02(P)	2002-03(P)	2002-03	2003-04	
Rice	10.42	15.32	24.60	4.10	3.93	
Wheat	7.79	15.98	24.99	2.33	3.48	
Total	18.21	31.30	49.59	6.43	7.41	

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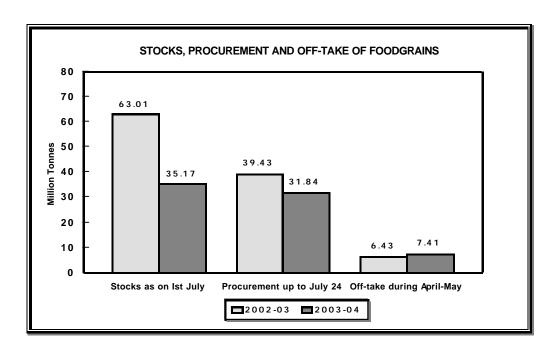
Off-take from the Public Distribution System during April-May, 2003-04 was 7.41 million tonnes, which was higher by 15.27 per cent than the off-take of 6.43 million tonnes during April-May, 2002-03.

# **STOCKS**

(Million Tonnes)

		As on 1st June		
As on 1st July 2003	2002	2003		2002
Rice	23.40	13.27	21.94	10.98
Wheat	41.32	26.54	41.07	24.19
Total	64.72	39.81	63.01	35.17

Stocks of foodgrains as on 1st July, 2003 stood at 35.17 million tonnes which was lower by 44.2 per cent than the level at 63.01 million tonnes as on 1st July, 2002.

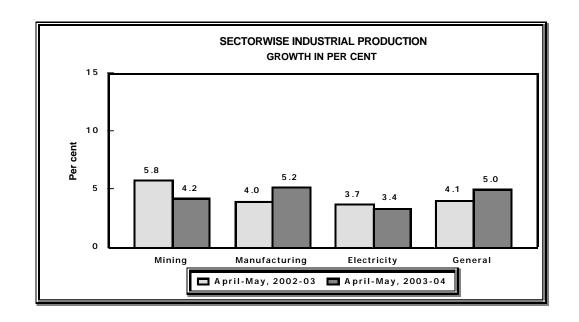


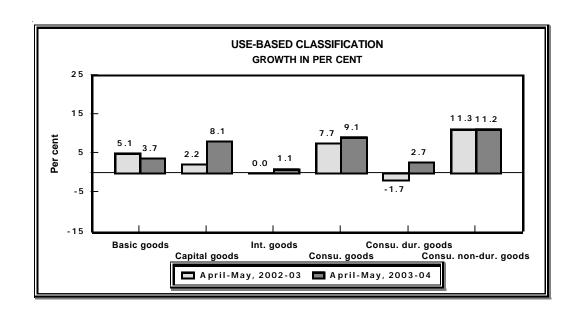
# INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTON

SECT		DEX OF INDUS Base = 1993-94	STRIAL PROD = 100)	UCTION	(Percenta <sub>z</sub>	ge change)
	2001-02/ 2000-01	2002-03/ 2001-02	May '02/ May '01	May '03/ May '02	April-N 2002-03	1ay 2003-04
<u>General</u>	2.7	5.7	4.1	5.7	4.1	5.0
Mining & Quarrying	1.2	5.7	7.9	2.5	5.8	4.2
Manufacturing	2.9	6.0	4.0	6.1	4.0	5.2
Electricity	3.1	3.2	2.2	4.9	3.7	3.4
Use-Based Classification						
Basic goods	2.6	4.8	5.6	4.0	5.1	3.7
Capital goods	-3.4	10.6	5.1	9.3	2.2	8.1
Intermediate goods	1.5	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Consumer goods	6.0	7.0	6.6	12.0	7.7	9.1
Of which						
Consumer Durables	11.5	-6.2	-6.7	6.8	-1.7	2.7
Consumer non-Durables	4.1	11.9	12.0	13.8	11.3	11.2

The overall growth rate of Industrial production during **April-May**, **2003-04** was 5.0 per cent as compared to 4.1 per cent in April-May, 2002-03. The growth in mining & quarrying, manufacturing sector and electricity generation during April-May, 2003-04 was 4.2%, 5.2% and 3.4% respectively as against 5.8%, 4.0% and 3.7% in April-May, 2002-03.

As per the use-based classification, production in basic goods registered lower increase and production in capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods registered higher increase during April-May, 2003-04 compared with April-May, 2002-03.

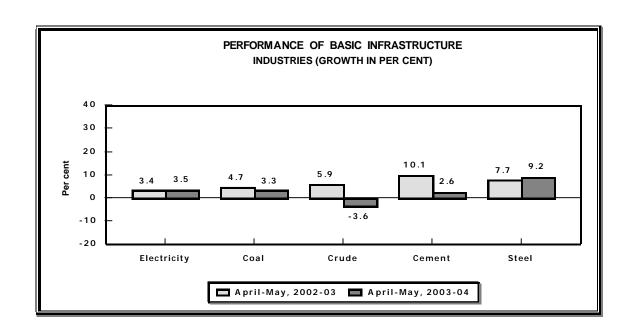




# INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTI	ON IN	INFRAST	TRUCTURI	E INDUST	RIES		
							Percentag April	-May
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	2002	May 2003	Full Year 2002-03	Apr 2002-03	il-May 2003-04	2002-03/ 2001-02	2003-04/ 2002-03
Coal	Mn tons	25.7	26.6	336.7	51.1	52.8	4.7	3.3
Electricity Generation	Mn kw	44150	46336	531430	87587	90620	3.4	3.5
Hydel	Mn kw	5778	5749	63773	11351	10243	11.0	-9.8
Thermal								
(including nuclear)	Mn kw	38372	40587	467657	76236	80377	2.4	5.4
Crude petroleum	000 tons	2816	2670	33074	5438	5242	5.9	-3.6
Petroleum Products	000 tons	9025	9017	104683	17030	17576	8.3	3.2
Finished steel	000 tons	2714	2909	34377	5257	5739	7.7	9.2
Cement	000 tons	10282	11086	116348	20119	20639	10.1	2.6
Average growth rate*	(%)	5.6	4.0	5.2	-	-	5.8	4.0
			April	2001-02	2002-03		<u>2001-02</u>	2002-03
Cargo handled at major po	rtsMn tons	25.38	26.92	287.59	313.23		4.0	8.9
a) Net switching capacity	000 lines	78.47	63.54	6956.77	4477.63		-2.6	-35.6
b) Net Tele. connections	000 nos	81.31	76.10	5648.67	3399.44		-4.7	-39.8
Revenue earning goods traffic on railways	Mn tons	40.17	43.77	492.50	518.48		4.0	5.3

The six core infrastructure industries registered mixed performance in **April-May**, **2003-04** as compared to April-May, 2002-03. During April-May, 2003-04 average growth rate was 4.0 per cent as compared to an increase of 5.8 per cent in April-May, 2002-03.



# REVENUE EARNING GOODS TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS

(Million Tonnes)

	REVENUE	EARNING	GOODS	TRAFFIC	ON RAI	LWAYS	
						Per	centage Change
Commodities	A <sub>1</sub> 2002	oril 2003		2001-02	2002-03	April 2003/2002	2002-03/ 2001-02
Coal	19.02	20.45		229.83	235.72	7.5	2.6
Raw material for Steel Plants Pig Iron &	2.98	3.53		39.42	41.00	18.5	4.0
Finished Steel From Steel Plants	0.90	1.01		12.02	13.14	12.2	9.3
Iron Ore for Exports	0.85	1.72		15.73	16.66	102.4	5.9
Cement	3.88	4.16		44.04	46.21	7.2	4.9
Foodgrains	3.55	3.51		32.88	45.54	-1.1	38.5
Fertilizers	1.73	1.77		27.07	26.30	2.3	-2.8
POL	2.72	2.49		35.61	34.00	-8.5	-4.5
Balance other goods	4.54	5.13		55.90	59.91	13.0	7.2
Total	40.17	43.77		492.50	518.48	9.0	5.3

The revenue earning goods traffic handled by the Railways increased by 5.3 per cent during **2002-03** as compared to 4.0 per cent in 2001-02.

# MONEY AND BANKING

,	VARIATION	MATIONS IN MONEY STOCK				
	Full Year Mar 31 '02 to Mar 31 '03	Mar 31 '03 to Jun 27 '03 (P)	Full Year Mar 31 '02 to Mar 31 '03	Mar 31 '02 to Jun 28 '02 (P)	Mar 31 '03 to Jun 27 '03 (P)	Jun 28 '02 to Jun 27 '03 (P)
		(Rs crore)			(per cent	)
M3(M1+ III)	227153	80451	15.2	7.4	4.7	12.2
I. Currency with the public	30751	16332	12.8	6.0	6.0	12.8
II. Demand deposits with banks	17954	10947	10.0	2.0	5.6	13.8
III. Time deposits with banks	178055	52251	16.6	8.6	4.2	11.8
IV. Other deposits with RBI	393	921	13.8	13.7	28.4	28.6
Sources of change in M3						
(1+2+3+4-5)						
1. Net Bank Credit to Govt (A+B)	86317	37179	14.6	7.7	5.5	12.3
A. RBI's net credit to Govt	-32076	-3873	-21.1	-2.8	-3.2	-21.4
B. Other bank credit to Govt	118393	41052	27.1	11.3	7.4	22.6
2. Bank credit to commercial sector	145489	9356	19.2	7.4	1.0	12.1
3. Net foreign exchange assets of						
banking sector	82680	22710	26.6	7.5	5.8	24.5
4. Govt's currency liabilities to						
the public	704	2	11.1	2.6	0.0	8.2
5. Banking sector's net non-monetary						
liabilities other than time deposits	88038	-11205	52.3	8.2	-4.4	34.6

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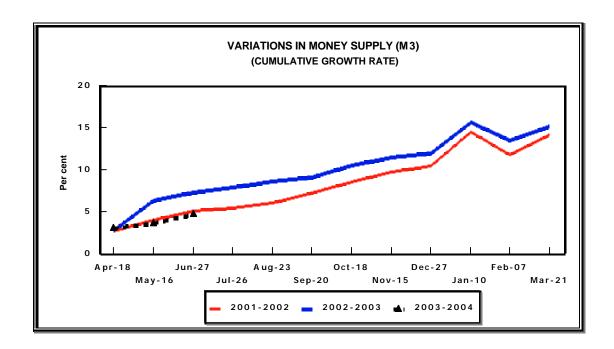
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Supply: Analytics and Methodology of Compilation (June 1998). The revision is in respect of pension and provident funds with commercial banks which are classified as other demand and time liabilities and includes those banks which have reported such changes so far.

Government balances as on March 31, 2002 are after closure of accounts.

During the current financial year (i.e., March 31, 2003 to June 27, 2003) money supply (M3) increased by 4.7 per cent which is lower than 7.4 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2002-03. Among its components, currency with the public showed a growth of 6.0 per cent same as in the corresponding period of last year. Demand deposits with banks showed an increase of 5.6 per cent as against an increase of 2.0 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Time deposits with banks increased by 4.2 per cent as against 8.6 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. The annual growth of M3 as on June 27, 2003 stood at 12.2 per cent.



On the sources side, Net Bank Credit to Government recorded a growth of 5.5 per cent during the current financial year (i.e. March 31, 2003 to June 27, 2003) as against 7.7 per cent in the corresponding period of 2002-03. Bank credit to the commercial sector increased by 1.0 per cent as against an increase of 7.4 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. Net foreign exchange assets of banking sector increased by 5.8 per cent as against 7.5 per cent in the corresponding period of 2002-03.

#### SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS

# SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS: VARIATION IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Full Year Mar 22,'02 to Mar 21,'03	Mar 21,'03 to Jun 27,'03 (P)	Full Year Mar 22,'02 to Mar 21,'03	Mar 22,'02 to Jun 28,'02 (P)	Mar 21,'03 to Jun 27,'03 (P)	Jun 28,'02 to Jun 27,'03 (P)
	(Rs crore)		(per cer	ut)		
1. Bank credit	135644	7450	23.0	10.0	1.0	12.9
Food credit	-4499	587	-8.3	13.0	1.2	-17.9
Non-food credit	140143	6863	26.2	9.7	1.0	16.2
2. Aggregate deposits	177216	62599	16.1	8.5	4.9	12.2
Demand deposits	15792	11426	10.3	3.1	6.8	14.3
Time deposits	161424	51173	17.0	9.4	4.6	11.9
3. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities	110048	35685	25.1	10.5	6.5	20.6
Governments securities Other approved securities	110640 -592	34759 926	26.9 -2.2	11.4 -4.6	6.7 3.5	21.5 6.1

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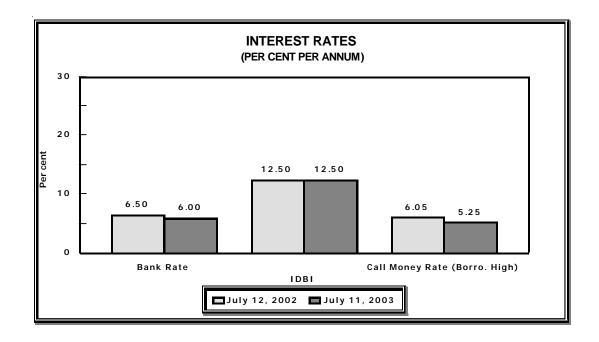
Bank credit by the scheduled commercial banks during the current financial year (i.e. March 21, 2003 to June 27, 2003) showed a growth of 1.0 per cent as against 10.0 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Food credit increased by 1.2 per cent while non-food credit increased by 1.0 per cent during this period.

# **INTEREST RATES (PER CENT PER ANNUM)**

Item/ Week ended 1	2002 July 12 2	2003 July 11 3
Bank Rate	6.50	6.00
I.D.B.I. <sup>1</sup>	12.50	12.50
Prime Lending Rate <sup>2</sup>	11.00-12.00	10.50-11.50
Deposit Rate <sup>3</sup>	7.00-8.25	5.00-6.00
Call Money Rate <sup>4</sup> (Low/High)		
-Borrowings	3.00/6.05	2.25/5.25
-Lendings	3.00/6.80	2.25/5.25

- 1. Minimum Term Lending Rate (MTLR).
- 2. Prime Lending Rate relates to five major Banks.
- 3. Deposit Rate relates to major banks for term deposits of more than one year maturity.
- 4. Call money rates are based on data covering 90-95 per cent of total transactionas reported by major participants.

As on July 11, 2003, Prime Lending Rate ranged from 10.50 to 11.50 per cent as against 11.00 to 12.00 per cent on July 12, 2002. Deposit Rate ranged from 5.00 to 6.00 per cent as against 7.00 to 8.25 per cent on the corresponding day of last year.

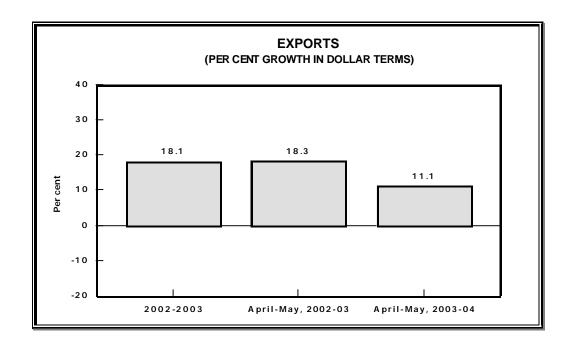


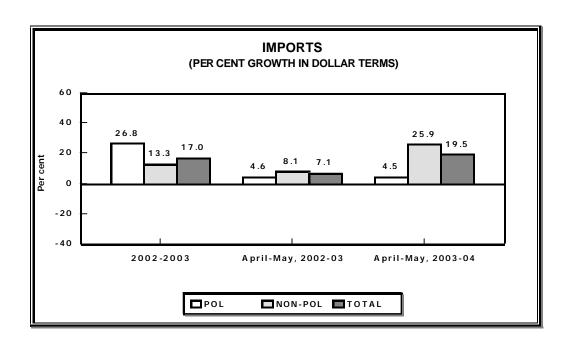
# **EXTERNAL SECTOR**

#### **FOREIGN TRADE**

						April-	May	Apı	ril-May
Item		200	1-02(P)	2002-03	B(PR)	2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04
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Exports		2090	)18	250130	)	39053	41859	23.6	7.2
Imports		2419	929	287304	1	45966	53007	11.9	15.3
POL		668	347	85993	3	13672	13780	9.3	0.8
Non-POL		1750	083	201311	1	32294	39227	13.0	21.3
Trade Balance		-329	)11	-3717/	1	-6913	-11148		
			Millie	on Dollar	r				% change
Exports		437	796	51702	2	7977	8864	18.3	11.3
Imports		507	746	59387	79388	11224	7.1 19.	5	
POL 14016	17769	2793	2918	4.6	4.5				
Non-POL	36729	41618	6595	8306	8.1	25.9			
Trade Balance	-6950	-7685	-1411	-2360	-				

Exports in dollar terms in **April-May, 2003-04** increased by 11.1 per cent as compared to an increase of 18.3 per cent in April-May, 2002-03. Imports increased by 19.5 per cent as against an increase of 7.1 per cent in last year. Imports of POL increased by 4.5 per cent in April-May, 2003-04 as against an increase of 4.6 per cent in corresponding period last year.

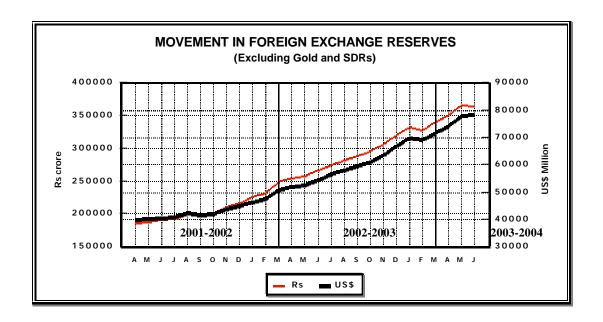




# FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

	Am	ount	Var	iation	
At the end of	Rs Crore	\$ Million	Rs Crore (Over l	\$ Million last Year)	
March, 1996	58446	17044	- 7560	- 3765	
March, 1997	80368	22367	21922	5323	
March, 1998	102507	25975	22139	3608	
March, 1999	125412	29522	22905	3547	
March, 2000	152924	35058	27512	5536	
March, 2001	184482	39554	31558	4496	
March, 2002	249118	51049	64636	11495	
March, 2003	341476	71890	92358	20841	
2003-2004			(Over la	st Month)	
April	351589	74253	10113	2363	
May	366516	77932	14927	3679	
June*	365001	78546	-1515	614	
* Provisional					

Foreign Exchange Reserves (excluding Gold & SDRs), were \$71890 million at the end of 2002-2003. These reserves have increased by \$6656 million and stood at \$78546 million at the end of June, 2003.

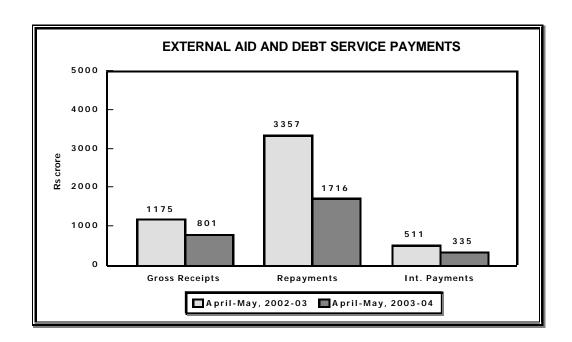


#### **EXTERNAL AID RECEIPTS AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS\***

(Rs Crore)

	Rec	Receipts		payment of Principal	Payment of Interest	
	2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04
Loans- Govt. A/C	661	589	1754	1349	432	310
Grants- Govt. A/C	73	75	-	_	-	-
Total	734	664	1754	1349	432	310
Non-Govt. loans	412	132	1603	367	79	25
Grants-Non-Govt.	29	5	-	_	_	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	1175	801	3357	1716	511	335
	(240)	(170)	(686)	(363)	(104)	(71)
Net Flows						
(net of repayment)	-2182	-914	-	_	_	-
Net Transfers						
(net of repayment and						
interest payments)	-2692	-1249	-	_	-	-
* April-May						
Note: Figures in bracket	ets are in terms of	million US \$				

Gross external aid in **April-May**, **2003-04** at Rs 801 crore was 31.8 per cent lower than that of Rs 1175 crore in April-May, 2002-03. Net aid flows (net of repayments) amounted to Rs (-)914 crore as against Rs(-)2182 crore in the corresponding period of the last year. Net aid transfers (net of repayments and interest payments) was Rs (-)1249 crore as against Rs (-)2692 crore in the corresponding period of last year.

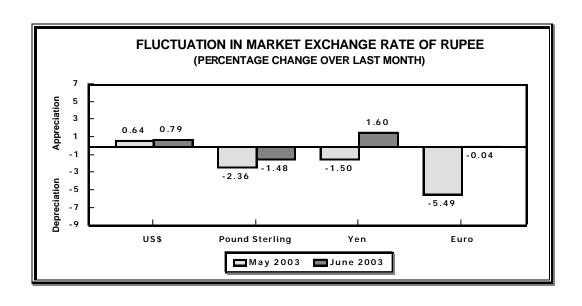


**Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency** 

(Market Rate<sup>a</sup>)

Month	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Japanese Yen	Euro	5 Country NEER Base 1	5 Country REER 995=100
March 2001	46.62	67.39	0.3846	42.44	82.00	102.89
March 2002	48.74	69.37	0.3723	42.75	80.60	104.98
March 2003	47.64	75.44	0.4015	51.52	75.27	100.01
2003-2004						
April	47.38	74.61	0.3951	51.52		
May	47.08	76.41	0.4011	54.51		
June	46.71	77.56	0.3948	54.53		
a. FEDAI Rates						

The average market exchange rate of the Rupee during June, 2003 appreciated against US Dollar and Japanese Yen and depreciated against Pound Sterling and Euro compared to average market rate during May, 2003.

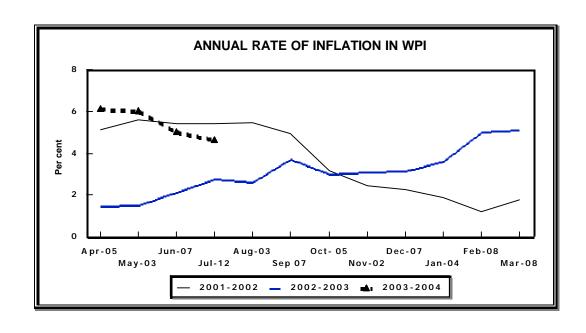


# **INFLATION**

#### WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

WHOLESALE PRICES (Base 1993-94)							
	_	MO	Per cent Va DNTH	ariation During YEAR (point to point)			
Items/Groups	Weight (%)	Last Year	Current Year	(ending 12. Last Year	7.2003) <sup>(P)</sup> Current Year		
All Commodities	100.00	0.36	0.06	2.79	4.65		
I Primary articles	22.03	-0.06	-1.20	2.38	5.05		
II Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants	14.23	1.75	0.49	7.24	3.73		
III Manufactured Products	63.75	0.00	0.46	1.45	4.83		
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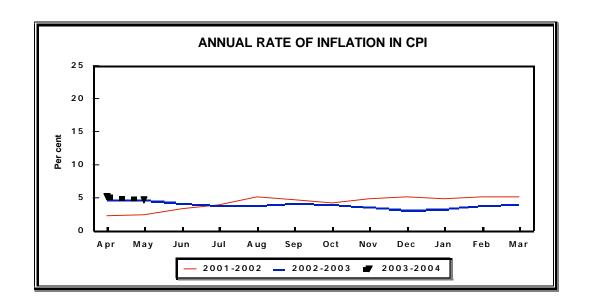
The annual rate of inflation based on **Wholesale Price Index** (WPI) stood at 4.65 per cent for week ended July 12, 2003 compared to 2.79 per cent a year ago. This rate was contributed by an increase of 5.05 per cent in Primary articles, 3.73 per cent increase in Fuel, Power and Lubricants and 4.83 per cent increase in Manufactured Products as against an increase of 2.38 per cent, 7.24 per cent and 1.45 per cent respectively, on the corresponding date of last year.



# **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION RATE					
	2002-03 (Up to May, 2002)	2003-04 (Up to May, 2003)			
	Per cent				
Annual Inflation	4.7	4.7			
Financial Year Inflation (%)	0.9	1.4			
% change over Last Month	0.6	0.2			
Level of Index Average of Index for 12 months	472	494			
ending May	466.83	485.58			

The All India **Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers** (CPI-IW) for May, 2003 which stood at 494 increased by 0.2 per cent over the previous month's level and increased by 4.7 per cent over May, 2002.



# **PUBLIC FINANCE**

# UNION GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS AT A GLANCE

Items	Budget	Apr	April-May		ol 4 as% change over_		
]	Estimates			% of	2002-03	2003-04	
	2003-04	2002-03 (RS Crore)	2003-04	BE 03-04		(Col 4/3)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
1. Revenue Receipts	253935	11812	7436	2.9	52.4	-37.0	
Tax (net to Centre)	184169	9869	4835	2.6	62.1	-51.0	
Non Tax	69766	1943	2601	3.7	16.8	33.9	
2. Capital Receipts	184860	33757	38241	20.7	16.7	13.3	
of which:							
Recovery of loans	18023	2296	4079	22.6	427.8	77.7	
Other Receipts	13200	1478	21	0.2			
Borrowings and other liabilities	153637	29983	34141	22.2	5.3	13.9	
3. Total Receipts (1+2)	438795	45569	45677	10.4	24.3	0.2	
4. Non-Plan Expenditure (a+b)	317821	34253	37042	11.7	31.4	8.1	
(a) Revenue Account	289384	31833	34711	12.0	30.1	9.0	
(b) Capital Account	28437	2420	2331	8.2	52.1	-3.7	
5. Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii)	120974	11316	8635	7.1	6.6	-23.7	
(i) Revenue Account	76843	7098	5055	6.6	2.6	-28.8	
(ii) Capital Account	44131	4218	3580	8.1	14.2	-15.1	
6. Total Expenditure $(4)+(5)=(a)+(b)$	438795	45569	45677	10.4	24.3	0.2	
(a) Revenue Expenditure	366227	38931	39766	10.9	24.1	2.1	
(b) Capital Expenditure	72568	6638	5911	8.1	25.6	-10.9	
7. Revenue Deficit	112292	27119	32330	28.8	14.8	19.2	
8. Fiscal Deficit	153637	29983	34141	22.2	5.3	13.9	
9. Primary Deficit	30414	14047	19943	65.6	-24.8	42.0	

Source: CGA, (Department of Expenditure) Ministry of Finance. Note: (i) The figures of Railways have been neetted as in Budget.

(ii) Un-audited.

The trends indicate that there is a decline in revenue receipts during April-May, 2003-04 as compared to April-May, 2002-03. There is an increase of 13.9 per cent in fiscal deficit during April-May, 2003-04 over the level recorded in the corresponding period last year.