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HIGHLIGHTS

- The overall growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost at constant prices, as per the Revised Estimates of CSO was 7.4 per cent in 2009-10. The growth in real GDP is placed at 8.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2010-11.
- The cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole upto December 15, during the Post Monsoon season (October-December), has been 23 per cent above the normal.
- Food grains (rice and wheat) stocks held by FCI and State agencies were 46.22 million tonnes as on October 1, 2010.
- Overall growth in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was 10.8 per cent during October 2010 as compared to 10.1 per cent in October 2009. During April-October 2010-11, IIP growth was 10.3 per cent as compared to 6.9 per cent during April-October 2009-10.
- Core infrastructure-supportive sectors grew by 7.0 per cent in October 2010 as compared to the growth of 3.9 per cent in October 2009. During April-October 2010-11, these sectors grew by 4.5 per cent as compared to 4.8 per cent during April-October 2009-10.
- Broad money (M₃) (up to November 19, 2010) increased by 8.5 per cent as compared to 9.1 per cent during the corresponding period of the last year. The year-on-year growth, as on November 19, 2010 was 16.2 per cent as compared to 19.2 per cent last year.
- Exports, in US dollar terms increased by 21.3 per cent and imports increased by 6.8 per cent, during October 2010.
- Foreign Currency Assets stood at US \$ 263.5 billion at end November 2010 compared to US \$ 263.4 billion at end November 2009.
- Rupee appreciated against Euro and depreciated against US Dollar, Pound Sterling and Japanese Yen in the month of November 2010 over October 2010.
- Year-on-year inflation in terms of Wholesale Price Index was 7.48 per cent for the month of November, 2010 as compared to 4.50 per cent in November, 2009.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April-October, 2010-11 recorded a growth of 27.0 per cent compared with corresponding period of 2009-10. Non-tax revenue grew by 149.3 per cent in April-October 2010-11 on account of one-off nature of receipts of proceeds from Spectrum auction.
- As a proportion of budget estimate, fiscal deficit during April-October 2010-11 was 42.6 per cent and revenue deficit was 34.3 per cent.

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ECONOMIC GROWTH

The growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is placed at 8.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2010-11; agriculture grew by 4.4 per cent; industry by 8.9 per cent and services by 9.8 per cent. As per the Revised Estimates (RE) of Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the growth in gross domestic product at factor cost at constant (2004-05) prices was estimated at 7.4 per cent in 2009-10 as compared to a level of 6.7 per cent in 2008-09 (Quick Estimate). At disaggregated level, this (RE 2009-10) level of growth comprises of 0.2 per cent in agriculture and allied activities, 9.3 per cent in industry and 8.5 per cent in services as compared to growth rates of 1.6 per cent, 3.9 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively during 2008-09.

| | Table 1: Growth of GDP at factor cost by economic activity (at 2004-05 prices) | | | | | | | | |
|----|--|-------------|---------|---------|--|-------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| | Industry | | Growth | | | Percentage share in GDP | | | |
| | | 2007- | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | | 2007- | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | |
| | | 08 | (QE) | (RE) | | 08 | (QE) | (RE) | |
| 1 | Agriculture, forestry & | | | | | | | | |
| | fishing | 4.7 | 1.6 | 0.2 | | 16.4 | 15.7 | 14.6 | |
| 2 | Industry | 9.5 | 3.9 | 9.3 | | 28.8 | 28.0 | 28.5 | |
| a | Mining & quarrying | 3.9 | 1.6 | 10.6 | | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | |
| b | Manufacturing | 10.3 | 3.2 | 10.8 | | 16.2 | 15.6 | 16.1 | |
| С | Electricity, gas & water | | | | | | | | |
| | supply | 8.5 | 3.9 | 6.5 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| d | Construction | 10.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | |
| 3 | Services | 10.5 | 9.8 | 8.5 | | 54.8 | 56.4 | 56.9 | |
| a | Trade, hotels, transport & communication | 10.7 | 7.6 | 9.3 | | 25.9 | 26.1 | 26.5 | |
| b | Financing , insurance, real estate & business services | 13.2 | 10.1 | 9.7 | | 16.4 | 16.9 | 17.2 | |
| С | Community, social & personal services | 6.7 | 13.9 | 5.6 | | 12.5 | 13.4 | 13.1 | |
| 4 | GDP at factor cost | 9.2 | 6.7 | 7.4 | | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| (Q | E): Quick Estimate; (RE): Re | vised Estii | mate | | | | | | |

| Table 2: Quarterl | Table 2: Quarterly Estimate of GDP (Year-on-year in per cent) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2008-09 | | | 2009-10 | | | 2010 |)-11 | |
| Items | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| 1. Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 3.2 | 2.4 | -1.4 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 0.9 | -1.8 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 4.4 |
| Industry | 5.4 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 8.4 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 11.3 | 8.9 |
| 2. Mining & quarrying | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.7 | -0.3 | 8.2 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 14.0 | 8.4 | 8.0 |
| 3. Manufacturing | 5.4 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 8.4 | 13.8 | 16.3 | 13.0 | 9.8 |
| 4. Electricity, gas & water supply | 3.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 |
| 5. Construction | 6.7 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 5.7 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.7 | 10.3 | 8.8 |
| Services | 9.6 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 10.5 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 9.8 |
| 6. Trade, hotels, transport & communication | 10.3 | 9.8 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 12.1 |
| 7. Financing, insurance, real estate & bus. Services | 9.2 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.3 |
| 8. Community, social & personal services | 8.7 | 10.4 | 28.7 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 14.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 7.9 | 7.3 |
| 9. GDP at factor cost (total 1 to 8) | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 6.5 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.9 |

AGRICULTURE

Rainfall: The rainfall situation in India is categorized into four seasons: winter season (January-February); pre monsoon (March-May); south west monsoon (June-September) and post monsoon (October-December). South west monsoon accounts for more than 75 per cent of annual rainfall.

In the current year, during the south west-monsoon period (June 1 to September 30), the cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole, was 912.8 mm, which is 2 per cent above the normal. During this period, out of 36 meteorological subdivisions in the country, 31 received excess/normal rainfall and 5 received deficient rainfall.

The cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole upto December 15, during the Post Monsoon season (October-December), has been 23 per cent above the normal.

All India production of food grains: According to the First Advance Estimates released on September 23, 2010, the production of food grains (kharif) is estimated at 114.63 million tonnes during 2010-11 compared to 103.84 million tonnes (fourth advance estimates) in 2009-10.

Procurement: Procurement of rice as on October 1, 2010 (Kharif Marketing Season

| Table 3: Procurement in Million Tonnes | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------|--------|--|
| | Full Marketing Year | | As | on 1 st | | | |
| | | | | | Oct | ober | |
| | | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2009 | 2010 | |
| Rice(Oct-S | Sept) | 28.74 | 33.68 | 31.46 | 0.01 | 0.006 | |
| Wheat(Ap | r-Mar) | 11.13 | 22.69 | 25.38 | 25.17* | 22.52* | |
| Total | | 39.87 | 56.37 | 56.84 | 25.18 | 22.53 | |
| *As on 30.07.2010 | | | | | | | |

2010-11) at 0.006 million tonnes represents a decline of 40 per cent compared to the corresponding date last year. Wheat procurement as on July 30, 2010 (Rabi

Marketing Season 2010-11) was 22.52 million tonnes as compared to 25.17 million tonnes during the corresponding date last year.

Off-take: Off-take of rice during the month of October, 2010 was 26.33 lakh tonnes. This comprises 22.02 lakh tonnes under TPDS and 4.31 lakh tonnes under other schemes. In respect of wheat, the total offtake was 20.59 lakh tonnes comprising 16.57 lakh tonnes under TPDS and 4.02 lakh tonnes under other schemes.

Stocks of food-grains (rice and wheat) held by FCI as on October 1, 2010 were 46.22 million tonnes, which was higher by 5.50 per cent over the level of 43.81 million tonnes as on October 1, 2009.

| | Table 4: Off-take and stocks of food-grains (Million Tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | Off-take | | St | tocks | | | | | |
| | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | October 1, 2009 | October 1, 2010 | | | | | | |
| Rice | 25.23 | 24.62 | 27.37 | 15.35 | 18.44 | | | | | |
| Wheat | 12.20 | 14.88 | 28.46 | 27.78 | | | | | | |
| Total | 37.43 39.50 49.72 43.81 46.22 | | | | | | | | | |

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

| Table 5: Percentage change in Index of Industrial Production | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Industry | 2009-10 | 2009- | 2010- | | | Durin | | |
| Group | | 10(April- October) | 11(April- October) | October 2009 | October 2010 | 2010, growt | | |
| General index | 10.5 | 6.9 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.8 | | | |
| Mining | 9.9 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 6.5 | per | | |
| Manufacturing | 11.0 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 11.3 | compa | | |
| Electricity | 6.0 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 8.8 | 10.1 | | |
| • | Use | -based indust | rial groups | • | • | growt | | |
| Basic goods | 7.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 7.7 | | | |
| Capital goods | 20.9 | 6.0 | 24.0 | 10.9 | 22.0 | cor | | |
| Intermediate goods | 13.6 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 15.4 | 9.5 | period | | |
| Consumer | | | | | 9.6 | previo | | |
| goods | 6.2 | 5.5 | 8.2 | 11.4 | | | | |
| Durables | 24.6 | 18.6 | 24.4 | 18.3 | 31 | mar | | |
| Non-durables | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 8.6 | 0.1 | and | | |

g October the IIP th was 10.8 cent as ared to per cent during the responding of ous year. In mining, nufacturing electricity

sectors, the growth rates in October 2010 were 6.5, 11.3 and 8.8 per cent respectively. In the use-based industrial groups, the growth rate has increased in capital goods and consumer durables goods. Consumer non- durable goods sector, which has a weight of 23.3 percent in IIP, has not shown any improvement and the production level is stagnant with merely 0.1 per cent rise in October 2010 as compared to October 2009.

| Table 6: | Productio | n growth | (per cent) i | in core | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| infr | infrastructure-supportive industries | | | | | | | | |
| | October | October | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2010 | (April- | (April- | | | | | |
| Industry | | | October) | October) | | | | | |
| Coal | 6.8 | 0.8 | 11.4 | -0.1 | | | | | |
| Electricity | 4.4 | 8.4 | 6.1 | 4.7 | | | | | |
| generation ¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil | -2.5 | 13.7 | -1.3 | 10.7 | | | | | |
| Petroleum | 7.2 | -4.8 | -2.0 | 1.4 | | | | | |
| products | | | | | | | | | |
| Finished | 2.5 | 6.2 | 1.8 | 4.2 | | | | | |
| steel | | | | | | | | | |
| Cement | 5.3 | 16.8 | 11.3 | 6.3 | | | | | |
| Overall | 3.9 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | | | | | |
| growth | | | | | | | | | |

⁽¹): This will not necessarily match the growth in electricity given in the Index of Industrial Production

Six core industries: The index for 6 core industries (comprising crude petroleum refinery products, coal, electricity, cement and finished carbon steel) with a weight of 26.68 per cent in the IIP grew by 4.5 per cent during April-October 2010-11, at par with the growth rate achieved during the corresponding months 2009-10. During the month of October 2010, the overall growth of the core sector industries was 7.0 per cent as compared to the growth of

3.9 per cent during October 2009. During October 2010, the growth rate has increased in electricity, crude oil, and cement and finished steel sectors whereas in petro refinery products, it is negative and in coal sector it is negligible as compared to October 2009.

MONEY AND BANKING

RBI announced its mid-quarter review of Monetary Policy for 2010-11 on December 16, 2010. The important decisions taken are:

- retain the repo rate at 6.25 per cent and the reverse repo rate at 5.25 per cent under the Reserve Bank's liquidity adjustment facility (LAF);
- retain the cash reserve ratio (CRR) at 6.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) of scheduled banks.

Liquidity Measures

RBI decided to:

- first, reduce the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) from 25 per cent of their NDTL to 24 per cent with effect from December 18, 2010;
- second, conduct open market operation (OMO) auctions for purchase of government securities for an aggregate amount of 48,000 crore in the next one month as per a schedule to this effect.

The above two measures are expected to inject liquidity on an enduring basis of the order of 48,000 crore.

Given the permanent reduction in the SLR by one per cent of NDTL, the additional liquidity support under the LAF announced by the Reserve Bank on November 29, 2010 will now be available up to the extent of 1.0 per cent (instead of 2.0 per cent) of the NDTL of SCBs from December 18, 2010 to January 28, 2011.

Expected Outcomes

The policy actions in this Review are expected to:

- release sizable primary liquidity into the system;
- bring down the liquidity deficit in the system close to the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank; and
- stabilise interest rates in the overnight inter-bank market closer to the operative policy rate of the Reserve Bank.

Broad money (M₃) (up to November 19, 2010) increased by 8.5 per cent as compared to 9.1 per cent during the corresponding period of the last year. The year-on-year growth, as on November 19, 2010 was 16.2 per cent as compared to 19.2 per cent last year.

| Table 7: Money Stock - Components and Sources (Rs. crore) | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|----------|--|
| Item | Outstand | Vari | ation ov | er (in per cent) | | | |
| | 20 | 10 | 1 | ncial | Year- o | n-Year | |
| | | T | _ | so far | | 1 | |
| | Mar. 31 | Nov. 19 | 2009- 10 | 2010- 11 | 2009 | 2010 | |
| M_3 | 55,99,762 | 60,75,813 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 19.2 | 16.2 | |
| Components (i+ii+iii+iv) | | | | | | | |
| (i) Currency with the Public | 7,68,033 | 8,71,897 | 8.7 | 13.5 | 16.9 | 20.5 | |
| (ii) Demand Deposits with Banks | 7,22,739 | 7,05,245 | -1.3 | -2.4 | 17.5 | 21.4 | |
| (iii) Time Deposits with Banks | 41,05,151 | 44,95,206 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 19.9 | 14.6 | |
| (iv) "Other" Deposits with Reserve Bank | 3,839 | 3,465 | -14.2 | - 9.7 | -3.2 | -27.5 | |
| Sources (i+ii+iii+iv-v) | | | | | | | |
| (i) Net Bank Credit to Government (a+b) | 16,67,096 | 18,08,050 | 17.5 | 8.5 | 43.1 | 20.4 | |
| (a) Reserve Bank | 2,11,586 | 2,59,513 | | | | | |
| (b) Other Banks | 14,55,511 | 15,48,537 | 17.5 | 6.4 | 28.6 | 8.4 | |
| (ii) Bank Credit to Commercial Sector (a+b) | 34,92,781 | 38,15,280 | 4.1 | 9.2 | 10.2 | 21.6 | |
| (a) Reserve Bank | 1,328 | 1,572 | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| (b) Other Banks | 34,91,453 | 38,13,708 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 21.8 | |
| (iii) Net Foreign Exchange Assets of Banking Sector* | 12,81,469 | 13,57,782 | - | 6.0 | 8.5 | 0.4 | |
| (iv) Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public | 11,270 | 11,761 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 9.6 | 9.6 | |
| (v) Banking Sector's Net Non-Monetary Liabilities | 8,52,854 | 9,17,060 | -10.3 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 19.0 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | |
| Net Non-Monetary Liabilities of RBI | 3,01,615 | 3,61,957 | 0.2 | 20.0 | 19.6 | -6.8 | |
| *: Includes investments in foreign currency den | | | | K) since | March 2 | 0, 2009. | |
| Note: Government Balances as on March 31, 203 | 10 are before | closure of ac | counts. | | | | |

Reserve money (M₀) during the financial year 2010-11 (up to December 3, 2010) showed an increase of 6.3 per cent as compared to increase of 1.7 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year. The year-on-year variation revealed an increase of 22.2 per cent as on December 3, 2010, compared to 15.3 per cent on the corresponding date of the previous year.

An important source of reserve money, namely, net foreign exchange assets (NFA) of the RBI increased by 6.2 per cent (during the financial year) as on December 3, 2010 as compared to an increase of 1.5 per cent in the same period last year. The y-o-y growth rate of NFA, as on December 3, 2010 was (-) 0.7 per cent as compared to increase of 6.7 per cent on the corresponding date of the last year.

Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs): business in India

During the current financial year (November 26, 2010), Bank credit increased by 9.9 per cent as compared to increase of 4.8 per cent during the corresponding period of last year.

The Non-Food credit during this period recorded an increase of 8.8 per cent as compared to an increase of 5.0 per cent during the corresponding period of last

year. The aggregate deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks recorded an increase of 10.3 per cent (as on October 29, 2010) as against an increase of 9.1 per cent in the corresponding period of last year.

| Table 8: Select Scheduled Commercial banks – Business in India | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| Items | Outstanding as on (Rs. crore) March November 26, 2010 26, 2010 | | Percentage Variation | | | | | |
| | | | Financial year so far | | Year-on-Year | | | |
| | | | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009 | 2010 | | |
| 1. Bank credit | 3240399 | 3567111 | 4.8 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 22.6 | | |
| Non-Food credit | 3191909 | 3507987 | 5.18 | 9.90 | 7.25 | 22.45 | | |
| 2. Aggregate deposits | 9.6 | 6.6 | 18.6 | 14.0 | | | | |
| 3. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities | 1166410 | 1465420 | 18.5 | 5.8 | 30.4 | 6.0 | | |

| Table 9: Policy Rates/Interest Rates (per cent per annum) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Item/Week Ended | 2009 | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | November 27 | November 26 | | | | | | |
| Cash Reserve Ratio (per cent)(1) | 5.00 | 6.00 | | | | | | |
| Bank Rate | 6.00 | 6.00 | | | | | | |
| Repo Rate | 4.75 | 6.25 | | | | | | |
| Reverse Repo Rate | 3.25 | 5.25 | | | | | | |
| Prime Lending Rate ⁽²⁾ | 11.00-12.00 | 7.50-8.50 | | | | | | |
| Deposit Rate ⁽³⁾ | 6.00-7.50 | 7.00-8.00 | | | | | | |
| Call Money Rate (Low / High)(4) | | | | | | | | |
| - Borrowings | 2.10 /3.35 | 3.30/7.05 | | | | | | |
| - Lendings | 2.10 / 3.35 | 3.30/7.05 | | | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Cash Reserve Ratio relates to Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks). (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) Data cover 90-95 per cent of total transactions reported by participants.

Interest rates (per cent annum): As November 26, 2010, Bank Rate was 6.00 per cent. Call money rates (borrowing & lending) were in the range 3.30/7.05 cent per compared with 2.10/3.35 per cent on corresponding date of last year.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

Foreign trade: Exports, in US dollar terms and customs basis, during October 2010 increased by 21.3 per cent and imports increased by 6.8 per cent over September 2009. Oil imports increased by 0.3 per cent and non-oil imports increased by 9.9 per cent during October 2010 over October 2009.

| Table 10: Exports and imports (in US dollar million) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Item | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | October | October | % Change | | | | |
| | (Apr | (AprMar) | -09 | -10 | in October | | | | |
| | Mar) | | | | 2010 | | | | |
| Exports | 185295 | 178751 | 14806 | 17960 | 21.3 | | | | |
| Imports | 303696 | 288373 | 25936 | 27689 | 6.8 | | | | |
| Oil imports | 93667 | 87136 | 8389 | 8410 | 0.3 | | | | |
| Non-Oil 210029 201237 17547 19279 9.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade balance -118401 -109621 -11130 -9729 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Source: Provisional data | as per the Press Not | e of the Ministry of Co | ommerce and Ind | ustry | | | | | |

Foreign Currency Assets

| Table 11: Foreign Currency Assets | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Ar | nount | Variation | | | | | |
| | Rs. crore US\$ Million | | Rs. crore | US\$ Million | | | | |
| At the end of | | | (ove | r last year) | | | | |
| March, 2007 | 836597 | 191924 | 189270 | 46816 | | | | |
| March, 2008 | 1196023 | 299230 | 359426 | 107306 | | | | |
| March, 2009 | 1231340 | 241676 | 35317 | -57554 | | | | |
| March, 2010 | 1150778 | 254935 | -80562 | 13259 | | | | |
| 2010-11 | | | (over | last month) | | | | |
| April 2010 | 1133322 | 255023 | -17456 | 88 | | | | |
| May 2010 | 1152893 | 248201 | 19571 | -6822 | | | | |
| June 2010 | 1164431 | 249878 | 11538 | 1677 | | | | |
| July 2010 | 1202388 | 258801 | 37957 | 8923 | | | | |
| August 2010 | 1207494 | 256477 | 5106 | -2324 | | | | |
| September | 1192541 | 265481 | -14953 | 9004 | | | | |
| October 2010 | 1199656 | 269343 | 7115 | 3862 | | | | |
| November | 1213296 | 263531 | 13640 | -5812 | | | | |
| Source: RBI. | | · | | · | | | | |

Exchange rate: The rupee appreciated by 0.4 per cent against Euro and depreciated by 1.2 per cent against US dollar, 2.1 per cent against Pound Sterling and 0.5 per cent against

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| Table 12: Rupees per unit of foreign currency* | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | US Dollar | Pound | Japanese | Euro | | | | | |
| | | Sterling | Yen | | | | | | |
| March, 2008 | 40.3561 | 80.8054 | 0.4009 | 62.6272 | | | | | |
| March, 2009 | 51.2287 | 72.9041 | 0.5251 | 66.9207 | | | | | |
| March, 2010 | 45.4965 | 68.4360 | 0.5018 | 61.7653 | | | | | |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | |
| April 2010 | 44.4995 | 68.2384 | 0.4763 | 59.6648 | | | | | |
| May 2010 | 45.7865 | 67.1747 | 0.4969 | 57.6553 | | | | | |
| June 2010 | 46.5443 | 68.6952 | 0.5122 | 56.9016 | | | | | |
| July 2010 | 46.8373 | 71.5150 | 0.5343 | 59.7636 | | | | | |
| August 2010 | 46.5679 | 72.9736 | 0.5465 | 59.9700 | | | | | |
| September 2010 | 46.0616 | 71.6578 | 0.5454 | 60.0592 | | | | | |
| October 2010 | 44.4583 | 70.3381 | 0.5428 | 61.7153 | | | | | |
| November 2010 | 45.0183 | 71.8498 | 0.5457 | 61.4981 | | | | | |
| * FEDAI Indicative M | Iarket Rates (on Y | early/Monthly ave | rage basis) | | | | | | |

External assistance and debt service payments: Gross external aid in April-November 2010 at Rs. 25296.22 crore shows an increase of 38.83 per cent, compared to Rs. 18220.74 crore in April-November 2009. Net disbursement was Rs. 17602.76 crore in April-November 2010 compared to Rs. 10830.34 crore in April-November 2009. Net transfers were Rs. 15611.18 crore in April-November 2010 compared to Rs. 8310.92 crore in April-November 2009.

| Table 13: External Assistance and Debt Service Payments | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | (Rs. in crore) | | | | |
| | November 2010 | During the Financial year 2010-11 | November 2009 | During the Financial year 2009-10 | | | | |
| Ex | ternal Assista | nce (Government Aco | count) | | | | | |
| 1) Gross Disbursement | 1,600.72 | 21,629.60 | 2,980.13 | 13,164.80 | | | | |
| 2) Repayments | 848.47 | 7,041.83 | 713.51 | 6,684.47 | | | | |
| 3) Interest Payments | 122.87 | 1,722.54 | 176.96 | 2,172.89 | | | | |
| 4) Net Disbursement (1-2) | 752.25 | 14,587.77 | 2,266.62 | 6,480.33 | | | | |
| 5) Net Transfers (4-3) | 629.38 | 12,865.23 | 2,089.66 | 4,307.44 | | | | |
| Exter | nal Assistance | e (Non-Government A | Account) | | | | | |
| 1) Gross Disbursement | 24.53 | 2,629.41 | 71.73 | 3,446.32 | | | | |
| 2) Repayments | 69.13 | 651.63 | 40.10 | 705.43 | | | | |
| 3) Interest Payments | 16.87 | 268.84 | 13.38 | 347.03 | | | | |
| 4) Net Disbursement (1-2) | -44.60 | 1,977.78 | 31.63 | 2,740.89 | | | | |
| 5) Net Transfers (4-3) | -61.47 | 1,708.94 | 18.25 | 2,393.86 | | | | |
| | Gove | ernment Grants | | | | | | |
| 1) Gross Disbursement | 108.95 | 969.73 | 44.74 | 1,566.52 | | | | |
| 2) Repayments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 3) Interest Payments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 4) Net Disbursement (1-2) | 108.95 | 969.73 | 44.74 | 1,566.52 | | | | |
| 5) Net Transfers (4-3) | 108.95 | 969.73 | 44.74 | 1,566.52 | | | | |
| | Non-G | overnment Grants | | | | | | |
| 1) Gross Disbursement | 3.74 | 67.48 | 0.00 | 43.10 | | | | |
| 2) Repayments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 3) Interest Payments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 4) Net Disbursement (1-2) | 3.74 | 67.48 | 0.00 | 43.10 | | | | |
| 5) Net Transfers (4-3) | 3.74 | 67.48 | 0.00 | 43.10 | | | | |
| | | Grand Total | | | | | | |
| 1) Gross Disbursements | 1,737.94 | 25,296.22 | 3,096.60 | 18,220.74 | | | | |
| 2) Repayments | 917.60 | 7,693.46 | 753.61 | 7,389.90 | | | | |
| 3) Interest Payments | 139.74 | 1,991.38 | 190.34 | 2,519.92 | | | | |
| 4) Net Disbursement (1-2) | 820.34 | 17,602.76 | 2,342.99 | 10,830.84 | | | | |
| 5) Net Transfers (4-3) | 680.60 | 15,611.38 | 2,152.65 | 8,310.92 | | | | |

INFLATION

Wholesale Price Index (WPI 2004-05=100): Year-on-year inflation measured in terms of WPI for November, 2010 was at 7.48 per cent. This reflects a decline of 110 basis points compared to WPI inflation in October, 2010. (Inflation was 4.50 per cent in November, 2009 and 8.57 per cent in November, 2008). In the new series of WPI, inflation had remained in the negative zone in June 2009 and July 2009 and turned positive in August 2009 and thereafter it reached double digits in March, 2010. The average inflation rate for last 12 months (December, 2009 to November, 2010) was 9.24 per cent as compared to 2.07 per cent during corresponding period in 2009-10. The financial year build up in the current year is 4.79 per cent in November, 2010, as against 7.47 per cent in the corresponding period last year. Major breakup of WPI inflation rates is indicated in Table 14 below.

| Table 14: Current Price Situation based on Monthly WPI in November, 2010 (Base: 2004-05=100) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|--|---------|--|--|--|
| Major groups | Weight (%) | Cumulative change (%) Since March | | Inflation (%) | | Inflation (%) (Average of 12 months) | | | | |
| | | 2010-11 | 2009-10 | 2010- 11 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 | | | |
| ALL COMMODITIES | 100.00 | 4.79 | 7.47 | 7.48 | 4.50 | 9.24 | 2.07 | | | |
| PRIMARY ARTICLES | 20.12 | 10.07 | 19.00 | 13.00 | 14.29 | 18.79 | 8.99 | | | |
| Food articles | 14.34 | 10.15 | 21.46 | 9.41 | 16.73 | 19.68 | 13.13 | | | |
| FUEL AND POWER | 14.91 | 6.07 | 9.42 | 10.32 | -1.10 | 11.26 | -4.42 | | | |
| MANUFACTURED PDT. | 64.97 | 2.23 | 2.85 | 4.56 | 2.33 | 5.15 | 1.33 | | | |

Inflation based on Consumer Price Index: Inflation in Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) has declined to 9.70 per cent in October, 2010 from its peak of 16.22 per cent in January 2010. CPI-IW food inflation (weight 46.20%) has also declined to 7.73 per cent in October, 2010 from its peak of 21.29 per cent in December 2009. Overall inflation in Consumer Price Index for Rural Labor (CPI-RL) has declined to 8.45 per cent in October, 2010 from its peak of 17.35 per cent in January 2010. CPI-RL food inflation (weight 66.77%) has also declined to 7.68 per cent from its peak of 20.78 per cent in January, 2010(Table 15).

| | Table 15 | : Year-on-Year infla | tion based on WPI and CPI | (per cent) | |
|---------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| | WPI | CPI-IW | CPI-UNME | CPI-AL | CPI-RL |
| Base | 2004-05 | 2001 | 1984-85 | 1986-87 | 1986-87 |
| Aug-09 | 0.31 | 11.72 | 12.88 | 12.89 | 12.67 |
| Sep-09 | 1.09 | 11.64 | 12.39 | 13.19 | 12.97 |
| Oct-09 | 1.48 | 11.49 | 12.02 | 13.73 | 13.51 |
| Nov-09 | 4.50 | 13.51 | 13.91 | 15.65 | 15.65 |
| Dec-09 | 6.92 | 14.97 | 15.47 | 17.21 | 16.99 |
| Jan-10 | 8.53 | 16.22 | 16.90 | 17.57 | 17.35 |
| Feb-10 | 9.68 | 14.86 | 15.83 | 16.45 | 16.45 |
| Mar-10 | 10.23 | 14.86 | 14.90 | 15.77 | 15.52 |
| Apr-10 | 11.00 | 13.33 | 14.41 | 14.96 | 14.96 |
| May-10 | 10.60 | 13.91 | 14.09 | 13.68 | 13.68 |
| June-10 | 10.28 | 13.73 | 14.12 | 13.02 | 13.02 |
| July-10 | 10.02 | 11.25 | 11.54 | 11.02 | 11.24 |
| Aug-10 | 8.82 | 9.88 | 10.30 | 9.65 | 9.66 |
| Sep-10 | 8.93 | 9.82 | 10.39 | 9.13 | 9.34 |
| Oct-10 | 8.58 | 9.70 | - | 8.43 | 8.45 |
| Nov-10 | 7.48 | - | - | - | - |

Note: WPI-inflation: October and November, 2010 are provisional and CPI_UNME is linked index from April, 2008 onward.

| | TABI | LE 16: WO | RLD CO | OMMO | DITY P | RICE D | ATA | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | Unit | Annual Averages | | | Monthly Averages | | | | Y-o-Y variation | | |
| Commodity | | Jan- Dec | Jan- Dec | Jan- Dec | Mar -10 | Sep -10 | Oct -10 | Nov -10 | in prices (%) | | |
| Energy | | 2004 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | Sep -10 | Oct -10 | Nov -10 |
| Coal, Australia | \$/mt | 53 | 128 | 72 | 94 | 95 | 97 | 103 | 40.3 | 37.1 | 30.4 |
| Crude oil, avg, spot | \$/bbl | 38 | 97 | 62 | 79 | 76 | 82 | 85 | 11.4 | 10.3 | 9.0 |
| Crude oil, Brent | \$/bbl | 38 | 98 | 62 | 79 | 78 | 83 | 86 | 14.9 | 13.3 | 11.2 |
| Crude oil, Dubai | \$/bbl | 33 | 94 | 62 | 77 | 75 | 80 | 84 | 10.8 | 9.6 | 7.8 |
| Natural gas, US | \$/mmbtu | 6 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 31.8 | -14.7 | 1.0 |
| Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coffee, Robusta | c/kg | 79 | 232 | 164 | 148 | 179 | 188 | 203 | 10.1 | 16.0 | 32.5 |
| Tea, auctions (3), average | c/kg | 169 | 242 | 272 | 262 | 300 | 303 | 303 | -5.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| Coconut oil | \$/mt | 661 | 1224 | 725 | 921 | 1275 | 1412 | 1521 | 81.9 | 100.0 | 108.7 |
| Groundnut oil | \$/mt | 1161 | 2131 | 1184 | 1380 | 1270 | 1331 | 1728 | 13.4 | 15.9 | 54.8 |
| Palm oil | \$/mt | 471 | 948 | 683 | 832 | 912 | 987 | 1120 | 35.3 | 45.1 | 54.5 |
| Palm kernel oil | \$/mt | 648 | 1129 | 700 | 995 | 1260 | 1412 | 1645 | 79.0 | 94.1 | 126.6 |
| Soybean meal | \$/mt | 241 | 428 | 408 | 329 | 396 | 409 | 430 | -6.8 | -0.8 | 2.0 |
| Soybean oil | \$/mt | 616 | 1257 | 849 | 915 | 1042 | 1157 | 1250 | 23.2 | 29.0 | 34.3 |
| Maize | \$/mt | 112 | 223 | 166 | 159 | 206 | 236 | 238 | 36.9 | 40.9 | 38.8 |
| Rice, Thailand, 5% | \$/mt | 225 | 647 | 555 | 502 | 477 | 486 | 515 | -8.1 | -1.4 | -5.2 |
| Wheat, US, HRW | \$/mt | 157 | 326 | 224 | 191 | 272 | 270 | 274 | 42.2 | 35.9 | 29.9 |
| Wheat US SRW | \$/mt | 144 | 275 | 186 | 190 | 276 | 267 | 279 | 74.5 | 52.3 | 36.1 |
| Oranges | \$/mt | 858 | 1108 | 909 | 955 | 1047 | 1086 | 907 | 1.5 | -5.8 | -21.4 |
| Sugar, world | c/kg | 16 | 28 | 40 | 41 | 50 | 54 | 58 | -2.4 | 8.7 | 18.4 |
| Raw Materials | , 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Logs, Malaysia | \$/cum | 197 | 292 | 287 | 250 | 311 | 316 | 313 | 10.7 | 14.4 | 15.2 |
| Plywood | c/sheets | 465 | 648 | 565 | 557 | 575 | 578 | 581 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| Wood pulp | \$/mt | 641 | 821 | 614 | 814 | 907 | 915 | 910 | 37.9 | 32.0 | 26.0 |
| Cotton A Index | c/kg | 137 | 158 | 138 | 189 | 231 | 279 | 341 | 63.5 | 89.4 | 115.4 |
| Rubber, US | c/kg | 148 | 284 | 215 | 357 | 376 | 423 | 464 | 51.2 | 59.7 | 66.2 |
| Rubber, Singapore | c/kg | 130 | 261 | 192 | 334 | 353 | 392 | 431 | 62.7 | 66.9 | 69.4 |
| Fertilizers | , 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DAP | \$/mt | 221 | 967 | 323 | 476 | 525 | 575 | 588 | 65.7 | 91.6 | 102.6 |
| Phosphate rock | \$/mt | 41 | 346 | 122 | 105 | 125 | 140 | 140 | 38.9 | 55.6 | 55.6 |
| Potassium chloride | \$/mt | 125 | 570 | 630 | 313 | 338 | 335 | 341 | -21.3 | -23.0 | -21.7 |
| Urea, E. Europe, bulk | \$/mt | 175 | 493 | 250 | 279 | 315 | 329 | 366 | | 37.8 | 49.7 |
| Metals and Minerals | • | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium | \$/mt | 1716 | 2573 | 1665 | 2206 | 2162 | 2347 | 2333 | 17.9 | 24.9 | 19.7 |
| Copper | \$/mt | 2866 | 6956 | 5150 | 7463 | 7709 | 8292 | 8470 | 24.4 | 31.9 | 26.9 |
| Gold | \$/toz | 409 | 872 | 973 | 1113 | 1271 | 1342 | 1370 | 27.5 | 28.6 | 21.5 |
| Iron ore | c/dmtu | 38 | 136 | 117 | 101 | 212 | 182 | 182 | 110.0 | 80.3 | 80.3 |
| Lead | c/kg | 89 | 209 | 172 | 217 | 218 | 238 | 238 | -0.9 | 6.2 | 2.9 |
| Nickel | \$/mt | 13823 | 21111 | 14655 | 22461 | 22643 | 23807 | 22909 | 29.6 | 28.5 | 34.8 |
| Silver | c/toz | 669 | 1500 | 1469 | 1715 | 2061 | 2347 | 2657 | 25.0 | 35.9 | 48.6 |
| Steel cr coil sheet | \$/mt | 607 | 966 | 783 | 775 | 850 | 850 | 850 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| | | | 883 | | | 750 | 750 | 750 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| | \$/mt | 503 | 000 | 683 | 675 | 730 | 750 | 730 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 20.0 |
| Steel hr coil sheet Tin | \$/mt c/kg | 851 | 1851 | 1357 | 1755 | 2270 | 2634 | 2552 | 52.7 | 75.5 | 70.8 |

Source: World Bank - The Pink Sheet

FISCAL SITUATION

• As a proportion of budget estimate, fiscal deficit during April-October 2010-11 was 42.6 per cent and revenue deficit was 34.3 per cent. The lower levels reflect one-off nature of growth in non-tax revenue (from auction of telecom spectrum).

Table 17: Trends in Central Government Finances April-October 2010

| | Budget Estimates | | | Col.3 as % of | Col. 4 as % of | % Change over proceeding year | | |
|--|---------------------|------------|---------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|
| | - | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | | 2010-11 | |
| | | . . | | BE | BE | | (4/3) | |
| (Rs. Crore) | | | | | | | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7)) | (8) | |
| 1. Revenue Receipts | 682,212 | , , | 447,625 | 46.3 | 65.6 | -1.7 | 57.3 | |
| Gross tax revenue | | 2,98,860 | ŕ | 46.6 | 50.6 | -7.5 | 26.4 | |
| Tax (net to Centre) | | 2,13,896 | * | 45.1 | 50.9 | -8.0 | 27.0 | |
| Non Tax | 148,118 | 70,583 | 175,932 | 50.3 | 118.8 | 23.8 | 149.3 | |
| 2. Capital Receipts | 426,537 | 2,52,382 | 169,810 | 62.1 | 39.8 | 112.1 | -32.7 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Recovery of loans | 5,129 | 3,002 | 5,214 | 71.1 | 101.7 | 59.5 | 73.7 | |
| Other Receipts | 40,000 | 4,305 | 2,260 | 384.4 | 5.7 | | -47.5 | |
| Borrowings and other liabilities | 381,408 | 2,45,075 | 162,336 | 61.1 | 42.6 | 109.3 | -33.8 | |
| 3. Total Receipts (1+2) | 1,108,749 | 5,36,861 | 617,435 | 52.6 | 55.7 | 31.5 | 15.0 | |
| 4.Non-Plan Expenditure | 735,657 | 3,88,837 | 424,893 | 55.9 | 57.8 | 34.7 | 9.3 | |
| (a)+(b) (a) Revenue Account | 643,599 | 3,65,535 | 379,040 | 59.1 | 58.9 | 33.8 | 3.7 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest payments | 248,664 | 1,01,093 | 115,364 | 44.8 | 46.4 | 0.2 | 14.1 | |
| Major Subsidies | 108,667 | 83,114 | 76,846 | 78.7 | 70.7 | 32.6 | -7.5 | |
| Pensions | 42,840 | 25,402 | 29,860 | 72.6 | 69.7 | 67.7 | 17.5 | |
| (b) Capital Account | 92,058 | 23,302 | 45,853 | 30.3 | 49.8 | 50.8 | 96.8 | |
| 5.Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii) | 373,092 | 1,48,024 | 192,542 | 45.5 | 51.6 | 23.6 | 30.1 | |
| (i) Revenue Account | 315,125 | 1,25,738 | 163,415 | 45.2 | 51.9 | 21.8 | 30.0 | |
| (ii) Capital Account | 57,967 | 22,286 | 29,127 | 47.7 | 50.2 | 34.9 | 30.7 | |
| 6.Total Expenditure (4)+(5)=(a)+(b) | 1,108,749 | 5,36,861 | 617,435 | 52.6 | 55.7 | 31.5 | 15.0 | |
| (a)Revenue Expenditure | 958,724 | 4,91,273 | 542,455 | 54.8 | 56.6 | 30.5 | 10.4 | |
| (b)Capital Expenditure | 150,025 | 45,588 | 74,980 | 36.9 | 50.0 | 42.6 | 64.5 | |
| 7. Revenue Deficit | 276,512 | 2,06,794 | 94,830 | 73.1 | 34.3 | 137.6 | -54.1 | |
| 8. Fiscal Deficit | 381,408 | 2,45,075 | 162,336 | 61.1 | 42.6 | 109.3 | -33.8 | |
| 9. Primary Deficit | 132,744 | 1,43,982 | 46,972 | 82.0 | 35.4 | 787.6 | -67.4 | |

Source: Review of Union Government Accounts, April- October 2010-11, Ministry of Finance.