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**MONTHLY ECONOMIC REPORT  
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The overall growth of GDP during 2006-07 (as per the Revised Estimates of CSO) has been placed 9.6 per cent. Growth during the 2007-08 (as per Advance Estimate of CSO) has been estimated at 9.0 percent.
- The monsoon Season (June-September) Season rainfall from June 1, 2008 to Sep 10, 2008 was normal/excess in 86 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions.
- Food grain stocks were 34.17 million tonnes as on August 1, 2008.
- Overall revised annual industrial growth was 5.7 per cent during April-July, 2008-09 as compared with 9.7 per cent in April- July, 2007-08. During the month of July, 2008, the General Index stands at 273.0, which is 7.1 higher as compared to the level in the month of July, 2007.
- Core infrastructure sectors achieved growth rate of 4.3 per cent during July, 2008 compared to a growth of 7.2 per cent in July, 2007.
- Broad Money (M3) growth (year-on-year) was 21.0 per cent as on August 29, 2008 as compared with 20.3 per cent last year.
- Exports grew by 24.6 per cent in dollar terms during April-July, 2008. Imports increased by 34.2 per cent in April-July, 2008.
- Forex reserves (excluding Gold and SDRs) stood at US \$ 286.12 billion at the end of August, 2008.
- Rupee depreciated against US dollar and appreciated against, Pound Sterling, Euro and Japanese Yen in August, 2008 over July, 2008.
- The annual inflation rate in terms of WPI (Base 1993-94=100) was 12.10 per cent for the week ended August 30, 2008 as compared to 3.72 per cent a year ago.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April- July, 2008-09 was higher by 26.7 per cent compared with corresponding period 2007-08.
- Fiscal deficit during April- July, 2008-09 declined by 10.4 per cent over corresponding period last year.
- Revenue deficit during April-July, 2008-09 was higher by 21.6 per cent over corresponding period last year.

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### Economic growth

As per the revised estimates of Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost at constant (1999-2000) price had grown at 9.0 per cent in 2007-08 as compared to 9.6 per cent in 2006-07 (Quick Estimate). At disaggregated level the growth during 2007-08 (RE) was 4.5 per cent in Agriculture, 8.6 per cent in Industry and 10.8 per cent in Services as compared 3.8 per cent, 11.0 per cent and 11.1 per cent respectively during 2006-07 (QE).

<b>Growth of GDP at factor cost by Economic Activity</b>									
<b>(at 1999-2000 prices)</b>									
Industry	Growth				Percentage share in GDP				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Q)	2007-08 I	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Q)	2007-08 I	
<b>1 Agriculture, forestry &amp; fishing</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>	
<b>2 Industry</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>26.6</b>	
a Mining & quarrying	8.2	4.9	5.7	4.8	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	
b Manufacturing	8.7	9.0	12.0	8.8	15.1	15.1	15.4	15.4	
c Electricity, gas & water supply	7.9	4.7	6.0	6.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	
d Construction	16.1	16.5	12.0	9.8	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.3	
<b>3 Services</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>55.6</b>	
a Trade, hotels, transport & communication	10.7	11.5	11.8	12.0	25.8	26.3	26.8	27.5	
b Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	8.7	11.4	13.9	11.8	13.5	13.8	14.3	14.7	
c Community, social & personal services	6.9	7.2	6.9	7.3	14.2	14.0	13.6	13.4	
<b>4 GDP at factor cost</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

(Q): Quick estimates I: Revised Estimate

<b>Quarterly Estimates of GDP 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (Percentage change over previous year)</b>									
industry	2006-07				2007-08				2008-09
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>1. agriculture, forestry &amp; fishing</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Industry</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>
2. mining & quarrying	4.1	3.9	6.0	8.2	1.7	5.5	5.7	5.9	4.8
3. manufacturing	11.7	12.2	11.3	12.8	11.0	9.2	9.6	5.8	5.6
4. electricity, gas & water supply	4.3	6.6	7.6	5.4	7.9	6.9	4.8	5.6	2.6
5. construction	13.1	12.0	10.8	12.2	7.7	11.8	7.1	12.6	11.4
<b>Services</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>
6. trade, hotels, transport & communication	10.9	12.7	12.1	11.6	13.1	11.0	11.5	12.4	11.2
7. financing, insurance, real estate & bus. Services	13.6	13.9	14.7	13.4	12.6	12.4	11.9	10.5	9.3
8. community, social & personal services	10.3	7.2	5.6	5.1	5.2	7.7	6.2	9.5	8.4
10. GDP at factor cost (total 1 to 8)	9.6	10.1	9.3	9.7	9.2	9.3	8.8	8.8	7.9

## AGRICULTURE

### MONSOON SEASON RAINFALL\*

In the monsoon Season, the rainfall from June 1, 2008- September 10, 2008 normal/ excess in 31 meteorological sub-divisions (86 per cent) and deficient/scanty in the remaining 5 (14 per cent). The annual average for 2003-2007 was normal/excess in 27 (75 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 9 (25 per cent).

#### Number of Meteorological Sub-divisions

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007+	2008
Excess/Normal	33	21	27	26	30	27	31
Deficient/Scanty/Nil	3	15	9	10	6	9	5
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36

\*(June-September)

+ Annual Average

### PROCUREMENT

Procurement of rice during the marketing year 2008-09 as on July 31, 2008 stood at 26.30 million tonnes which is an increase of 6.18 per cent over the level of 24.77 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2007-08. Wheat procurement as on July 31, 2008 in the current marketing year (i.e. 2008-09) increased by 103.25 per cent at 22.54 million tonnes as compared with 11.09 million tonnes in the corresponding period of 2007-08.

Million Tonnes

	Full Marketing Year				As on July 31		% change
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007	2008	
	Million Tonnes						
Rice(Oct-Sept.)	22.83	24.68	27.66	25.08	24.77	26.30	6.18
Wheat(Apr-Mar)	15.80	16.80	14.79	9.23	11.09	22.54	103.25
Total	38.63	41.48	42.45	34.31	35.86	48.84	36.20

### OFF-TAKE

Off-take through the Public Distribution System from Central Pool during April-July, 2008-09 was 12.09 million tonnes as against 12.29 million tonnes during April-July 2007-08.

Million Tonnes

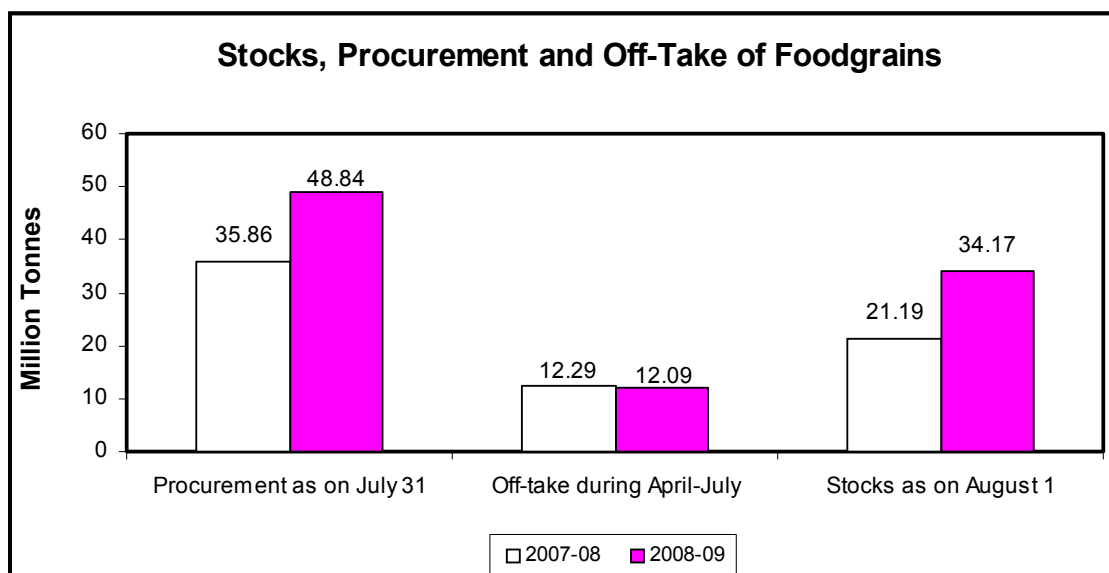
	2004-05(P)	2005-06(P)	2006-07(P)	April-July	
				2007-08	April-July 2008-09
Rice	23.20	25.04	25.06	8.51	8.42
Wheat	18.27	17.16	11.71	3.78	3.67
Total	41.47	42.20	36.77	12.29	12.09

P : Provisional

## STOCKS

Stocks of food-grains as on August 1, 2008 were 34.17 million tonnes, which was higher by 61.26 per cent than the level of 21.19 million tonnes as on August 1, 2007.

	As on August 1	
	2007	2008
Rice	9.17	9.79
Wheat	12.02	24.38
Total	21.19	34.17



[Rice-Kharif marketing year (October-September)]  
 [Wheat - Rabi marketing year (April-March)]

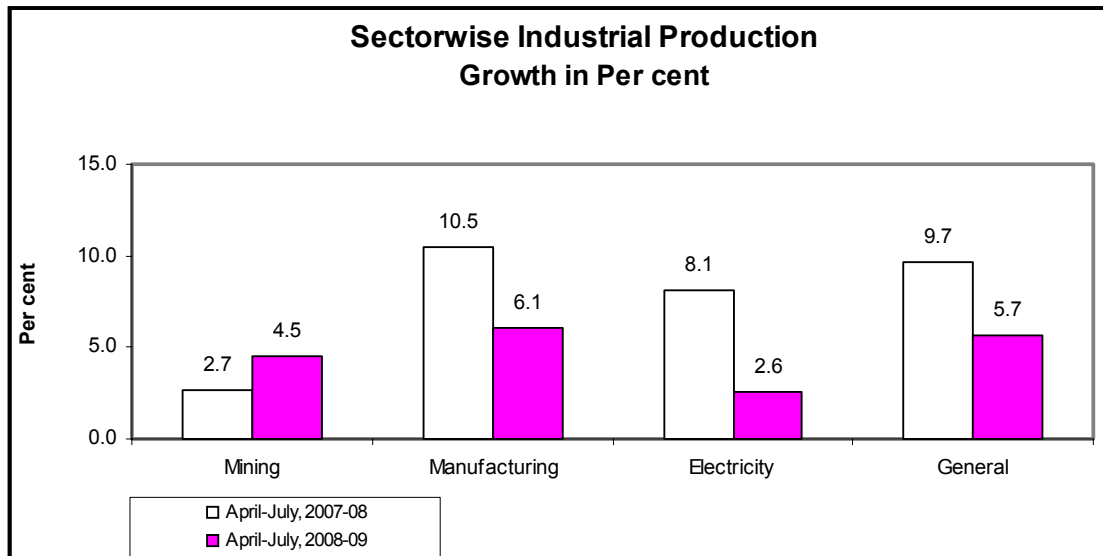
## INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The monthly growth in June achieved by the mining manufacturing and electricity sector was 5.0 per cent 7.5 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively as compared to 3.2 per cent, 8.8 per cent and 7.5 per cent during the corresponding month of last year.

The revised annual growth achieved by the mining, manufacturing and electricity sectors during April-July, 2008-09 was 4.5 percent, 6.1 percent and 2.6 per cent respectively as compared to 2.7 percent, 10.5 percent and 8.1 percent during the corresponding period of last year.

As per the use-based classification, the two use based categories namely Basic goods, and Intermediate goods showed a decline in July, 2008 compared to corresponding period of last year.

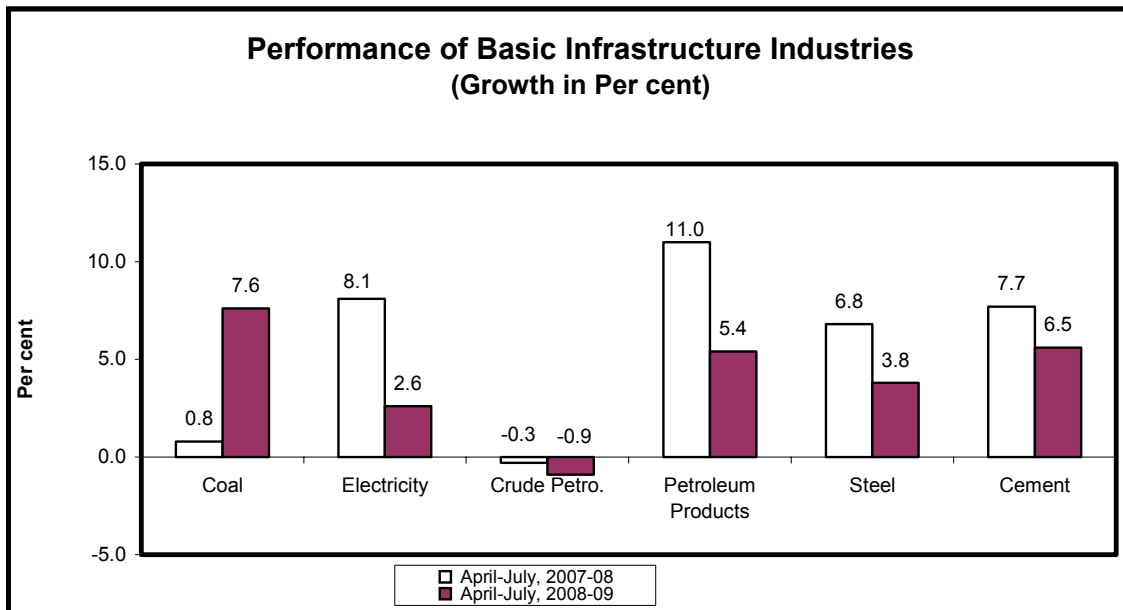
<b>(PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN SECTORWISE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION)</b>						
<b>(Base: 1993-94=100)</b>						
	2006-07	2007-08	July/07	July/08	April-July	
					2007-08	2008-09)
<b>General</b>	11.6	8.5	8.3	7.1	9.7	5.7
Mining	5.4	5.1	3.2	5.0	2.7	4.5
Manufacturing	12.5	9.0	8.8	7.5	10.5	6.1
Electricity	7.2	6.4	7.5	4.5	8.1	2.6
<b>Use-Based Classification</b>						
Basic goods	10.3	7.0	8.7	5.9	9.2	3.9
Capital goods	18.2	18.0	12.3	21.9	17.3	11.3
Intermediate goods	12.0	9.0	7.7	1.6	8.9	2.2
Consumer goods	10.1	6.1	7.1	7.3	8.5	8.1
<i>Of which</i>						
Consumer durables	9.2	-1.0	-2.7	11.2	-1.2	5.1
Consumer non-durables	10.4	8.6	10.5	6.1	11.9	9.1



## INFRASTRUCTURE

During April-July 2008-09, six core infrastructure industries registered a growth of 3.7 per cent (provisional) as against 6.6 per cent during the corresponding period of the previous year.

PRODUCTION IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES							
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	July		April- July		% Change	
		2007	2008	2007-08	2008-09	April-July	
						2007-08	2008-09
Coal	Mn tonnes	31.03	32.73	128.40	138.10	0.8	7.6
Electricity Generation	in Gwh	58301.0	60896.7	234231.2	240274.1	8.1	2.6
Crude petroleum	000 tonnes	2888	2801	11272	11172	-0.3	-0.9
Petroleum Products	000 tonnes	11902	13306	47964	50550	11.0	5.4
Finished steel	000 tonnes	4368	4453	16594	17230	6.8	3.8
Cement	000 tonnes	13910	15140	57470	61210	7.7	6.5
<b>Overall growth rate</b>		<b>7.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>



## MONEY AND BANKING

During the current financial year 2008-09, broad money stock (M3) (up to August 29, 2008) increased by 5.2 per cent as compared to 5.1 per cent during the corresponding period of the last year. The year-on-year growth, as on August 29, 2008, was 21.0 per cent as compared to 20.3 per cent of the corresponding date of last year.

Net foreign exchange assets (NFA) of banking sector during the current financial year (up to August 29, 2008) have increased by 4.2 per cent as compared to an increase of 5.9 per cent in the same period last year. The year on year growth rate of NFA, as on August 29, 2008, was 39.6 per cent compared to 19.4 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

<b>Money Stock: Components and Sources</b>						
Items	Outstanding as on (Rs. Crore)		Percentage Variation			
			Financial year so far		Year-on-year	
	March 31, 2008	August 29, 2008	2007-08	2008-09	2007	2008
<b>M3(I+II+III+IV)</b>	4006722	4215293	5.1	5.2	20.3	21.0
I. Currency with the public	567476	586561	0.8	3.4	12.5	20.6
II. Demand deposits with banks	474408	517045	-8.1	-10.0	14.9	18.3
III. Time deposits with banks	2855769	3106639	8.8	8.8	23.1	21.5
IV. Other deposits with RBI	9069	5048	-32.8	-44.3	-14.9	0.2
<b>Sources (1+2+3+4-5)</b>						
1. Net bank credit to Govt. (A+B)	907077	973943	5.7	7.4	10.0	10.4
A. RBI's net credit to Govt.	-113209	-89230	-	-	-	-
B. Other bank credit to Govt.	1020286	1063173	13.6	4.2	16.8	12.5
2. Bank credit to commercial sector	2569912	2676605	1.7	4.2	21.4	23.5
3. Net foreign exchange assets (NFA) of banking sector	1295131	1349952	5.9	4.2	19.4	39.6
4. Government's currency liabilities to the public	9324	9486	5.5	1.7	9.9	8.8
5. Banking sector's net non-monetary liabilities other than time deposits	774723	794693	-5.1	2.6	6.1	47.1

### **SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS (SCBs): BUSINESS IN INDIA**

During the current financial year (up to August 29, 2008) gross bank credit increased by 4.1 per cent as compared to a lower increase of 1.6 per cent during the corresponding period of last year.

The Non-Food credit during the financial year (up to August 29, 2008), increased by 4.2 per cent compared to an increase of 2.1 per cent during the corresponding period of last year.

The year-on-year growth of time deposits with SCBs as on August 29, 2008 was 22.6 per cent as compared to 24.4 per cent during the corresponding period of last year.

<b>Select Scheduled Commercial banks - Business in India</b>						
Items	Outstanding as on (Rs. Crore)		Per cent Variation			
			Financial year so far		Year-on-year	
	Mar 28, 2008	August 29, 2008	2007-08	2008-09	2007	2008
<b>1. Bank credit</b>	2361913	2458334	1.6	4.1	22.9	25.3
Food credit	44399	44343	-17.3	-0.1	5.4	15.2
Non-Food credit	2317514	2413991	2.1	4.2	23.3	25.5
<b>2. Aggregate deposit</b>	3196940	3391461	6.3	6.1	23.1	22.1
Demand deposit	524310	469389	-8.3	-10.5	15.9	19.2
Time deposits	2672630	2922073	9.2	9.3	24.4	22.6
<b>3. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities</b>	971715	1018438	14.2	4.8	17.9	12.7
Government securities	958662	999822	14.6	4.3	18.6	12.4
Other approved securities	13053	18616	-7.1	42.6	-10.8	29.6

### INTEREST RATES (PER CENT PER ANNUM)

As on August 29, 2008 Bank Rate was 6.00 per cent, the same as on the corresponding date of last year. Call money rates (borrowing) were in the range of 4.55/10.04 per cent as compared with 2.50/8.40 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Item/week ended	2007	2008
	August 31	August 29
Bank Rate	6.00	6.00
IDBI <sup>1</sup>	10.25	10.25
Prime Lending Rate <sup>2</sup>	12.75-13.25	13.25-14.00
Deposit Rate <sup>3</sup>	8.00-9.50	8.75-10.00
Call Money Rate <sup>4</sup> (Low/High)		
Borrowings	2.50/8.40	4.55/10.04
Lending	2.50/8.40	4.55/10.04
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 transactions reported by major participants		

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports, in dollar terms, during April-July, 2008 increased by 24.6 percent. Imports increased by 34.2 percent. Oil imports increased by 54.9 percent and Non-oil imports increased by 25.2 per cent.

US Dollar Million

Item	2006-07	2007-08	April - July		% Change
			2007 - 08	2008 - 09	April - July 2008 - 09
Exports	126361	155512	47487	59191	24.6
Imports	185749	235911	47840	100418	34.2
POL	57144	76934	22596	35006	54.9
Non-POL	128606	158817	52243	65412	25.2
Trade Balance	-59388	-80399	-27352	-41227	-

Source: Provisional Data for April - July, 2008 as per the press note of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES (EXCLUDING GOLD & SDRs)

	Amount		Variation	
	Rs.Crore	\$ Million	Rs.Crore	\$ Million
<b>At the end of</b>			<b>(over last year)</b>	
March, 2001	184482	39554	31558	4496
March, 2002	249118	51049	64636	11495
March, 2003	341476	71890	92358	20841
March, 2004	466215	107448	124739	35558
March, 2005	593121	135571	126906	28123
March, 2006	647327	145108	54206	9537
March, 2007	836597	191924	7064	4713
March, 2008	1196023	299230	359426	107306
<b>2008-2009</b>			<b>(over last month)</b>	
April, 2008	1230896	304225	34873	4995
May, 2008	1298464	304875	67568	650
June, 2008	1298552	302340	88	-2535
July, 2008	1257357	295918	-41195	-6422
August, 2008	1252904	286117	-4453	-9801
Source : RBI.				



### EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

Gross external aid in July, 08 at Rs 1335.92 crore was 6.4 percent higher than that of Rs 1259.83 crore in August, 07. Net disbursements were Rs 569.45 crore as compared with Rs 520.31 crore in same period last year. Net aid transfers were Rs 309.00 crore as compared with Rs 219.62 crore in corresponding period last year.

### EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

(Rs. In crores)

MONTH : AUGUST		FINANCIAL YEAR: 2008-2009		
	AUGUST 2008	During the Financial year 2008-2009	AUGUST 2007	During the Fincial year 2007-2008
<b>External Assistance (Government Account)</b>				
1) Gross Disbursement	1,168.22	5,443.64	1,110.55	4,563.38
2) Repayments	747.01	3,547.43	707.71	3,047.35
3) Interest Payments	240.92	1,591.95	282.24	1,491.24
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	421.21	1,896.21	402.84	1,516.03
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	180.29	304.26	120.60	24.79
<b>External Assistance (Non-Government Account)</b>				
1) Gross Disbursement	79.99	1,002.92	101.58	726.72
2) Repayments	36.09	470.69	31.81	494.23
3) Interest Payments	19.53	295.56	18.45	328.01
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	43.90	532.23	69.77	232.49
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	24.37	236.67	51.32	-95.52
<b>Govt Grants</b>				
1) Gross Disbursement	101.54	660.90	47.33	787.81
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)	101.54	660.90	47.33	787.81
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	101.54	660.90	47.33	787.81
<b>Non Govt Grants</b>				
1) Gross Disbursement	2.80	16.60	0.37	27.43
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)	2.80	16.60	0.37	27.43
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	2.80	16.60	0.37	27.43
<b>Grand Total</b>				
1) Gross Disbursements	1,335.92	7,124.06	1,259.83	6,105.34
2) Repayments	783.10	4,018.12	739.52	3,541.58
3) Interest Payments	260.45	1,887.51	300.69	1,819.25
4) Net Disbursement (1-2)	569.45	3,105.94	520.31	2,563.76
5) Net Transfers (4-3)	309.00	1,218.43	219.62	744.51

### Rupees per Unit of Foreign Currency

The monthly average exchange rate of the rupee depreciated against US dollar and appreciated against Pound Sterling Euro and Japanese Yen on monthly average basis in August, 2008 over July, 2008.

### Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency

(Market Rate)@				
	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Japanese Yen	Euro
March, 2005	43.69	83.25	0.4152	57.66
March, 2006	44.48	77.62	0.3793	53.46
March, 2007	44.03	85.68	0.3754	58.27
March, 2008	40.36	80.81	0.4009	62.63
<b>2008-2009</b>				
April, 2008	40.02	79.20	0.3893	63.03
May, 2008	42.13	82.74	0.4041	65.55
June, 2008	42.8212	84.1050	0.4007	66.5735
July, 2008	42.8380	85.1704	0.4015	67.5635
August, 2008	42.9111	81.3406	0.3934	64.4467
@ FEDAI Rates				

### INFLATION

The annual rate of inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) stood at 12.10 per cent for week ended August 30, 2008 compared with 3.72 per cent a year ago. This rate was contributed by an increase of 10.07 per cent in Primary Articles, 16.94 per cent increase in Fuel, Power, Lights and Lubricants and 11.07 per cent increase in Manufactured Products as against an increase of 8.07 per cent, -2.93 per cent and 4.70 per cent respectively on the corresponding date of last year

VARIATION IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (Base: 1993-94)					
Items/Groups	Weight (%)	Percent variation during			
		Month end		Year (Point to Point)	
		Last year	Current year	Last year	Current year
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>12.10</b>
1. Primary articles	22.03	1.12	-0.12	8.07	10.07
2. Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants	14.23	-0.22	-1.10	-2.93	16.94
3. Manufactured Products	63.75	0.54	0.83	4.70	11.07

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for July, 2008 stood at 143. The CPI-IW in July, 2008 was 8.33 per cent which is higher than 6.45 per cent in July, 2007.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (INDUSTRIAL WORKER) AND INFLATION RATE (%)		
(Base : 1982=100)		
	2007-08 (July, 2007)	2008-09 (July, 2008)
Annual Inflation	6.45	8.33
Financial Year Inflation	3.94	4.38
Per cent change over last month	1.54	2.14
Level of Index	132	143
Average of Index for 12 months ending July	127.58	136.17

## WORLD COMMODITY PRICE

Commodity	Unit	Quarterly averages			Monthly averages		
		Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jun	Jul	Aug
		2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
<b>Energy</b>							
Coal, Australia	\$/mt	83.5	114.0	138.7	159.8	180.0	157.5
Crude oil, avg, spot	\$/bbl	87.6	95.3	121.0	131.5	132.8	114.6
Crude oil, Brent	\$/bbl	88.9	96.7	122.4	133.0	133.9	113.8
Crude oil, Dubai	\$/bbl	83.2	91.3	116.7	127.6	131.2	113.2
Natural gas, US	\$/mmbtu	7.0	8.7	11.3	12.7	11.1	8.3
<b>Agriculture</b>							
Coffee, robusta	c/kg	202.1	247.3	243.6	245.5	254.0	248.2
Tea, auctions (3), average	c/kg	225.6	234.6	254.7	266.9	275.9	274.8
Coconut oil	\$/mt	1098.0	1379.3	1498.7	1551.0	1436.0	1188.8
Groundnut oil	\$/mt	1651.3	2007.3	2327.9	2438.8	2536.4	2370.0
Palm oil	\$/mt	927.7	1156.0	1198.2	1213.0	1128.0	884.0
Palmkernel oil	\$/mt	1083.7	1375.0	1419.7	1397.0	1272.0	1071.3
Soybean meal	\$/mt	402.1	443.3	483.7	512.0	508.0	441.0
Soybean oil	\$/mt	1104.7	1384.0	1466.0	1537.0	1511.0	1323.0
Maize	\$/mt	171.9	220.4	259.0	287.1	265.3	235.0
Rice, Thailand, 25%	\$/mt	329.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	700.0	657.5
Wheat, US, HRW	\$/mt	341.9	411.8	346.5	348.6	328.2	329.3
Wheat US SRW	\$/mt	326.2	384.1	277.8	254.7	245.4	255.4
Oranges	\$/mt	982.0	1103.2	1321.9	1414.4	1431.7	1131.9
Sugar, world	c/kg	22.6	28.4	27.0	26.7	31.4	32.2
<b>Raw Materials</b>							
Logs, Malaysia	\$/cum	275.5	293.4	282.3	272.3	275.8	272.9
Plywood	c/sheets	647.0	640.4	647.3	647.3	647.9	649.3
Woodpulp	\$/mt	819.4	850.2	870.7	873.4	878.4	878.0
Cotton A Index	c/kg	153.0	167.9	166.5	169.9	170.4	172.1
Rubber, US	c/kg	264.8	292.6	311.7	334.0	337.1	332.9
Rubber, Singapore	c/kg	245.1	275.5	307.9	332.0	321.6	294.9
<b>Fertilizers</b>							
DAP	\$/mt	522.1	860.2	1191.6	1175.0	1185.4	1176.9
Phosphate rock	\$/mt	98.3	234.4	367.5	367.5	367.5	430.0
Potassium chloride	\$/mt	230.8	367.7	511.1	537.5	560.0	640.0
Urea	\$/mt	365.4	357.6	575.7	628.4	760.0	770.0
<b>Metals and Minerals</b>							
Aluminum	\$/mt	2443.7	2742.6	2940.0	2957.9	3071.2	2764.4
Copper	\$/mt	7187.6	7796.0	8442.8	8260.6	8414.0	7634.7
Gold	\$/toz	788.0	926.8	896.0	889.5	939.8	839.0
Iron ore	c/dmtu	84.7	140.6	140.6	140.6	140.6	140.6
Lead	c/kg	321.5	289.9	230.7	186.3	194.5	192.4
Nickel	\$/mt	29219.2	28956.8	25682.4	22549.0	20160.2	18927.8
Silver	c/toz	1423.5	1764.7	1720.0	1704.0	1806.4	1457.8
Steel cr coilsheet	\$/mt	650.0	762.5	900.0	1100.0	1100.0	1100.0
Steel hr coilsheet	\$/mt	550.0	700.0	833.3	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
Tin	c/kg	1634.2	1778.4	2265.0	2222.9	2313.9	2002.6
Zinc	c/kg	262.3	243.0	211.3	189.4	185.2	172.3

Source : World Bank - The Pink Sheet

**PUBLIC FINANCE**  
**Trends in Central Government Finances: April-July 2008**

	Budget	April-July		Col.3 as	Col. 4 as	% Change over	
	Estimates	2007-08	2008-09	% of	% of	proceeding year	
	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
	(Rs. Crore)						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<b>1. Revenue Receipts</b>	<b>602935</b>	<b>95291</b>	<b>117869</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>23.7</b>
<b>Gross tax revenue</b>	<b>687715</b>	<b>121337</b>	<b>153131</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>26.2</b>
Tax (net to Centre)	507150	79911	101263	19.8	20.0	25.6	26.7
Non Tax	95785	15380	16606	18.6	17.3	12.3	8.0
<b>2. Capital Receipts</b>	<b>147949</b>	<b>132772</b>	<b>116851</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
of which:							
Recovery of loans	4497	997	854	66.5	19.0	-57.4	-14.3
Other Receipts	10165	2367	17	5.7	0.2	-	-
Borrowings and other liabilities	133287	129408	115980	85.7	87.0	49.8	-10.4
<b>3. Total Receipts (1+2)</b>	<b>750884</b>	<b>228063</b>	<b>234720</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>4. Non-Plan Expenditure (a)+(b)</b>	<b>507498</b>	<b>168244</b>	<b>158688</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
(a) Revenue Account	448352	128094	153414	33.4	34.2	11.3	19.8
of which:							
Interest payments	190807	48936	52001	30.8	27.3	21.8	6.3
Major Subsidies	66537	27395	46564	53.7	70.0	26.3	70.0
Pensions	25085	6594	7944	28.1	31.7	0.4	20.5
(b) Capital Account	59146	40150*	5274	43.7	8.9	693.2	-86.9
<b>5. Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii)</b>	<b>243386</b>	<b>59819</b>	<b>76032</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>27.1</b>
(i) Revenue Account	209767	49597	64668	28.4	30.8	22.5	30.4
(ii) Capital Account	33619	10222	11364	33.2	33.8	86.8	11.2
<b>6. Total Expenditure (4)+(5)=(a)+(b)</b>	<b>750884</b>	<b>228063</b>	<b>234720</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>
(a) Revenue Expenditure	658119	177691	218082	31.8	33.1	14.2	22.7
(b) Capital Expenditure	92765	50372	16638	41.1	17.9	378.1	-67.0
<b>7. Revenue Deficit</b>	<b>55184</b>	<b>82400</b>	<b>100213</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>181.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>21.6</b>
<b>8. Fiscal Deficit</b>	<b>133287</b>	<b>129408 *</b>	<b>115980</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
<b>9. Primary Deficit</b>	<b>-57520</b>	<b>80472</b>	<b>63979</b>	<b>-1000.0</b>	<b>-111.2</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>-20.5</b>

\* The increase in fiscal deficit is due to increased capital expenditure on 'Acquisition of RBI stake in SBI' (Rs. 35,531 crore). This expenditure will be neutralized by realizing equal amount of receipts from RBI during the course of this financial year.