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**MONTHLY ECONOMIC REPORT
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HIGHLIGHTS

- The overall growth of GDP during 2006-07 (as per the Quick 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 8.7 percent.
- The Winter (January- February) Season rainfall from January 1, 2008 to February 6, 2008 was normal/excess in 33 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions.
- Food grain stocks were 18.41 million tonnes as on December 1, 2007.
- Overall industrial growth was 9.0 per cent during April-December, 2007-08 as compared with 11.2 per cent in April-December, 2006-07.
- Core infrastructure sectors achieved an average growth rate of 5.7 per cent during April-December, 2007-08 as compared with 8.9 per cent in April-December, 2006-07.
- Broad Money (M3) growth (year-on-year) was 23.8 per cent as of January 18, 2008 as compared with 21.3 per cent last year.
- Exports grew by 21.8 per cent in dollar terms during April-December, 2007. Imports increased by 26.0 per cent in April-December, 2007.
- Forex reserves (excluding Gold and SDRs) stood at \$266.55 billion at the end of December, 2007.
- Rupee appreciated against Euro, Pound Sterling and Japanese Yen and depreciated against US Dollar in December, 2007.
- The annual inflation rate in terms of WPI (Base 1993-94=100) was 4.11 per cent for the week ended January 26, 2007 as compared to 6.69 per cent a year ago.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April-December, 2007-08 was higher by 27.5 per cent compared with corresponding period 2006-07.
- In terms of value, Fiscal deficit during April-December, 2007-08 decreased by 18.2 per cent over corresponding period last year.
- In terms of value, Revenue deficit during April-December, 2007-08 was lower by 41.3 per cent over corresponding period last year.

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Economic growth

As per the advance estimates of Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost at constant (1999-2000) prices is likely to grow at 8.7 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 (AE) was 2.6 per cent in Agriculture, 8.9 per cent in Industry and 10.7 per cent in Services as compared 3.8 per cent, 11.0 per cent and 11.1 per cent respectively during 2006-07 (QE).

Growth of GDP at factor cost by Economic Activity								
(at constant 1999-2000 prices)								
Industry	Growth				Percentage share in GDP			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Q)	2007-08 (A)	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Q)	2007-08 (A)
1 Agriculture, forestry & fishing	0.0	5.9	3.8	2.6	20.2	19.6	18.5	17.5
2 Industry	10.3	10.1	11.0	8.9	26.2	26.4	26.7	26.8
a Mining & quarrying	8.2	4.9	5.7	3.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
b Manufacturing	8.7	9.0	12.0	9.4	15.1	15.1	15.4	15.5
c Electricity, gas & water supply	7.9	4.7	6.0	7.8	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1
d Construction	16.1	16.5	12.0	9.6	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.3
3 Services	9.1	10.3	11.1	10.7	53.6	54.0	54.7	55.7
a Trade, hotels, transport & communication	10.7	11.5	11.8	12.1	25.8	26.3	26.8	27.6
b Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	8.7	11.4	13.9	11.7	13.5	13.8	14.3	14.7
c Community, social & personal services	6.9	7.2	6.9	7.0	14.2	14.0	13.6	13.4
4 GDP at factor cost	7.5	9.4	9.6	8.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(P) Provisional, (Q): Quick estimates (R) Revised Estimates

Quarterly Estimate of GDP First Quarter 2007-08 (Percentage change over previous year)							
		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2
1	Agriculture forestry & fishing	4.0	4.0	2.8	2.9	3.8	3.6
2	Industry	10.5	7.7	10.6	11.3	10.6	9.1
	Mining and Quarrying	6.1	0.1	3.7	3.9	3.2	7.7
	Manufacturing	10.7	8.1	12.3	12.7	11.9	8.6
	Electricity Gas and Water Supply	7.4	2.6	5.8	8.1	8.3	7.3
	Construction	12.7	11.3	10.5	11.1	10.7	11.1
3	Services	9.2	9.3	11.7	11.8	10.6	10.2
	Trade hotels and Communications	10.2	9.5	12.4	14.2	12.0	11.4
	Financial Services	8.9	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.0	10.6
	Community, Social and Personnel Services	7.5	7.9	11.3	8.3	7.6	7.8
	Overall GDP at factor cost	8.4	8.0	9.6	10.2	9.3	8.9

AGRICULTURE

WINTER SEASON RAINFALL*

In the Winter Season, the rainfall from January 1, 2008 to February 6, 2008 was normal/excess in 12 meteorological sub-divisions (33 per cent) and deficient/scanty in the remaining 24 (67 per cent). The annual average for 2003-2007 was normal/excess in 12 (33 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 24 (67 per cent).

Number of Meteorological Sub-divisions

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007+	2008
Excess/Normal	12	19	24	2	2	12	12
Deficient/Scanty/Nil	24	17	12	34	34	24	24
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36

*(January-February)

+ Annual Average

PROCUREMENT

Procurement of rice during the marketing year 2007-08 (as on November 30, 2007) at 9.17 million tonnes was declined by 7.5 per cent than the level of 9.91 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2006-07. Wheat procurement as on November 30, 2007 in the current marketing year (i.e. 2007-08) increased by 20.5 per cent at 11.12 million tonnes as compared with 9.23 million tonnes in the corresponding period of 2006-07.

	Full Marketing Year				As on Nov 30		% change
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2006	2007	
	Million Tonnes						
Rice(Oct-Sept.)	22.83	24.68	27.66	25.08	9.91	9.17	-7.5
Wheat(Apr-Mar)	15.80	16.80	14.79	9.23	9.23	11.12	20.5
Total	38.63	41.48	42.45	34.31	19.14	20.30	6.1

OFF-TAKE

Off-take from the Public Distribution System from Central Pool during April-November, 2007 was 24.31 million tonnes as against 24.35 million tonnes during April-November, 2006.

Million Tonnes

	2004-05(P)	2005-06(P)	2006-07(P)	April-November	
				2006	2007
Rice	23.20	25.04	25.06	16.68	16.33
Wheat	18.27	17.16	11.71	7.67	7.98
Total	41.47	42.20	36.77	24.35	24.31

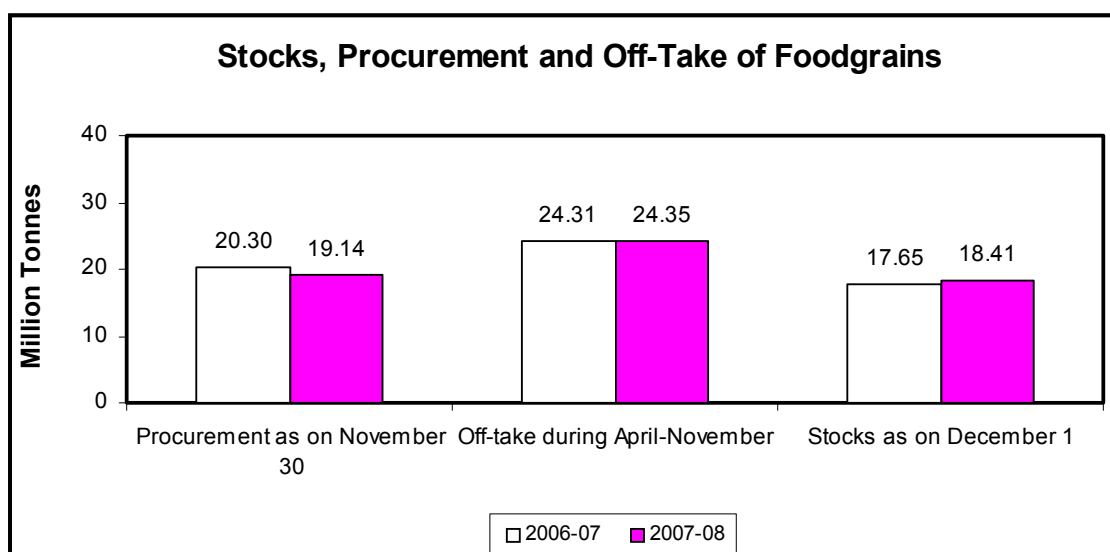
P : Provisional

STOCKS

Stocks of food-grains as on December 1, 2007 was 18.40 million tonnes, which was higher by 4.31 per cent than the level of 17.65 million tonnes as on December 1, 2006.

Million Tonnes

	As on December 1	
	2006	2007
Rice	12.05	10.05
Wheat	5.59	8.36
Total	17.65	18.41



[Rice-Kharif marketing year (October-September)]

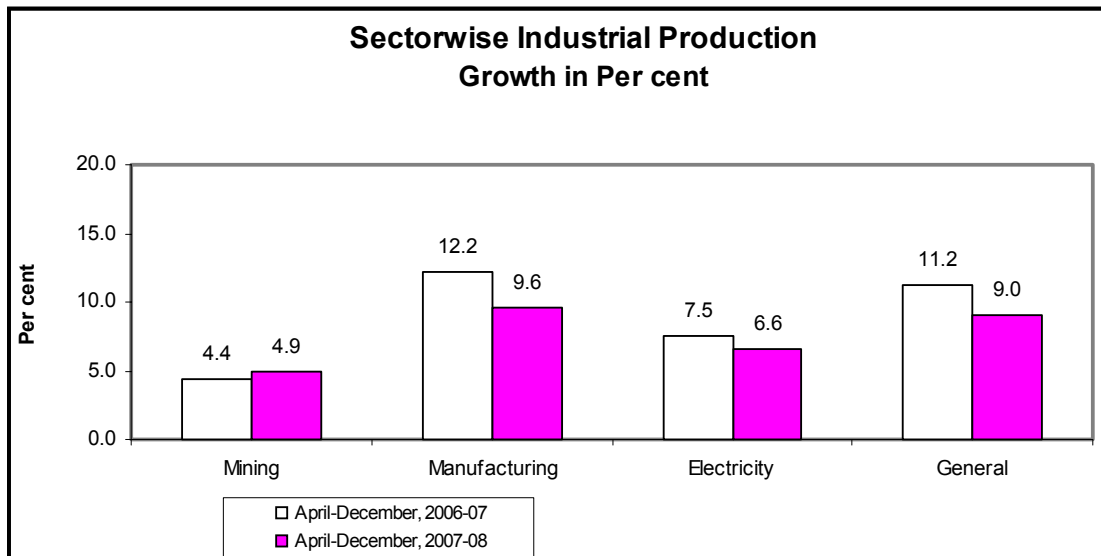
[Wheat - Rabi marketing year (April-March)]

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The overall growth rate of index of industrial production (IIP) during April-December, 2007-08 was 9.0 percent as compared to 11.2 percent in April-December, 2006-07. The growth rate achieved by the mining, manufacturing and electricity sectors during April-December, 2007 was 4.9 percent, 9.6 percent and 6.6 percent respectively as compared to 4.4 percent, 12.2 percent and 7.5 percent during the corresponding period last year.

As per the use-based classification, growth in capital goods accelerated during April-December 2007 as compared to April-December, 2006-07. For consumer goods, the growth during April-December 2007 has been lower as compared to April-December 2006-07.

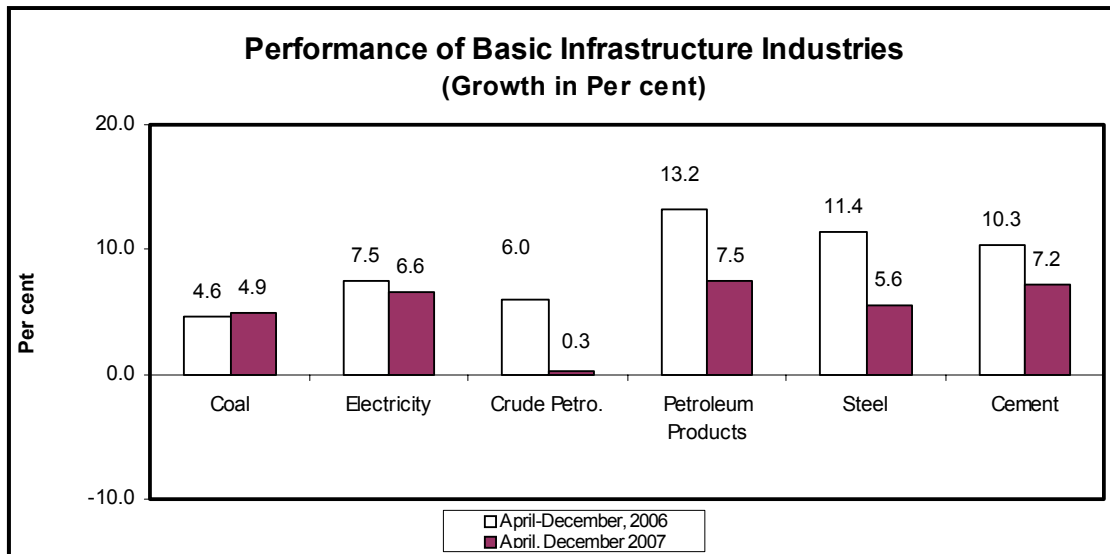
(PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN SECTORWISE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION)						
(Base: 1993-94=100)						
	2005-06	2006-07	Dec '06	Dec'07	April-December	
					2006-07	2007-08
General	8.2	11.5	13.4	7.6	11.2	9.0
Mining	1	5.4	6.1	3.0	4.4	4.9
Manufacturing	9.1	12.5	14.5	8.4	11.2	9.6
Electricity	5.2	7.3	9.1	3.8	7.5	6.6
Use-Based Classification						
Basic goods	6.7	10.3	12.4	3.1	9.8	7.8
Capital goods	15.8	18.2	26.2	16.6	18.6	20.2
Intermediate goods	2.5	12	12.7	7.2	11.3	9.6
Consumer goods	12	10.1	10.7	8.7	9.9	5.8
<i>Of which</i>						
Consumer durables	15.3	9.2	1.8	2.2	12.2	-1.3
Consumer non-durables	11	10.4	13.5	10.6	9.5	8.4



INFRASTRUCTURE

The six core infrastructure industries registered a growth of 5.7 per cent during April-December, 2007 as compared to 8.9 per cent in corresponding period last year.

PRODUCTION IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES								
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	December		Full Yr.	April-December		% Change	
		2006	2007	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
Coal	Mn tonnes	39.49	42.81	426	295.19	309.52	4.6	4.9
Electricity Generation	in Gwh	57025.5	59211.2	662693	493348.8	525407.7	7.5	6.6
Crude petroleum	000 tonnes	2924	2881	33987	25486	25569	6.0	0.3
Petroleum Products	000 tonnes	11912	12145	135587	100405	107983	13.2	7.5
Finished steel	000 tonnes	4351	4574	49390	36070	38087	11.4	5.6
Cement	000 tonnes	14010	14550	161310	117810	126275	10.3	7.2
Overall growth rate		9.0	4.0	8.2	-	-	8.9	5.7



MONEY AND BANKING

During the current financial year 2007-08, broad money stock (M3) (up to January 18, 2008) increased by 15.0 per cent as compared to the growth rate of 12.7 per cent registered during the corresponding period of the last year. The year-on-year growth, as on January 18, 2008, was 23.8 per cent as compared to 21.3 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Net foreign exchange assets (NFA) of banking sector (up to January 18, 2008) have increased by 25.7 per cent as compared to 17.3 per cent in the same period last year. The year on year growth rate of NFA, as on January 18, 2008, was 34.8 per cent as against 29.9 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Items	Outstanding as on (Rs. crore)		% Variations			
			Financial year so far		Year-on-year	
	March 31, 2007	January 18, 2008	2006-07	2007-08	2006	2007
M3(I+II+III+IV)	3310278	3807105	12.7	15.0	21.3	23.8
I. Currency with the public	483471	544265	14.2	12.6	16.9	15.4
II. Demand deposits with banks	474228	503055	-2.0	6.1	17.2	26.3
III. Time deposits with banks	2345083	2754979	15.6	17.5	23.0	25.2
IV. Other deposits with RBI	7496	4806	-18.6	-35.9	22.0	-14.0
Sources (1+2+3+4-5)						
1. Net bank credit to Govt. (A+B)	838177	844979	5.8	0.8	3.7	4.1
A. RBI's net credit to Govt.	5752	-155879	-	-	-	-
B. Other bank credit to Govt.	832425	1000858	5.4	20.2	5.8	25.2
2. Bank credit to commercial sector	2123362	2378947	16.0	12.0	27.0	21.1
3. Net foreign exchange assets (NFA) of banking sector	913179	1147824	17.3	25.7	29.9	34.8
4. Government's currency liabilities to the public	8286	8851	-6.3	6.8	-5.3	7.9
5. Banking sector's net non-monetary liabilities other than time deposits	572727	573495	20.4	0.1	22.3	2.5

SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS (SCBs): BUSINESS IN INDIA

During the current financial year (up to January 18, 2008) gross bank credit increased by 12.3 per cent as compared to 17.4 per cent during the same period of the previous year. The year-on-year growth of gross bank credit as on January 18, 2008 was 22.5 per cent as against 29.9 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Non-Food credit during the financial year so far (up to January 18, 2008), increased by 13.0 per cent as compared to an increase of 17.8 per cent during the same period of the last year. The year-on-year growth rate of non-food credit, as on January 18, 2008, was 23.1 per cent as compared to 30.5 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

The year-on-year growth of time deposits with SCBs as on January 18, 2008 was 26.5 per cent as compared to 23.9 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Select Scheduled Commercial banks – Business in India						
Items	Outstanding as on (Rs. Crore)		% Variations			
	Mar 31, 2007	January 18, 2008	Financial year so far		Year-on-year	
			2006-07	2007-08	2006	2007
1. Bank credit	1928914	2166847	17.4	12.3	29.9	22.5
Food credit	46521	39183	1.3	-15.8	7.5	-4.9
Non-Food credit	1882393	2127664	17.8	13.0	30.5	23.1
2. Aggregate deposit	2608310	3030640	13.4	16.2	22.9	26.7
Demand deposit	429138	455947	-2.4	6.2	17.8	28.1
Time deposits	2179172	2574694	16.7	18.2	23.9	26.5
3. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities	790432	958496	5.5	21.3	5.8	26.6
Government securities	774981	939624	5.8	21.2	6.3	26.7
Other approved securities	15451	18873	-7.4	22.1	-14.1	22.0

INTEREST RATES (PER CENT PER ANNUM)

As on January 18, 2008 Bank Rate was 6.00 per cent, which is the same as on the corresponding date of last year. Call money rates (borrowing) were in the range of 3.50/52.00 per cent as compared with 5.80/8.70 per cent on the corresponding date of last year.

Item/week ended	2007	2008
	January 19	January 18
Bank Rate	6.00	6.00
IDBI ¹	10.25	10.25
Prime Lending Rate ²	11.50-12.0	12.75-13.25
Deposit Rate ³	7.25-8.50	8.25-9.0
Call Money Rate ⁴ (Low/High)		
Borrowings	5.80/8.70	3.50/52.00
Lending	5.80/8.70	3.50/52.00

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-December 2007 increased by 21.8 percent. Imports increased by 26.0 percent. Oil imports increased by 11.7 percent and Non-oil imports increased by 33.0 per cent.

Million US Dollar

Item			April- December (P)		% Change April- December
	2005-06(R)	2006-07 (P)	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
Exports	103092	126360	91203	111050	21.8
Imports	149167	185747	134055	168871	26.0
POL	43964	57143	44156	49312	11.7
Non-POL	105204	128604	89899	119559	33.0
Trade Balance	-46076	-59387	-42852	-57822	-

Source: Provisional Data for April- December, 2007 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
At the end of			(over last year)	
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
March, 2004	466215	107448	124739	35558
March, 2005	593121	135571	126906	28123
March, 2006	647327	145108	54206	9537
March, 2007	836597	191924	7064	4713
2007-2008			(over last month)	
April	812995	196899	-23602	4975
May	817440	200697	4445	3789
June	839879	206105	22439	5408
July	888680	219753	48801	13648
August	907301	221509	18621	1756
September	953581	239955	46280	18446
October	1008271	256427	54690	16472
November	1050165	264725	41894	8298
December*	1050485	266553	320	1828

* Provisional Source : RBI.

EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

Gross external aid during April-December, 2007 at Rs 10815 crore was 6.2 percent higher than that of Rs 10182 crore in April-December, 2006. Net disbursements were Rs 5939 crore as compared with Rs. 4917 crore during same period last year. Net aid transfers were Rs 3340 crore as compared with Rs 2362 crore during corresponding period last year.

EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS*

(Rs crore)

	Receipts		Repayment of Principal		Payment of Interest	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
External Assistance - Govt A/C	8180	8350	4744	4332	2192	2212
External Assistance - Non-Govt A/C	658	1083	521	544	362	387
Govt. Grant	1312	1350	-	-	-	-
Non-Govt Grant	32	31	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	10182	10815	5265	4876	2555	2599
Net Disbursement	4917	5939	-	-	-	-
Net Transfers	2362	3340	-	-	-	-

* April-November

Rupees per Unit of Foreign Currency

The average market exchange rate of the Rupee during December, 2007 appreciated against Euro, Pound Sterling and Japanese Yen and depreciated against US Dollar as compared with average market exchange rate of the Rupee during November, 2007.

Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency

	(Market Rate)@			
	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Japanese Yen	Euro
March, 2003	47.64	75.44	0.4015	51.52
March, 2004	45.08	82.29	0.4141	55.25
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
2007-2008				
April	42.15	83.82	0.3546	56.96
May	40.78	80.91	0.3377	55.11
June	40.77	80.99	0.3325	54.71
July	40.41	82.18	0.3325	55.43
August	40.82	82.12	0.3497	55.65
September	40.34	81.38	0.3507	56.03
October	39.51	80.73	0.3411	56.22
November	39.43	81.70	0.3554	57.92
December	39.44	79.78	0.3515	57.51

@ FEDAI Rates, Rupee- US dollar rate as on 10/1/2007 was Rs. 39.285

INFLATION

The annual rate of inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) stood at 4.11 per cent for week ended January 26, 2007 compared with 6.69 per cent a year ago. This rate was contributed by an increase of 3.90 per cent in Primary Articles, 3.92 per cent increase in Fuel, Power, Lights and Lubricants and 4.24 per cent increase in Manufactured Products as against an increase of 10.76 per cent, 3.57 per cent and 6.28 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	(week ending 26-1-2008)	
Last year	Current year	Last year	Current year		
All Commodities	100.00	0.14	0.74	6.69	4.11
1.Primary articles	22.03	0.65	0.68	10.76	3.92
2. Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants	14.23	-0.03	1.27	3.57	4.24
3. Manufactured Products	63.75	0.00	0.53	6.38	4.24

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for December, 2007 stood at 134 (no change in previous month's level) with the year 2001 as the base. Based on the linking factor, the index works out to 620 at 1982 base. The level of CPI-IW of December, 2007 was higher than the level of December, 2006 by 5.51 per cent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (INDUSTRIAL WORKER) AND INFLATION RATE (%)		
(Base : 1982=100)		
	2006-07 (December, 2006)	2007-08 (December, 2007)
Annual Inflation	6.91	5.51
Financial Year Inflation	6.72	5.51
Per cent change over last month	0.00	0.00
Level of Index	588	620
Average of Index for 12 months ending December	569.10	605.37

WORLD COMMODITY PRICE

Commodity	Unit	Quarterly averages			Monthly averages		
		Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Nov	Dec	Jan
		2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008
Energy							
Coal, Australia	\$/mt	57.91	68.37	83.47	84.60	91.00	91.75
Crude oil, avg, spot	\$/bbl	66.13	73.50	87.61	91.34	89.52	90.69
Crude oil, Brent	\$/bbl	68.73	75.04	88.95	92.53	91.45	91.92
Crude oil, Dubai	\$/bbl	64.71	69.97	83.21	86.73	85.75	87.17
Natural gas, US	\$/mmbtu	7.50	6.17	7.03	7.14	7.15	8.00
Agriculture							
Coffee, robusta	c/kg	188.25	200.42	202.15	204.13	201.48	218.72
Tea, auctions (3), average	c/kg	199.86	211.03	225.59	220.63	231.27	240.26
Coconut oil	\$/mt	900.17	923.00	1098.00	1131.00	1153.00	1285.00
Groundnut oil	\$/mt	1190.00	1397.00	1651.33	1691.00	1777.00	1861.00
Palm oil	\$/mt	762.33	822.33	927.67	952.00	950.00	1059.00
Palmkernel oil	\$/mt	875.67	916.83	1083.67	1116.00	1134.00	1277.00
Soybean meal	\$/mt	260.33	309.47	402.11	397.00	425.33	434.00
Soybean oil	\$/mt	793.92	917.47	1104.67	1138.00	1164.00	1276.00
Maize	\$/mt	159.41	152.49	171.89	171.25	180.25	206.37
Rice, Thailand, 25%	\$/mt	297.43	306.52	329.49	327.75	347.33	364.40
Wheat, US, HRW	\$/mt	205.69	274.89	341.86	321.81	368.62	370.66
Wheat US SRW	\$/mt	187.03	267.49	326.17	307.65	345.31	366.24
Oranges	\$/mt	892.67	1135.28	982.65	1045.70	927.74	1038.29
Sugar, world	c/kg	20.90	21.86	22.61	22.27	23.52	26.39
Raw Materials							
Logs, Malaysia	\$/cum	261.97	269.65	275.48	279.41	275.34	287.08
Plywood	c/sheets	639.63	653.87	666.31	674.12	668.18	668.79
Woodpulp	\$/mt	751.25	769.82	819.40	829.36	826.60	864.33
Cotton A Index	c/kg	127.35	148.89	153.00	153.66	153.33	162.92
Rubber, US	c/kg	251.58	234.23	264.77	271.39	273.15	281.97
Rubber, Singapore	c/kg	233.85	213.83	245.12	250.58	249.04	256.51
Wool	c/kg	565.00	565.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Fertilizers							
DAP	\$/mt	431.08	432.51	522.10	521.00	594.00	707.70
Phosphate rock	\$/mt	59.88	80.00	98.33	80.00	135.00	190.00
Pottasium chloride	\$/mt	184.79	209.38	230.83	232.50	240.00	273.00
Urea, E. Europe, bulk	\$/mt	291.25	283.63	365.36	377.13	385.25	369.70
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	2761.49	2546.49	2443.65	2506.89	2381.69	2445.52
Copper	\$/mt	7640.76	7711.68	7187.60	6966.71	6587.67	7061.02
Gold	\$/toz	667.45	681.15	788.02	806.25	803.20	889.60
Iron ore	c/dmtu	84.70	84.70	84.70	84.70	84.70	84.70
Lead	c/kg	217.58	314.29	321.46	332.82	259.60	260.81
Nickel	\$/mt	48054.82	30205.15	29219.20	30610.23	25991.94	27689.55
Silver	c/toz	1335.79	1273.19	1423.54	1467.20	1431.24	1605.91
Steel cr coilsheet	\$/mt	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	687.50
Steel hr coilsheet	\$/mt	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	600.00
Tin	c/kg	1409.76	1497.84	1634.21	1669.18	1626.31	1633.73
Zinc	c/kg	366.39	322.65	262.32	254.13	235.31	234.01

Source : World Bank - The Pink Sheet

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Trends in Central Government Finances: April-December 2007

	Budget Estimates	April- December		Col.3 as % of	Col. 4 as % of	% Change over preceding year	
	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07 BE	2007-08 BE	2006-07	2007-08 (4/3)
	(Rs. Crore)						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1. Revenue Receipts	486422	280915	355646	69.6	73.1	29.6	26.6
Gross tax revenue	548122	306527	389345	69.3	71.0	32.8	27.0
Tax (net to Centre)	403872	232171	295994	71.0	73.3	37.6	27.5
Non Tax	82550	48744	59652	63.9	72.3	1.5	22.4
2. Capital Receipts	194099	102806	118607	64.0	61.1	-11.2	15.4
of which:							
Recovery of loans	1500	7952	3304	99.4	220.3	7.3	-58.5
Other Receipts	41651*	0	37725*		90.6	-100.0	
Borrowings and other liabilities	150948	94854	77578	63.8	51.4	-12.4	-18.2
3. Total Receipts (1+2)	680521	383721	474253	68.0	69.7	15.4	23.6
4. Non-Plan Expenditure (a)+(b)	475421	272203	337090	69.6	70.9	14.4	23.8
(a) Revenue Account	383546	253791	280050	73.7	73.0	14.6	10.3
of which:							
Interest payments	158995	92634	111764	66.3	70.3	14.4	20.7
Major Subsidies	50987	40225	49259	90.3	96.6	21.1	22.5
Pensions	23488	15050	16551	77.0	70.5	2.9	10.0
(b) Capital Account	91875*	18412	57040	39.3	62.1	12.6	209.8
5. Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii)	205100	111518	137163	64.6	66.9	17.9	23.0
(i) Revenue Account	174354	93901	114806	65.3	65.8	25.4	22.3
(ii) Capital Account	30746	17617	22357	60.8	72.7	-10.7	26.9
6. Total Expenditure (4)+(5)=(a)+(b)	680521	383721	474253	68.0	69.7	15.4	23.6
(a) Revenue Expenditure	557900	347692	394856	71.2	70.8	17.3	13.6
(b) Capital Expenditure	122621	36029	79397	47.5	64.7	-0.1	120.4
7. Revenue Deficit	71478	66777	39210	78.8	54.9	-16.2	-41.3
8. Fiscal Deficit	150948	94854	77578	63.8	51.4	-12.4	-18.2
9. Primary Deficit	-8047	2220	-34186	25.0	424.8	-91.9	-1639.9