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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Post-monsoon season rainfall upto November 20, 2002 was normal/excess in 33 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions.
- Foodgrain stocks were at 51.41 million tonnes as on October 1, 2002.
- Overall industrial growth was 5.2 per cent in April-September, 2002 as against 2.4 per cent in April-September, 2001.
- Core infrastructure sectors achieved an average growth rate of 6.0 per cent in April-September, 2002 as against an increase of 1.5 per cent in April-September, 2001.
- Money Supply (M3) growth was 10.6 per cent during March 31, 2002 to October 18, 2002, whereas annual growth rate for fortnight ended October 18, 2002 was 16.4 per cent. Net RBI Credit to Government decreased by 20.8 per cent during March 31, 2002 to October 18, 2002.
- The annual inflation rate in terms of WPI (Base 1993-94) was 3.14 per cent for week ended November 2, 2002 compared to 2.46 per cent a year ago.
- Exports increased by 13.5 per cent in dollar terms in April-September, 2002 compared to a decline of 1.2 per cent in April-September, 2001. Imports increased by 8.5 per cent as against an increase of 2.3 per cent in corresponding period of last year.
- Rupee appreciated against US Dollar, Japanese Yen and Euro and depreciated against Pound Sterling in October, 2002.
- Forex reserves (excluding Gold & SDRs) stood at \$61.23 billion at the end of October, 2002.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April-September 2002, increased by 27.0 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.
- Fiscal deficit during April-September 2002 is 0.8 per cent higher over the corresponding period last year.

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AGRICULTURE

POST-MONSOON SEASON RAINFALL*

	Number of Meteorological Sub-divisions						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997-01+	2002
Excess/Normal	24	35	31	6	26	24	12
Deficient/Scanty/Nil	12	1	5	30	10	12	24
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
+ Annual average	* (Oct.-Dec.)						

The Post-monsoon season rainfall from October 1, 2002 to November 20, 2002 was normal/excess in 12 (33 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 24 (67 per cent). The annual average for 1997-2001 was normal/excess in 24 (68 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 12 (32 per cent).

PROCUREMENT

(Million Tonnes)

(1)	Full Marketing Year			Up to November 25		
	1999-2000 (2)	2000-01 (3)	2001-02 (4)	2001(P) (5)	2002(P) (6)	% change Col. (6)/(5)
Rice (Oct-Sep)	17.31	19.59	21.28	8.32	8.38	0.7
Wheat (Apr-Mar)	12.65	14.14	20.63	20.62	19.03	-7.7
Total	29.96	33.73	41.91	28.94	27.41	-5.3

Wheat procurement up to November 25, 2002 in the current marketing year, (i.e., 2002-2003) was lower by 7.7 per cent at 19.03 million tonnes compared with 20.62 million tonnes in the corresponding period in 2001-02. Procurement of rice during the marketing year 2002-03 (up to November 25, 2002) at 8.38 million tonnes was higher by 0.7 per cent than the level of 8.32 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2001-02.

OFF-TAKE

(Million Tonnes)

	<u>April-September</u>				
	1999-00(P)	2000-01(P)	2001-02(P)	2001-02	2002-03
Rice	12.42	10.19	15.32	5.95	12.80
Wheat	10.63	7.69	15.98	5.49	9.54
Total	23.05	17.88	31.30	11.44	22.34

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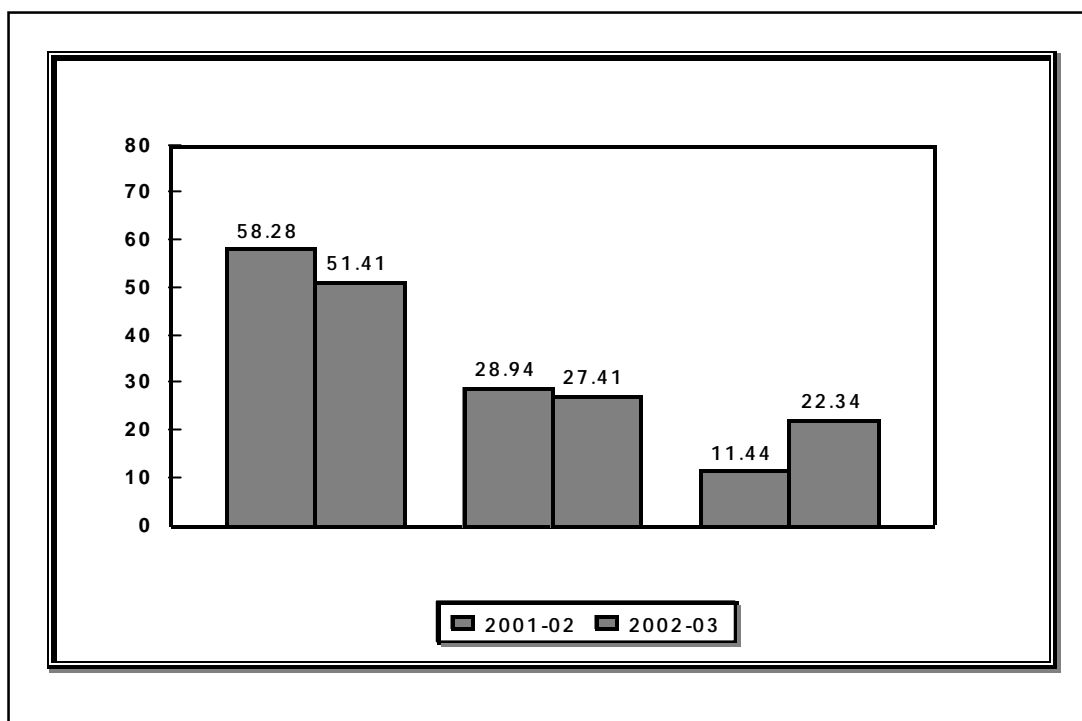
Off-take from the Public Distribution System during April-September, 2002-03 was 22.34 million tonnes, which was higher by 95.28 per cent than the off-take of 11.44 million tonnes during April-September, 2001-02.

STOCKS

(Million Tonnes)

	As on 1st Sept.		As on 1st October	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Rice	21.58	17.53	21.45	15.77
Wheat	37.87	37.90	36.83	35.64
Total	59.45	55.43	58.28	51.41

Stocks of foodgrains as on 1st October, 2002 stood at 51.41 million tonnes which was lower by 11.8 per cent than the level at 58.28 million tonnes as on 1st October, 2001.

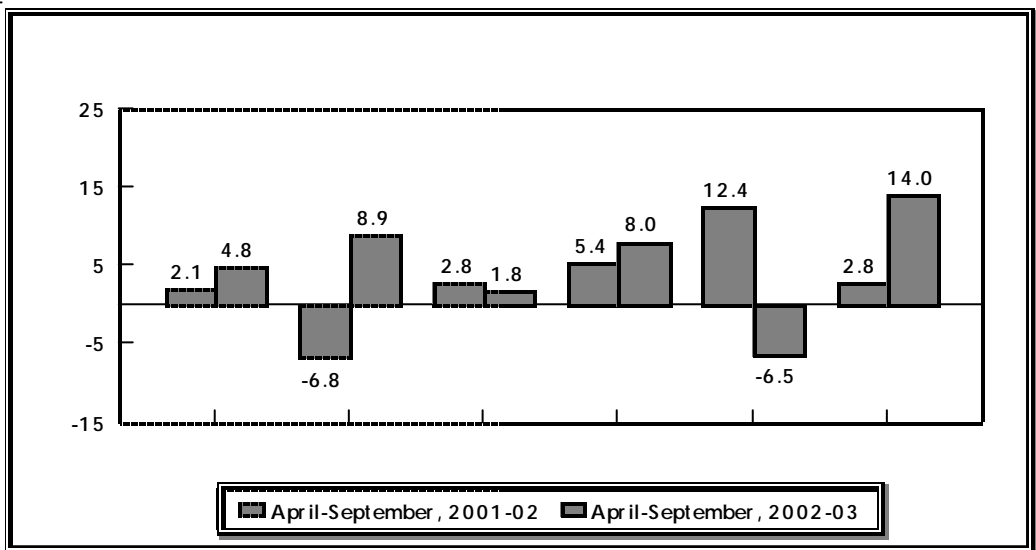
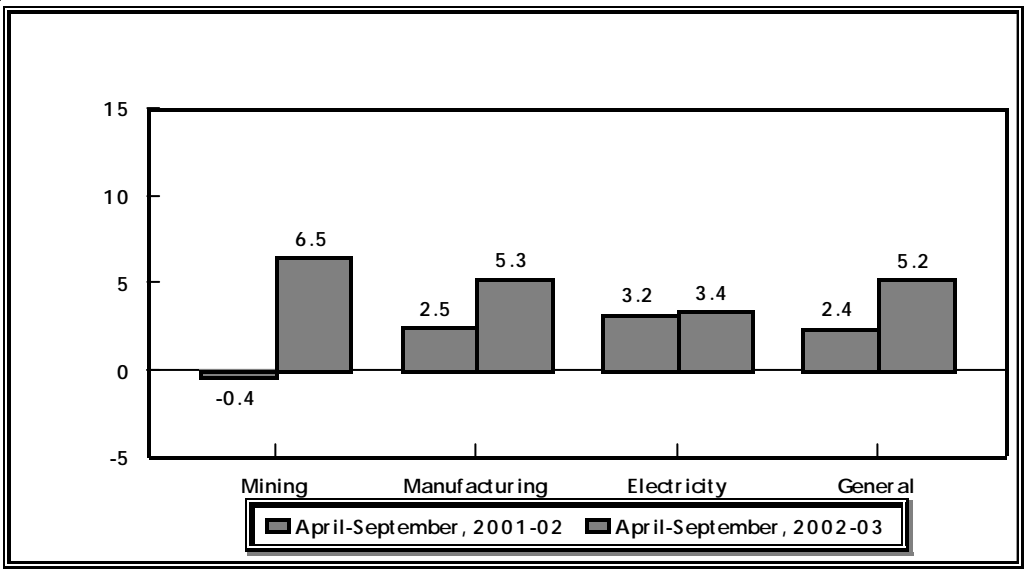


INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

SECTORWISE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION		<i>(Percentage change)</i>				
(Base = 1993-94 = 100)						
	2000-01/ 1999-00	2001-02/ 2000-01	Sep '01/ Sep '00	Sep '02/ Sep '01	<u>April-September</u>	
					2001-02	2002-03
<u>General</u>	5.0	2.8	2.0	6.1	2.4	5.2
Mining & Quarrying	3.7	1.8	4.3	1.0	-0.4	6.5
Manufacturing	5.3	2.8	1.4	7.3	2.5	5.3
Electricity	4.0	3.1	4.6	-0.4	3.2	3.4
<u>Use-Based Classification</u>						
Basic goods	3.9	2.8	4.6	1.6	2.1	4.8
Capital goods	1.8	-3.9	-7.3	15.5	-6.8	8.9
Intermediate goods	4.7	1.6	2.6	1.7	2.8	1.8
Consumer goods	8.0	6.0	1.4	13.2	5.4	8.0
<u>Of which</u>						
Consumer Durables	14.5	11.5	20.7	-12.3	12.4	-6.5
Consumer non-Durables	5.8	4.0	-5.8	25.3	2.8	14.0

The overall growth rate of Industrial production during **April-September, 2002-03** was 5.2 per cent as compared to 2.4 per cent in April-September, 2001-02. The growth in mining & quarrying, manufacturing sector and electricity generation during April-September, 2002-03 was 6.5%, 5.3% and 3.4% respectively as against (-)0.4%, 2.5% and 3.2% in April-September, 2001-02.

As per the use-based classification, production in intermediate goods during April-September, 2002-03, registered lower increase while basic goods, capital goods and consumer goods registered higher increase compared with April-September, 2001-02.

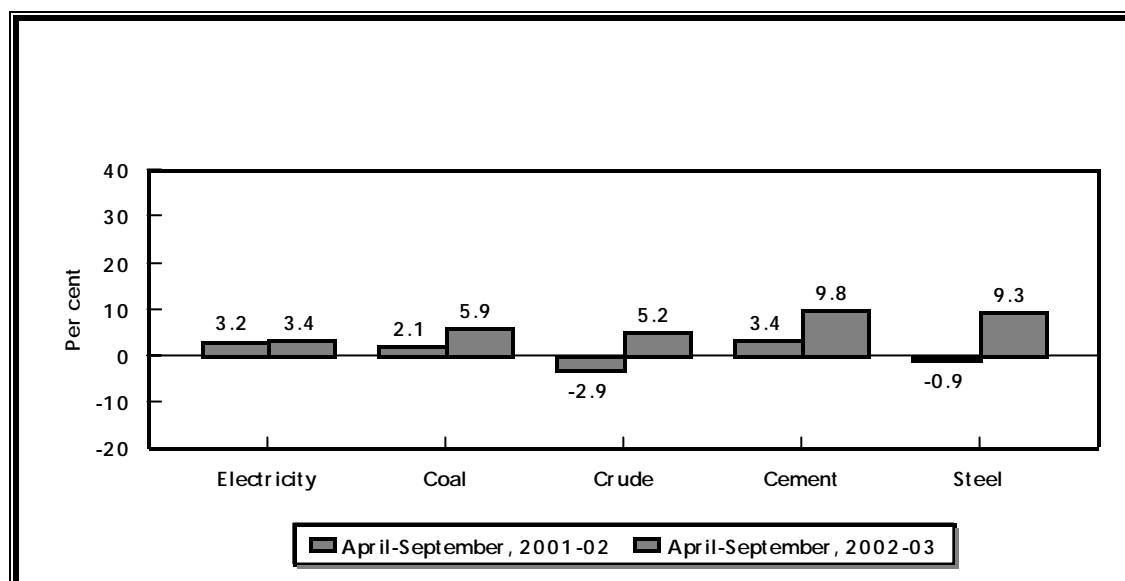


INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES

PRODUCTION IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES								
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	Sept. 2001	Sept. 2002	Full Year 2001-02	April-Sept.		Percentage change April-Sept.	
					2001-02	2002-03	2001-02/ 2000-01	2002-03/ 2001-02
Coal	Mn tons	25.1	24.5	322.6	142.9	151.3	2.1	5.9
Electricity Generation	Mn kw	43147	42976	515271	253408	262027	3.2	3.4
Hydel	Mn kw	7495	7292	73992	40782	37706	-3.7	-7.5
Thermal (including nuclear)	Mn kw	35652	35684	441279	212626	224321	4.6	5.5
Crude petroleum	000 tons	2707	2707	32030	15711	16532	-2.9	5.2
Petroleum Products	000 tons	8177	8408	99815	48893	51643	4.2	5.6
Finished steel	000 tons	2522	2714	31066	14887	16266	-0.9	9.3
Cement	000 tons	8659	8718	106900	51752	56818	3.4	9.8
Average growth rate*	(%)	4.1	1.7	3.0	-	-	1.5	6.0
		<u>August</u>		<u>Full Year</u>	<u>April-August</u>		<u>April-August</u>	
Cargo handled at major ports	Mn tons	24.57	25.39	287.71	116.04	126.53	0.5	9.0
Telecommunications								
a) Net switching capacity	000 lines	342.96	244.19	6956.77	1286.79	1315.02	-10.1	2.2
b) Net Tele. connections	000 nos	222.02	301.33	5334.84	1061.88	922.54	-13.1	-13.4
Revenue earning goods traffic on railways	Mn tons	37.97	40.88	492.31	192.57	207.46	0.3	7.7

* Weights as in IIP (Base: 1993-94) : Coal (3.2), Electricity generation (10.2), Crude oil (4.2), Refinery throughput (2.0), Finished steel (5.1) and Cement (2.0).

The six core infrastructure industries registered significant improvement in **April-September, 2002-03** as compared to April-September, 2001-02. During April-September, 2002-03 average growth rate was 6.0 per cent as compared to an increase of 1.5 per cent in April-September, 2001-02.



REVENUE EARNING GOODS TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS

(Million Tonnes)

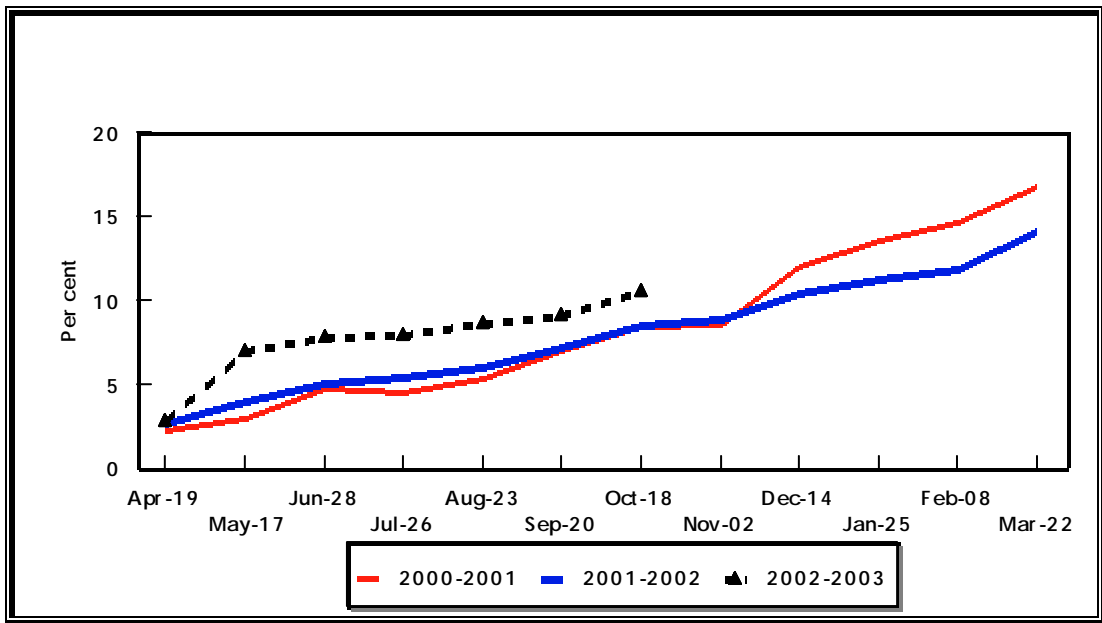
REVENUE EARNING GOODS TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS							
Commodities	August		Full Year 2001-02	April-August		Percentage Change	
	2001	2002		2001-02	2002-03	August 2002/2001	April-August 2002-03/ 2001-02
Coal	17.63	19.20	229.79	89.78	95.21	8.9	6.0
Raw material for Steel Plants	3.44	3.23	39.38	15.62	15.97	-6.1	2.2
Pig Iron & Finished Steel From Steel Plants	0.90	1.09	12.00	4.51	4.99	21.1	10.6
Iron Ore for Exports	1.40	1.14	15.72	6.04	5.68	-18.6	-6.0
Cement	3.16	3.37	44.00	18.36	19.41	6.6	5.7
Foodgrains	2.19	3.86	32.81	11.67	18.30	76.3	56.8
Fertilizers	2.54	2.23	27.09	11.01	10.94	-12.2	-0.6
POL	2.85	2.67	35.62	14.73	14.69	-6.3	-0.3
Balance other goods	3.86	4.09	55.90	20.85	22.27	6.0	6.8
Total	37.97	40.88	492.31	192.57	207.46	7.7	7.7

The revenue earning goods traffic handled by the Railways increased by 7.7 per cent during **April-August, 2002-03** as compared to 0.3 per cent in April-August, 2001-02.

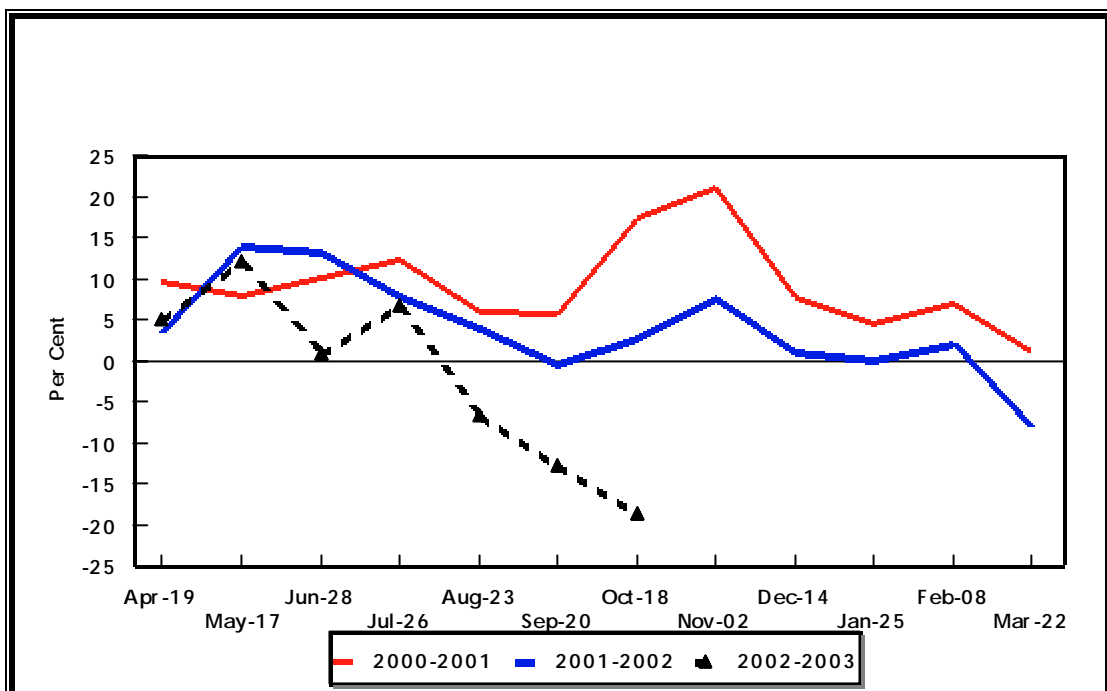
MONEY AND BANKING

VARIATIONS IN MONEY STOCK						
	Full Year Mar 31 '01 to Mar 31 '02	Mar 31 '02 to Oct 18 '02 (P)	Full Year Mar 31 '01 to Mar 31 '02	Mar 31 '01 to Oct 19 '01 (P)	Mar 31 '02 to Oct 18 '02 (P)	Oct 19 '01 to Oct 18 '02 (P)
	<i>(Rs crore)</i>		<i>(per cent)</i>			
M1 (I+II+IV)	43083	20034	11.4	3.0	4.7	13.2
M3(M1+ III)	186782	158408	14.2	8.5	10.6	16.4
I. Currency with the public	31849	15387	15.2	6.8	6.4	14.7
II. Demand deposits with banks	12014	4270	7.2	-1.4	2.4	11.4
III. Time deposits with banks	143699	138374	15.4	10.7	12.8	17.6
IV. Other deposits with RBI	-780	376	-21.5	-13.6	13.2	2.8
Sources of change in M3						
<i>(1+2+3+4-5)</i>						
1. Net Bank Credit to Govt (A+B)	74511	51447	14.6	10.6	8.8	12.7
A. RBI's net credit to Govt	-1699	-31625	-1.1	1.7	-20.8	-23.0
To Central Govt	-5150	-26174	-3.5	2.9	-18.5	-23.6
To State Govts	3451	-5450	47.0	-21.8	-50.5	-6.9
B. Other bank credit to Govt	76210	83072	21.3	14.4	19.1	26.3
2. Bank credit to commercial sector	77046	85315	11.3	4.3	11.3	18.8
3. Net foreign exchange assets of banking sector	64913	46489	26.0	9.3	14.8	32.3
4. Govt's currency liabilities to the public	1013	295	18.9	10.0	4.6	13.1
5. Banking sector's net non-monetary liabilities other than time deposits	30701	25138	23.1	-3.5	15.3	47.0
P : Provisional						
Data since April 1999 are provisional.						
Revised in line with the new accounting standards and consistent with the methodology suggested by the Working Group on Money 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.						
Monetary aggregates include the liabilities and assets of the ICICI with effect from May 3, 2002 following its merger with the ICICI Bank.						

During the current financial year (i.e., March 31, 2002 to October 18, 2002) money supply (M3) increased by 10.6 per cent which is higher than 8.5 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2001-02. Among its components, currency with the public showed a growth of 6.4 per cent as against 6.8 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. Demand deposits with banks showed an increase of 2.4 per cent as against a decline of 1.4 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Time deposits with banks increased by 12.8 per cent as against 10.7 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. The annual growth of M3 as on October 18, 2002 stood at 16.4 per cent.



On the sources side, the Net Bank Credit to Government recorded a growth of 8.8 per cent during the current financial year (i.e. March 31, 2002 to October 18, 2002) as against 10.6 per cent in the corresponding period of 2001-02. RBI's Net Credit to Central Government decreased by 18.5 per cent as against an increase of 2.9 per cent in 2001-02. Bank credit to the commercial sector increased by 11.3 per cent as against an increase of 4.3 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. Net foreign exchange assets of banking sector increased by 14.8 per cent as compared with 9.3 per cent in the corresponding period of 2001-02.



SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS

SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS: VARIATION IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
	Full Year Mar 23,'01 to Mar 22,'02	Mar 22,'02 to Oct 18,'02 (P)	Full Year Mar 23,'01 to Mar 22,'02	Mar 23,'01 to Oct 19,'01	Mar 22,'02 to Oct 18,'02 (P)	Oct 19,'01 to Oct 18,'02 (P)
	<i>(Rs crore)</i>		<i>(per cent)</i>			
1. Bank credit	74398	83811	17.3	6.2	14.2	24.0
Food credit	13987	-1273	55.7	25.7	-2.4	4.8
Non-food credit	60411	85084	14.9	4.5	15.9	26.0
2. Aggregate deposits	137836	136232	18.4	9.2	12.3	17.9
Demand deposits	9129	3877	11.9	-1.7	2.5	12.0
Time deposits	128707	132355	19.5	11.1	13.9	18.8
3. Borrowings from RBI	-280	-3609	-40.0	18.7	-99.8	-99.8
4. <i>Cash reserves</i>						
Cash in hand	405	244	6.1	3.9	3.9	10.4
Balances with RBI	2858	-1828	3.7	20.4	-2.9	-15.5
5. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities	68994	79483	19.8	12.3	18.1	24.6
<p>P : Provisional Data since April 1999 are provisional. Revised in line with the new accounting standards and consistent with the methodology suggested by the Working Group on Money 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.</p>						

Bank credit by the scheduled commercial banks during the current financial year (i.e. March 22, 2002 to October 18, 2002) showed a growth of 14.2 per cent as compared with an increase of 6.2 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Food credit decreased by 2.4 per cent while non-food credit increased by 15.9 per cent during this period.

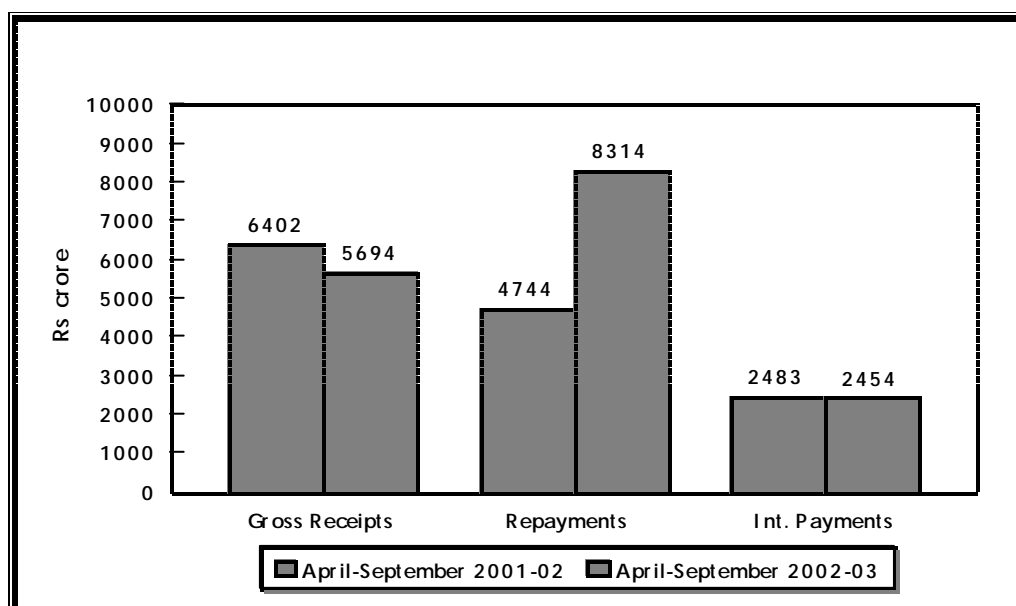
EXTERNAL AID RECEIPTS AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS*

(Rs Crore)

	Receipts		Repayment of Principal		Payment of Interest	
	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
Loans- Govt. A/C	4992	4114	4356	5411	2113	2085
Grants- Govt. A/C	498	275	-	-	-	-
Total	5490	4389	4356	5411	2113	2085
Non-Govt. loans	835	1260	388	2903	370	370
Grants-Non-Govt.	77	45	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	6402	5694	4744	8314	2483	2454
	(1359)	(1167)	(1007)	(1704)	(527)	(503)
Net Flows (net of repayment)	1658	-2621	-	-	-	-
Net Transfers (net of repayment and interest payments)	(352)	(-537)	-	-	-	-
	-825	-5075	-	-	-	-
	(-175)	(-1040)				

* April-September
 Note: Figures in brackets are in terms of million US \$

Gross external aid in **April-September, 2002-03** at Rs 5694 crore was 11.1 per cent lower than that of Rs 6402 crore in April-September, 2001-02. Net aid flows (net of repayments) amounted to Rs (-) 2621 crore as against Rs 1658 crore. Net aid transfers (net of repayments and interest payments) was Rs (-) 5075 crore as against Rs (-) 825 crore in the corresponding period of last year.



EXCHANGE RATES

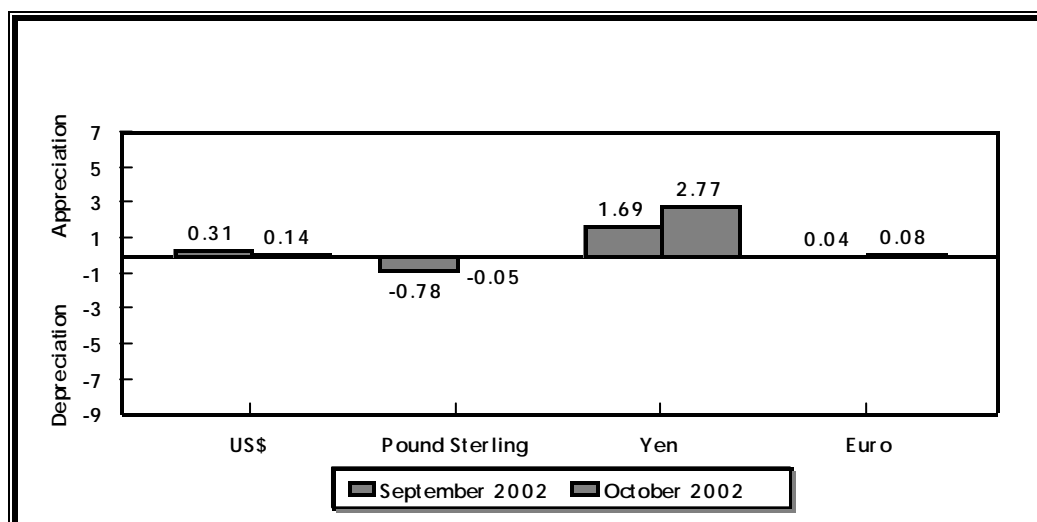
Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency

(Market Rate^a)

Month	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Deutsche Mark*	Japanese Yen	French Franc*	Euro@	5 Country NEER Base 1995=100	5 Country REER Base 1995=100
March 2000	43.59	68.93	21.54	0.4208	6.42	42.08	81.75	99.39
March 2001	46.62	67.39	21.64	0.3846	6.45	42.44	80.23	99.92
March 2002	48.74	69.37	--	0.3723	--	42.75	78.58	102.48
2002-2003								
April	48.92	70.53	--	0.3738	--	43.30	77.98	101.74
May	49.00	71.53	--	0.3876	--	44.93	76.66	99.72
June	48.97	72.57	--	0.3965	--	46.74	75.54	99.13
July	48.76	75.84	--	0.4132	--	48.42	74.12	97.98
August	48.59	74.71	--	0.4081	--	47.52	74.86	99.72
September	48.44	75.30	--	0.4013	--	47.50	75.04	99.99
October	48.37	75.34	--	0.3905	--	47.46	75.50	100.16

a. FEDAI Rates
 @ Came into operation w.e.f. 1.1.1999
 * The rates for these foreign currencies are the average of week end rates reported in the Financial Times, London since exchange rates for the currencies are not quoted in India from Jan. 1, 1999.

The average market exchange rate of the Rupee during October, 2002 appreciated against US Dollar, Japanese Yen and Euro and depreciated against Pound Sterling compared to average market rate during September, 2002. Both NEER and REER moved up in October, 2002 as compared with September, 2002.



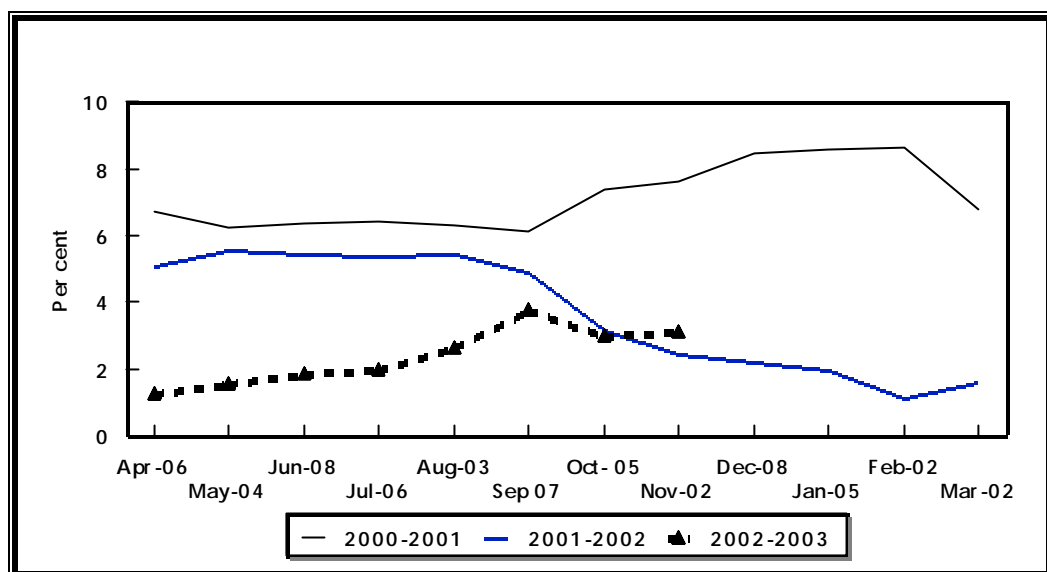
INFLATION

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

WHOLESALE PRICES (Base 1993-94)					
Items/Groups	Weight (%)	Per cent Variation During			
		MONTH		YEAR (point to point)	
		(Nov 2 over Oct 5)		(ending 2.11.2002) ^(P)	
		Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year
All Commodities	100.00	-0.06	0.06	2.46	3.14
I Primary articles	22.03	-0.29	-0.11	3.03	2.76
II Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants	14.23	-0.13	0.63	4.50	4.82
III Manufactured Products	63.75	0.00	-0.07	1.48	2.70

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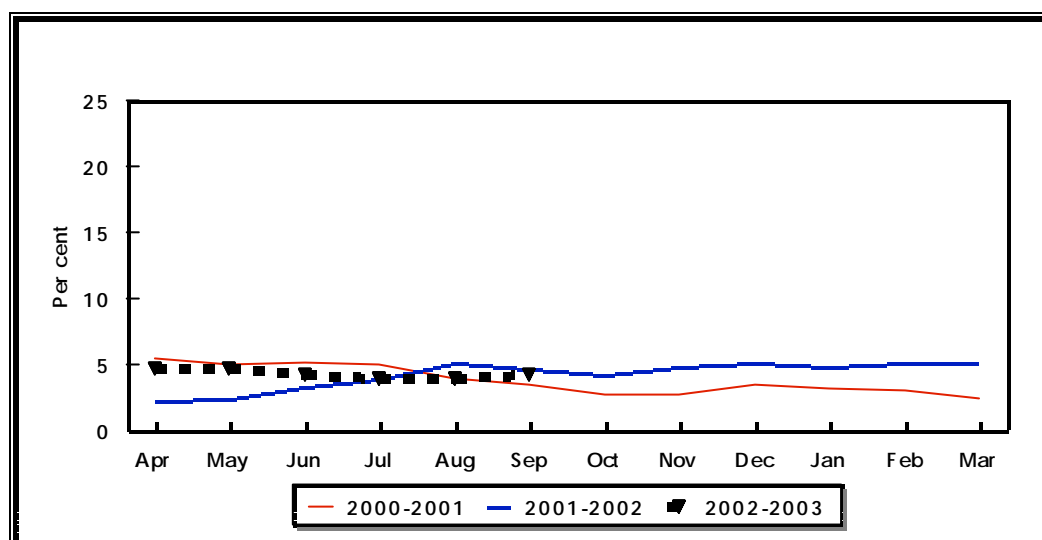
The annual rate of inflation based on **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** stood at 3.14 per cent for week ended November 2, 2002 compared to 2.46 per cent a year ago. This rate was contributed by an increase of 2.76 per cent in Primary articles, 4.82 per cent increase in Fuel, Power and Lubricants and 2.70 per cent increase in Manufactured Products as against an increase of 3.03 per cent, 4.50 per cent and 1.48 per cent respectively, on the corresponding date of last year.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION RATE		
	2001-2002 (Up to Sept., 2001)	2002-2003 (Up to Sept., 2002)
	<i>Per cent</i>	
Annual Inflation	4.7	4.3
Financial Year Inflation (%)	3.6	3.6
% change over Last Month	-0.2	0.2
Level of Index	465	485
Average of Index for 12 months ending September	452.33	473.08

The All India **Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW)** for September, 2002 which stood at 485 increased by 0.2 per cent over the previous month's level and increased by 4.3 per cent over September, 2001.



PUBLIC FINANCE

UNION GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS AT A GLANCE

Items	Budget Estimates 2002-03	April-September		Col 4 as % of BE 02-03	% change over	
		2001-02 (RS Crore)	2002-03		2000-01	2001-02 (Col 4/3)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1. Revenue Receipts	245105	79203	91826	37.5	-4.5	15.9
Tax (net to Centre)	172965	48632	61762	35.7	-10.1	27.0
Non Tax	72140	30571	30064	41.7	6.1	-1.7
2. Capital Receipts	165204	65835	70624	42.7	39.4	7.3
of which:						
Recovery of loans	17680	8573	9856	55.7	95.1	15.0
Other Receipts	12000	0	3022	25.2	-	-
Borrowings and other liabilities	135524	57262	57746	42.6	34.4	0.8
3. Total Receipts (1+2)	410309	145038	162450	39.6	11.5	12.0
4. Non-Plan Expenditure (a+b)	296809	107152	120165	40.5	13.5	12.1
(a) Revenue Account	270169	99468	113749	42.1	12.3	14.4
(b) Capital Account	26640	7684	6416	24.1	31.1	-16.5
5. Plan Expenditure (i)+(ii)	113500	37886	42285	37.3	6.1	11.6
(i) Revenue Account	70313	23351	25681	36.5	13.0	10.0
(ii) Capital Account	43187	14535	16604	38.4	-3.4	14.2
6. Total Expenditure (4)+(5)=(a)+(b)	410309	145038	162450	39.6	11.5	12.0
(a) Revenue Expenditure	340482	122819	139430	41.0	12.5	13.5
(b) Capital Expenditure	69827	22219	23020	33.0	6.3	3.6
7. Revenue Deficit	95377	43616	47604	49.9	65.8	9.1
8. Fiscal Deficit	135524	57262	57746	42.6	34.4	0.8
9. Primary Deficit	18134	13619	8794	48.5	197.6	-35.4

Source : CGA, (Department of Expenditure) Ministry of Finance.

Note : (i) The figures of Railways have been netted as in Budget.

(ii) Un-audited.

and deceleration in the rate of growth of total expenditure.

The trends indicate that there is an improvement in revenue receipts during the period April-September, 2002 as compared to April-September, 2001. There is a modest increase of 0.8 per cent in fiscal deficit during April-September, 2002 as compared with the corresponding period last

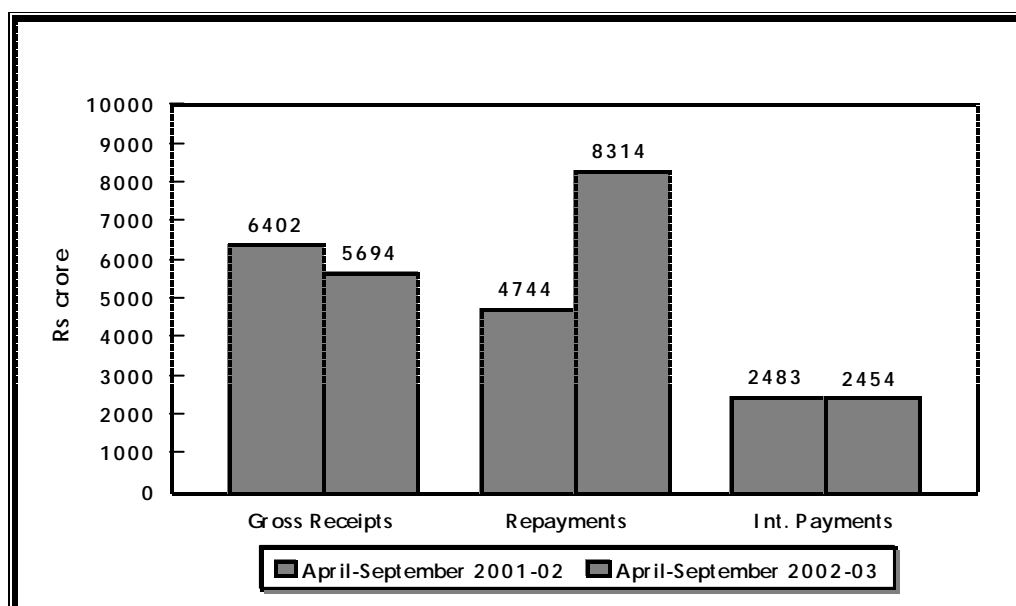
EXTERNAL AID RECEIPTS AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS*

(Rs Crore)

	Receipts		Repayment of Principal		Payment of Interest	
	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
Loans- Govt. A/C	4992	4114	4356	5411	2113	2085
Grants- Govt. A/C	498	275	-	-	-	-
Total	5490	4389	4356	5411	2113	2085
Non-Govt. loans	835	1260	388	2903	370	370
Grants-Non-Govt.	77	45	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	6402	5694	4744	8314	2483	2454
	(1359)	(1167)	(1007)	(1704)	(527)	(503)
Net Flows (net of repayment)	1658	-2621	-	-	-	-
Net Transfers (net of repayment and interest payments)	(352)	(-537)	-	-	-	-
	-825	-5075	-	-	-	-
	(-175)	(-1040)				

* April-September
 Note: Figures in brackets are in terms of million US \$

Gross external aid in **April-September, 2002-03** at Rs 5694 crore was 11.1 per cent lower than that of Rs 6402 crore in April-September, 2001-02. Net aid flows (net of repayments) amounted to Rs (-) 2621 crore as against Rs 1658 crore. Net aid transfers (net of repayments and interest payments) was Rs (-) 5075 crore as against Rs (-) 825 crore in the corresponding period of last year.



EXCHANGE RATES

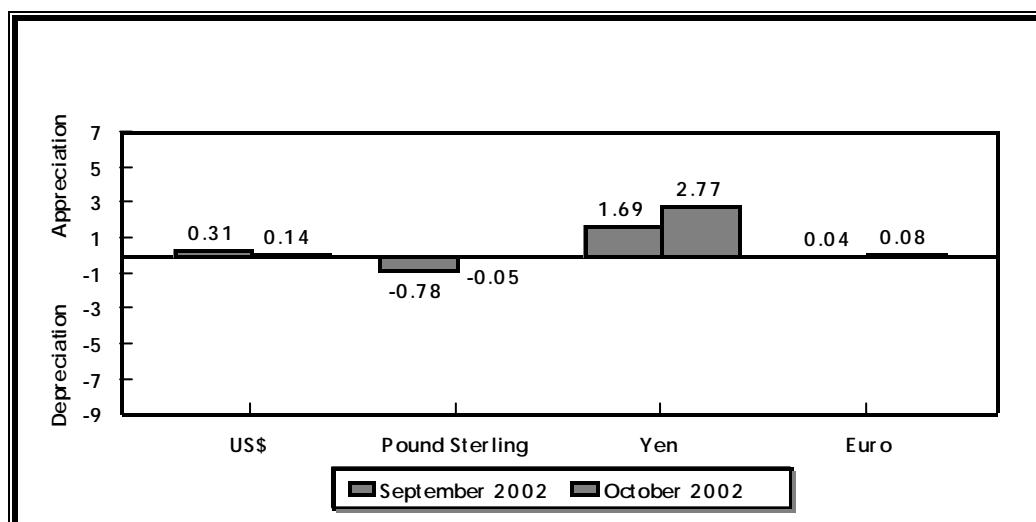
Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency

(Market Rate^a)

Month	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Deutsche Mark*	Japanese Yen	French Franc*	Euro@	5 Country NEER	5 Country REER
March 2000	43.59	68.93	21.54	0.4208	6.42	42.08	81.75	99.39
March 2001	46.62	67.39	21.64	0.3846	6.45	42.44	80.23	99.92
March 2002	48.74	69.37	--	0.3723	--	42.75	78.58	102.48
2002-2003								
April	48.92	70.53	--	0.3738	--	43.30	77.98	101.74
May	49.00	71.53	--	0.3876	--	44.93	76.66	99.72
June	48.97	72.57	--	0.3965	--	46.74	75.54	99.13
July	48.76	75.84	--	0.4132	--	48.42	74.12	97.98
August	48.59	74.71	--	0.4081	--	47.52	74.86	99.72
September	48.44	75.30	--	0.4013	--	47.50	75.04	99.99
October	48.37	75.34	--	0.3905	--	47.46	75.50	100.16

a. FEDAI Rates
 @ Came into operation w.e.f. 1.1.1999
 * The rates for these foreign currencies are the average of week end rates reported in the Financial Times, London since exchange rates for the currencies are not quoted in India from Jan. 1, 1999.

The average market exchange rate of the Rupee during October, 2002 appreciated against US Dollar, Japanese Yen and Euro and depreciated against Pound Sterling compared to average market rate during September, 2002. Both NEER and REER moved up in October, 2002 as compared with September, 2002.



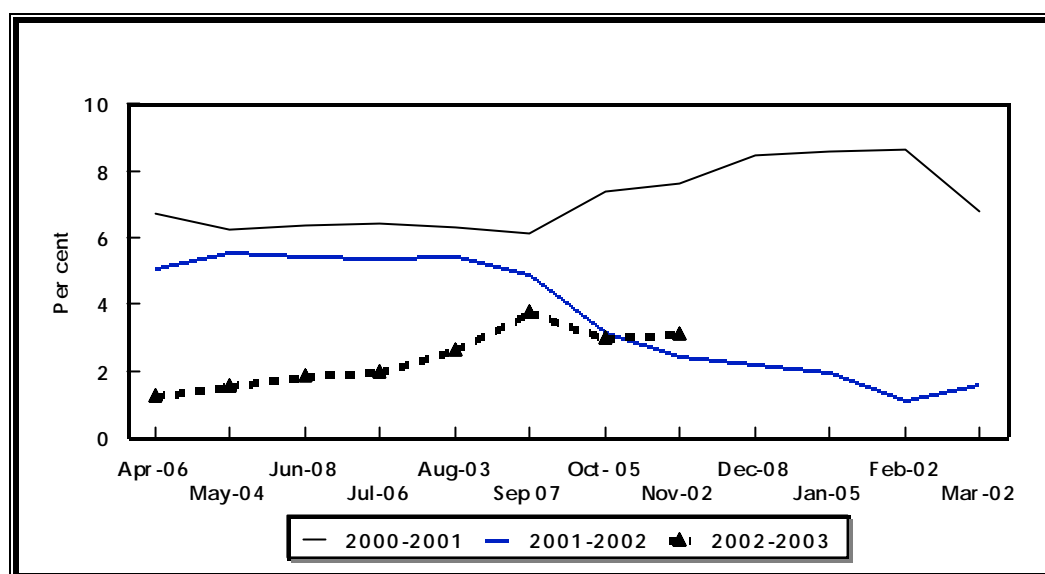
INFLATION

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

WHOLESALE PRICES (Base 1993-94)					
Items/Groups	Weight (%)	Per cent Variation During			
		MONTH		YEAR (point to point)	
		(Nov 2 over Oct 5)		(ending 2.11.2002) ^(P)	
		Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year
All Commodities	100.00	-0.06	0.06	2.46	3.14
I Primary articles	22.03	-0.29	-0.11	3.03	2.76
II Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants	14.23	-0.13	0.63	4.50	4.82
III Manufactured Products	63.75	0.00	-0.07	1.48	2.70

P = Provisional

The annual rate of inflation based on **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** stood at 3.14 per cent for week ended November 2, 2002 compared to 2.46 per cent a year ago. This rate was contributed by an increase of 2.76 per cent in Primary articles, 4.82 per cent increase in Fuel, Power and Lubricants and 2.70 per cent increase in Manufactured Products as against an increase of 3.03 per cent, 4.50 per cent and 1.48 per cent respectively, on the corresponding date of last year.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION RATE		
	2001-2002 (Up to Sept., 2001)	2002-2003 (Up to Sept., 2002)
	<i>Per cent</i>	
Annual Inflation	4.7	4.3
Financial Year Inflation (%)	3.6	3.6
% change over Last Month	-0.2	0.2
Level of Index	465	485
Average of Index for 12 months ending September	452.33	473.08

The All India **Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW)** for September, 2002 which stood at 485 increased by 0.2 per cent over the previous month's level and increased by 4.3 per cent over September, 2001.

