

**Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2016**

GAP BETWEEN CPI AND WPI

2199. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
(OIH)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a wide gap between Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether such gap has also been seen in the prices in the organized and unorganized retail markets and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सी आर चौधरी)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
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(a) & (b) : Details of WPI and CPI for last three years is at **Annexure**.

The difference between Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) is partly due to difference in composition of item basket, weighting diagrams and the markets. The WPI basket assigns significantly larger weight to tradeable commodities and comparatively lower weight to food items, while CPI basket assigns higher weight to food items and includes services like health and education. While the prices of tradable commodities are largely influenced by international prices, the prices of non-traded food and services like education and health services are determined by domestic prices. Also the base year for WPI is 2004-05:100 and for CPI is 2012:100.

(c) & (d) : Government does not maintain data with respect to gap in prices in the organized and unorganized retail markets. However, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 State Governments are empowered to control the prices at which any essential commodity may be bought or sold.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2199 FOR 29.11.2016 REGARDING GAP BETWEEN CPI AND WPI.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Last three years.

WPI with base 2004-05=100 and CPI with base 2012=100								
Months	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI
April	106.1	171.3	115.1	180.8	120.7	176.4	127.3	177.8
May	106.9	171.4	115.8	182.0	121.6	178.0	128.6	180.2
June	109.3	173.2	116.7	183.0	123.0	179.1	130.1	182.9
July	111.0	175.5	119.2	185.0	123.6	177.6	131.1	184.2
August	112.4	179.0	120.3	185.9	124.8	176.5	131.1	183.3
September	113.7	180.7	120.1	185.0	125.4	176.5	130.9	182.8
October	114.8	180.7	120.1	183.7	126.1	176.9	131.4	182.9
November	116.3	181.5	120.1	181.2	126.6	177.5	-	-
December	114.5	179.6	119.4	178.7	126.1	176.8	-	-
January	113.6	179.0	119.5	177.3	126.3	175.4	-	-
February	113.6	179.5	119.7	175.6	126.0	174.1	-	-
March	114.2	180.3	120.2	176.1	126.0	175.3	-	-
Average Index	112.2	177.6	118.9	181.2	124.7	176.7	130.1	182.0
Average Inflation	9.5	6.0	5.9	2.0	4.9	-2.5	5.2	2.7

WPI for September & October, 2016 and CPI for October, 2016 is provisional.

Source: Department of Industrial policy and Promotion for WPI and Central Statistical Organization for CPI.
