

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3335**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 09, 2019

**RBI INFLATION INDEX AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether on the basis of wholesale price index, there is a vast difference between RBI's inflation index and consumer price index;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been reduction in inflation and increase in consumer price as per the said index; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): The Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation during the current financial year may be seen below in Table:

	<b>2019-20 ( in per cent)</b>						
	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>CPI-Combined Inflation</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>WPI Inflation</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

The difference in the WPI and CPI inflation is inter-alia, on account of difference in scope, composition of item basket, weighting diagrams and price quotations of the two indices.

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