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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1393

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IMF INFLATION RANKING OF INDIA

1393. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) inflation projections data for 190 countries for 2026, India ranks 60th in the high inflation index with an inflation rate of 4.0, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the weakening of the Indian rupee against the US dollar led to an increase in import prices, consequently raising the prices of gold, silver and other imported goods, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) does not formally rank countries based on their inflation levels. The latest inflation projections of the IMF for 198 countries are available in the World Economic Outlook (WEO) published in October 2025, wherein India's consumer price inflation for the calendar year 2026 is projected as 4.0 per cent, which is also the target rate of inflation in India.
- (b) The depreciation of currency can enhance export competitiveness as well as raise the prices of imported goods. However, the overall impact of exchange rate depreciation on domestic prices depends on the extent of the pass-through, elasticity of demand for imported goods and the policy actions. The recent increase in gold and silver prices is largely driven by global price movement of these commodities rather than the weakening of the rupee. In the Budget 2026-27, the Government has announced basic custom duty exemptions to the imports of several goods that are critical inputs or raw material in the domestic production of various commodities and reduced the tariff rate on all dutiable goods imported for personal use from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.
