

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2011
ANSWERED ON
PREPARATION OF NEW CPI .

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Shri Ram Jethmalani

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that a new Consumer Price Index (CPI) is being prepared by Government;
- (b) if so, the additional benefits this system is estimated to yield; and
- (c) the extent of representation each factor would be given in the new CPI and the basis thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(DR. M.S.GILL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 DUE FOR ANSWER ON MARCH 7, 2011 BY SHRI RAM JETHMALANI,

(a) Yes Sir. The Central Statistics Office has released a new series of Consumer Price Index (CPI) numbers on base 2010 =100 for all-India and States/UTs separately for rural and urban areas and also combined (rural plus urban) for the month of January 2011 on 18th February, 2011.

(b) CPIs for Industrial Workers, Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers give change in price levels of goods and services consumed by these population segments. The new series is broad based and covers the entire rural and urban population. Therefore, the new series would better reflect change in prices paid by the entire population.

(c) Consumption patterns used for new CPI have been derived from the results of the Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office during 2004-05. All India weights for rural, urban and combined are given in Annex. Prices of specified consumption items are collected every month from 1181 selected villages covering all the districts for CPI (Rural) and from 310 selected towns which include all State/UT capitals for CPI (Urban). Food group weights in all-India CPI (rural), CPI (urban) and CPI (combined) are 59.31%, 37.15% and 49.71% respectively. Remaining weights are for non-food groups i.e, housing, fuel & light, clothing & footwear and miscellaneous group.