

Status of Essential Commodities

5.14 Table 5.5 gives the annual rate of inflation in essential commodities both in terms of the Wholesale and the Consumer price index for industrial workers.

5.15 Domestic availability and prices of essential commodities by far remained stable during 2001-02. In fact the price rise in this group

is presently as low as 1.5 percent, with wholesale prices of rice, wheat, sugar, salt, some coarse cereals, urad and tea being lower than last year. Domestic availability of commodities like pulses and edible oils, where domestic supply falls short of domestic demand, were supplemented by imports to ensure availability of these essential commodities at reasonable prices.

TABLE 5.5
Annual Rate of Inflation in Essential Commodities

(Per cent)

	Weight		Annual rate of inflation Nov./Nov.			
			CPI Based		WPI Based	
	CPI	WPI	2001-02	2000-01	2001-02	2000-01
GENERAL INDEX	100.00	100.00	4.9	2.7	2.4	7.6
Rice	12.45	2.45	0.9	3.8	3.6	-7.4
Whole wheat	4.43	1.38	2.1	1.9	-1.5	-2.2
Wheat atta	1.75	0.21	-0.3	-9.0	5.1	-9.5
Jowar	0.46	0.22	4.3	-32.3	-9.9	-21.4
Bajra	0.16	0.11	-19.7	-3.3	-15.8	-17.2
Moong	0.53	0.11	13.2	-2.1	15.4	4.0
Gram	0.08	0.22	21.6	20.9	26.4	21.2
Masur	0.41	0.04	1.1	-5.7	-1.4	-7.0
Arhar	1.69	0.13	1.5	-19.6	6.3	-20.2
Urad	0.35	0.10	-13.0	25.0	-12.4	21.8
Coconut oil	0.09	0.17	2.1	-41.6	-5.6	-36.3
Groundnut oil	2.27	0.17	0.0	-1.3	4.8	-5.1
Mustard oil	1.44	0.49	7.1	-18.7	11.6	-25.4
Vanaspati	0.78	0.80	14.0	-14.3	6.3	-15.5
Goat meat	2.12	0.44	2.3	2.6	0.2	5.3
Fresh fish	1.31	0.50	4.8	10.7	18.8	-0.6
Milk	5.52	4.37	3.4	3.8	0.8	11.8
Salt	0.15	0.02	1.8	5.4	-12.7	-16.4
Chillies	0.63	0.19	4.9	-14.1	-1.0	-18.2
Onions	0.67	0.09	20.3	0.0	35.4	-7.3
Potatoes	1.23	0.26	80.3	-18.2	214.8	-23.9
Sugar	2.24	3.62	7.7	11.4	-5.9	3.5
Gur	0.47	0.06	11.6	0.2	5.4	0.1
Tea leaves	0.82	0.16	1.3	3.0	-6.6	-31.5
Soft coke	0.80	0.24	-0.5	1.8	11.0	0.0
Kerosene oil	1.82	0.69	-2.7	145.0	-8.9	235.0
Matchboxes	0.23	0.12	3.1	2.2	21.8	0.0
Washing soap	1.33	0.17	2.1	0.7	5.0	0.0
Long cloth	0.20	0.06	5.4	2.7	1.6	0.0
Dhoties	0.35	0.04	5.8	6.5	0.6	3.9
Sarees	2.05	-	3.0	4.4	-	-
Essential commodities	48.83	17.63	4.1	3.0	2.0	5.0