

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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PURCHASING POWER OF INDIAN RUPEES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the purchasing power of Indian rupee has constantly decreased during the last few years; (
- (b) if so the average value of rupee in the year 1991-92 and the years 1997-98 and 2002-2003 on the basis of the value of rupee in the year 1980-81;
- (c) whether there has been considerable difference in the purchasing power of rupee in various cities of the country;
- (d) if so, the purchasing power of rupee during the financial year 2002-2003, State-wise ; and
- (e) the reasons of difference in purchasing power in various States of India ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The purchasing power of the Indian rupee, as measured by the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index for industrial workers, has had a declining trend over the years.

The average value of the rupee for the years 1991-92, 1997-98 and 2002-2003 with base 1980-81 was :

Year	Value of Rupee (in Paise)
1991-92	36.99
1997-98	22.13
2002-03	16.80

(c),(d),(e): The value of rupee differs in various Cities and States, (see Table below) because of differences in the State consumer price indices caused by different consumption pattern and also variations of prices in States.

Slate-wise value of rupee in paise in selected centres during 2002-03

Sr. No.	State/U.T	Centre/city	Value of Rupee in Paise (1982=100)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	21.12
2	Assam	Guwahati	20.70
3	Bihar	Monghyr Jamalpur	22.77
4	Chhatisgarh	Bhilai	23.81
5	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	20.84
6	Haryana	Faridabad	20.63
7	J & K	Srinagar	18.14
8	Jharkhand	Jamshedpur	22.86
9	Karnataka	Bangalore	21.89
10	Kerala	Alwaye	20.72
11	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	19.56
12	Maharashtra	Mumbai	17.71
13	Orissa	Rourkela	23.89
14	Punjab	Amritsar	23.72
15	Rajasthan	Jaipur	22.44
16	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	19.27
17	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	21.70
18	West Bengal	Darjeeling	24.83

19 Chandigarh	Chandigarh	19.42
22 Delhi	Delhi	17.97
23 Pondicherry	Pondicherry	19.23
All India		20.76