

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:52
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2006
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the rising trend observed in the wholesale price index in April 2006, has continued unabated till October 2006 ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, month-wise;
- (c) Whether the wholesale price index has not been registering a declining trend despite slide in crude oil prices in the international market from July 2006 onwards ;
- (d) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) The steps taken by the Government to bring down the wholesale price index ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE FINANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) to (e): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STARRED QUESTION NO.52 (POSITION NO. 12) STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA QUESTION ON NOVEMBER 24, 2006 BY SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH `LALAN` AND DR. CHINTA MOHAN Wholesale Price Index

(a) to (e) The movement of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1993-94=100) for the period from April to October 2006 is indicated in the table below. Indices for all the three groups of products have generally shown an increasing trend. Changes in the prices of petroleum products affect the index values. Crude oil, however, is not included in the basket of commodities and affects the WPI indirectly through the prices of petroleum products.

Wholesale Price Index, 1993-94=100 and Rate of Inflation (per cent)

Month	All Commodities (100.0)	Primary Index	Article Inflation	Fuel and Power Index	Manufactured Products (63.75) Inflation			
2006-07 (last Saturday of the month)								
April	199.6	3.90	197.4	4.83	317.3	8.26	174.1	1.93
May	201.9	4.99	203.0	6.84	320.4	9.35	175.1	2.58
June	203.6	4.84	206.0	7.24	326.4	7.90	175.3	2.63
July	204.3	4.72	203.4	4.79	327.6	7.59	177.1	3.51
August	205.8	5.27	206.8	6.54	328.7	8.09	178.0	3.61
Sept- ember	207.8	5.16	212.4	7.93	328.9	5.05	179.2	4.13
Oct- ober	208.4	5.09	213.3	6.65	329.5	5.47	179.7	4.29

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