

- v) Gujarat: Agrocell Corporation, Mecain India Ltd and Desai Cold Storage.
- vi) Haryana: HAFED.
- vii) Madhya Pradesh: Cargil India Limited, ITC-IBD, Mahindra Sulabh.
- viii) Maharashtra: NDDDB-ION Exchange, EECOFARMS, MAHYCO-MAHINDRA, Jain Irrigation, Venkeys Hatchery, Hindustan Lever Ltd; Mahindra Sulabh, Ion Exchange Enviro Farms Ltd.
- ix) Karnataka: Himalayan Health Care Ltd., AVT Natural Products Ltd.; Natural Remedies Private Ltd., Global Green Pvt. Ltd; Sami Labs Limited.
- x) Mizoram: Godrej Agrovet Pvt. Ltd., Food and Fertilizers Ltd., Industries Ltd. and Eco-first India Ltd.
- xi) Orissa: M/s Welspun India Private Ltd., Super Spinning Mill, Amit Green Acre and M/s Eco Farm. Shakti Sugar Ltd., J.K. Paper Mill.
- xii) Punjab: Nijjer Agro Foods Ltd; United Breweries Ltd; Satnam Overseas, Tata Chemicals Ltd, Pepsi Foods Ltd., Mahendra Shubhlabh Services Ltd., Escorts Ltd., Chambal Agritech Ltd., KRBL Ltd., Punjab Agro Foods Park Limited.
- xiii) Tamil Nadu: Appachi CARE Foundation, Suguna Poultry Farm Ltd., Shakthi Chicken Private Ltd. M/s Mohan Breweries and Distilleries Ltd, Appache Cotton Company, Mahindra Sulabh.
- xiv) West Bengal: Fritto India Limited and Dabur India Limited.

Wholesale price index and consumer price index

†*218. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement given by Shri Suresh Tendulkar, Chairman of Economic Advisory Council, wherein he has stated Wholesale Price Index to be an insufficient information;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that when Wholesale Price Index was estimated to be zero and below zero then Consumer Price Index was nearing double digits; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for eatables becoming costly over the past years, including last year, despite the agriculture production being satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) While delivering the inaugural address on the occasion of National Statistical Day, Prof. Suresh Tendulkar, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister mentioned that,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

"The WPI is possibly a better approximation to the producer price index because of the inclusion and relatively larger weight of intermediate and capital goods and absence of the coverage of services. It is an unsatisfactory indicator of rate of changes of prices of consumer goods with which our everyday experience of inflation is associated."

(b) Government is aware that the methodology and basis of calculation of WPI and CPI are different and, therefore, the information contained in these indices are different.

(c) and (d) The WPI is compiled on a weekly basis while the CPI is compiled on a monthly basis. There are four Consumer Price Indices, constructed for specific user groups, such as industrial workers, urban non-manual employees, agricultural labourers and rural labourers. The weeks during which WPI was estimated to be zero and below zero is given in the following table. The corresponding CPI Index is available for May 2009.

	Inflation rate based on WPI and CPI (Percent)				
	WPI	CPI-IW	CPI-UNME	CPI-AL	CPI-RL
Week ending Base	93-94	1982	84-85	86-87	86-87
27.6.2009	-1.55				
20.6.2009	-1.3				
13.6.2009	-1.14				
6.6.2009	-1.61				
30.5.2009	+0.13	8.63*	-	10.21*	10.21*

* These are indices for the month of May, 2009

The reasons for the rise in the prices of essential commodities and eatables is due to the combined effect of factors such as growing demand on account of increase in population and income, hardening of international prices, changes in consumption pattern, diversion of food grains for fuel, adverse weather and climate change, increase in crude oil prices, improvement in income and living standards and increase in freight rates.

Problems faced by cancer patients

*219. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Central Government Employees and pensioners suffering from cancer are harassed and tormented as no private hospital treating cancer is on Government's panel and the patients have to make payment for treatment to the hospital and claim reimbursement later on at C.G.H.S. rates fixed in 2001, there also being a wide difference between the payment made and reimbursement admissible; and