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Crude Soyabean Oil	40%	-Nil-	20%	-Nil-	
	(23-07-07)	(01-04-08)	(18-11-08)	(24-03-09)	
Refined Soyabean Oil	40%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	
	(23-07-07)	(01-04-08)	(01-04-08)	(01-04-08)	
Crude Sunflower Oil	65%	50%	40%	20%	-Nil-
	(24-01-07)	(01-03-07)	(23-07-07)	(21-03-08)	(01-04-08)
Refined Sunflower Oil	75%	60%	50%	27.5%	7.5%
	(24-01-07)	(01-03-07)	(23-07-07)	(21-03-08)	(01-04-08)

Wholesale and consumer price index

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the rate of wholesale price index of the country remaining almost at zero in the months of May and June, 2009 the consumer price index was being evaluated at 10 per cent;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the actual status of the rising prices in the country is ascertained only on the basis of consumer price index because this affects the common man; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) in May and June, 2009 was 1.06% and (-) 1.40% respectively, while the Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers) (CPI-IW) inflation for May, 2009, the latest month for which data is available, was 8.63%.

(c) and (d) Inflation in India is currently measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and four Consumer Price Indices (CPI), constructed for specific user groups, such as industrial workers (CPI-IW), urban non-manual employees (CPI-UNME), agricultural labourers (CPI-AL) and rural labourers (CPI-RL) whereas WPI is a single National Index compiled at the national level. CPI is a user specific and centre-specific Index Numbers. All India CPI of each user group is a weighted average of centre specific Index Numbers. Both group of Indices have their unique use. The WPI is used for broad macro-economic quick policy responses. CPIs are used for wage indexation.

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