

(c) to (f) Year-on-year WPI inflation rates in essential commodities like all cereals and pulses were (-) 0.41 per cent and (-) 10.89 per cent respectively in December 2010. However, inflation in fruits & vegetables were 22.77 per cent in December 2010 mainly on account of higher prices of onions. The rise in prices of onion was partly due to cyclonic rains, which affected the onion crop in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

In July 2010, overall WPI and food inflation rates were 10.02 per cent and 14.31 per cent respectively. They have declined to 8.43 per cent and 8.59 per cent respectively in December 2010 as a result of the measures initiated by the Government.

Recapitalisation of RRBs in the country

55. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to recapitalize Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the country based on Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty Committee report on financials of RRBs;

(b) if so, the sources of funds for fresh capital; and

(c) the extent to which the RRBs need to recapitalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After assessment of capital requirement for all the 82 RRBs to enable them to have ORAR of at least 7% as on 31st March, 2011 and at least 9% from 31st March, 2012. The Committee has recommended recapitalisation requirement of Rs. 2,200.00 crore for 40 of the 82 RRBs. The recapitalisation amount has to be shared by the shareholders of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in proportion to their shareholding in RRBs, i.e. 50% Government of India; 35% Sponsor Banks and 15% State Governments.

Raising of funds through telecom spectrum auction

56. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of funds raised by the Government through auction of telecom spectrum;