

food inflation, trends in global commodity prices and the likely demand scenario, the baseline projection of WPI inflation for March 2013 as set out by RBI in their Quarterly Policy Review of July 31, 2012 is 7.0 per cent.

Reduction in budgetary support to Railways

213. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gross budgetary support provided to Railways as a part of budgetary support is being reduced from 5.9 per cent, to 4.8 per cent, on the other hand the gross budgetary support provided to railway as part of the total plan outlay of Ministry of Railways has been reduced from 43 per cent in 2009-10 to 39.9 per cent in 2012-13; and

(b) the reasons for the decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The gross budgetary support to Railways as part of Total Plan expenditure has reduced from 5.9% in 2009-10 to 4.8% in BE 2012-13. As part of the Total Plan Outlay of Railways, the Gross budgetary support (GBS) in BE 2012-13 is 41.8% as against 45% in 2009-10 (including share of diesel cess for Railway Safety Fund), as shown in the Table below.

Rs. in crore				
Year	Budget Support to Railways (including diesel cess)	Plan Outlay of Railways	GBC to Railways as % of Rail Plan Outlay	GBS to Railways as % of total GBS
2008-2009	10319	36544	28.2%	3.7%
2009-2010	17980	39936	45.0%	5.9%
2010-2011	19318	40790	47.4%	5.1%
2011-2012 (RE)	24060	49467	48.6%	5.6%
2012-2013 (BE)	25102	60100	41.8%	4.8%

(b) Considerable increase of 74.2% was provided in GBS to Railways in 2009-10 over 2008-09. As a result, Plan Support to Railways went up from 3.7% of

Total GBS in 2008-09 to 5.9% in 2009-10. As percentage of the Railways Plan Outlay also, the GBS share increased from 28.2% in 2008-09 to 45% in 2009-10. The increase provided as GBS support to Railways in subsequent years has been on this higher base. However, the GBS to Railways as per cent of their Plan Outlay has shown a steady increase from 45% in 2009-10 to 48.6% in 2011-12 (RE). The decline in budget support to Railways as per cent of Plan Outlay of Railways in BE 2012-13 is attributed to substantial increase in Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) estimated by Railways in 2012-13 *i.e.* from Rs. 25,407 crore in RE 2011-12 to Rs. 34,998 crore in BE 2012-13.

Utilisation of central funds by Odisha

214. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Odisha is repeatedly alleging about Central Government negligence to Odisha regarding Natural Calamity Assistance, Plan Assistance, Backward Area Development Assistance, on the other hand the State Government is not able to utilize the funds released by Central Government; and

(b) the total funds released to Odisha State in last three years for Natural Calamity assistance, Plan Assistance, Backward Area Development Assistance and the percentage of utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Central Assistance released to the State of Odisha in the last three years for Natural Calamities, Plan Assistance, including assistance under the State Component of Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) is as given below:

Release of funds under different Schemes to Odisha state

	Rs. in crore			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13*
A. Plan Assistance	7994.16	11899.62	12361.27	2829.23
B. Natural Calamity Assistance				
1. Calamity Relief Fund/ State Disaster Response Fund	176.5	293.69	308.37	161.9