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1. Macroeconomy



1.1 Consumer Price Index Numbers for Rural, Urban and Combined, March, 2016

Consumer price inflation slowed down to 4.83% from 5.26% a month ago as food inflation fell to 5.21% from 5.3% during the same period. Consumer price inflation in March fell to a six-month low on account of cheaper food articles such as vegetables and pulses.

Table 1
All India Inflation rates (%) based on CPI (General) and CFPI

Indices	March 2016 (Prov.)			February 2016 (Final)			March 2015 (Final)		
	Rural	Urban	Combd.	Rural	Urban	Combd.	Rural	Urban	Combd.
CPI (General)	5.70	3.95	4.83	6.05	4.30	5.26	5.67	4.75	5.25
CFPI	5.79	3.98	5.21	5.96	4.23	5.30	5.78	6.76	6.14

Source: MOSPI

Notes: Prov. - Provisional, Combd. - Combined

1.2 Tourist arrival on e-Tourist Visa, March 2016

A total of 1,15,677 tourists arrived in March 2016 on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 25,851 during the month of March 2015 registering a growth of 347.5%.

Commencing from 27th November 2014 e-Tourist Visa facility was available until 25th February 2016 for citizens of 113 countries arriving at 16 Airports in India. The Government of India has extended this scheme for citizens of 37 more countries w.e.f 26th February 2016 taking the tally to 150 countries.

The following are the important highlights of e-Tourist Visa during March, 2016:

- (i) During the month of March, 2016 a total of 1,15,677 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 25,851 during the month of March, 2015 registering a growth of 347.5%.
- (ii) This high growth may be attributed to introduction of e-Tourist Visa for 150 countries as against the earlier coverage of 43 countries.
- (iii) The percentage shares of top 10 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during March, 2016 were as follows:

UK (27.74%), USA (13.41%), Russian Fed. (7.04%), France (6.55%), Germany (5.18%), China (4.49%), Canada (3.89%), Australia (3.79%), Spain (1.99%) and Ukraine (1.66%).

- (iv) The percentage shares of top 10 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during March, 2016 were as follows:

New Delhi Airport (46.76%), Mumbai Airport (18.75%), Goa Airport (11.11%), Chennai Airport (5.55%), Bengaluru Airport (5.03%), Kochi Airport (2.82%), Kolkata Airport (2.38%), Amritsar Airport (2.12%), Hyderabad Airport (2.07%) and Trivandrum Airport (1.33%).



2. Corporate Sector

2.1 Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index, February 2016

The General Index for the month of February 2016 stands at 184.6, which is 2.0 percent higher as compared to the level in the month of February 2015. The cumulative growth for the period April-February 2015-16 over the corresponding period of the previous year stands at 2.6 percent.

The Indices of Industrial Production for the Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity sectors for the month of February 2016 stand at 136.1, 194.1 and 181.9 respectively, with the corresponding growth rates of 5.0 percent, 0.7 percent and 9.6 percent as compared to February 2015. The cumulative growth in these three sectors during April-February 2015-16 over the corresponding period of 2014-15 has been 2.4 percent, 2.3 percent and 5.1 percent respectively.

Table 2
Index Of Industrial Production – Sectoral (Base : 2004-05=100)

Month	Mining		Manufacturing		Electricity		General	
	(141.57)		(755.27)		(103.16)		(1000.00)	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Apr	122.6	121.9	181.4	188.5	178.1	177.2	172.7	177.9
May	125.3	127.9	183.5	187.3	183.9	195.0	175.3	179.7
Jun	122.1	121.6	180.1	189.5	181.6	183.7	172.0	179.3
Jul	116.2	117.7	182.2	190.9	183.8	190.3	173.0	180.5
Aug	115.0	120.2	173.4	184.8	184.1	194.4	166.2	176.6
Sep	115.3	119.3	181.9	186.9	175.6	195.7	171.8	178.2
Oct	124.2	130.8	170.0	188.1	184.9	201.6	165.1	181.4
Nov	128.6	130.8	179.9	171.7	174.3	175.6	172.1	166.3
Dec	133.6	137.2	196.8	192.5	177.6	183.2	185.9	183.7
Jan	136.7	138.8	200.7	195.1	176.7	188.3	189.2	186.4
Feb*	129.6	136.1	192.7	194.1	166.0	181.9	181.0	184.6
Mar	149.0		210.3		176.4		198.1	
Average								

Apr-Feb	124.5	127.5	183.9	188.1	178.8	187.9	174.9	179.5
Growth over the corresponding period of previous year								
Feb*	1.6	5.0	5.1	0.7	5.9	9.6	4.8	2.0
Apr-Feb	1.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	9.1	5.1	2.8	2.6

Source: MOSPI, Govt. of India

* Indices for Feb 2016 are Quick Estimates.

NOTE : Indices for the months of Nov'15 and Jan'16 incorporate updated production data.

As per Use-based classification, the growth rates in February 2016 over February 2015 are 5.4 percent in Basic goods, (-) 9.8 percent in Capital goods and 5.7 percent in Intermediate goods. The Consumer durables and Consumer non-durables have recorded growth of 9.7 percent and (-) 4.2 percent respectively, with the overall growth in Consumer goods being 0.8 percent.

Table 3
Index of Industrial Production - Use-Based (Base: 2004-05=100)

Month	Basic goods		Capital goods		Intermediate goods		Consumer goods					
	(456.82)		(88.25)		(156.86)		(298.08)		(84.60)		(213.47)	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Apr	163.0	167.3	235.0	248.0	149.7	153.2	181.5	186.5	255.4	258.7	152.2	157.9
May	167.1	177.4	228.0	234.9	155.5	157.4	182.7	178.7	262.7	252.4	151.0	149.5
Jun	163.5	171.9	270.7	265.4	151.2	153.1	166.9	179.0	211.9	246.1	149.0	152.4
Jul	162.8	171.6	263.2	289.9	155.4	158.5	171.3	173.2	220.9	244.2	151.7	145.1
Aug	164.0	170.0	220.6	267.5	151.9	156.2	161.1	170.8	218.8	256.0	138.3	137.0
Sep	161.3	168.0	260.9	287.2	151.3	154.0	172.4	174.5	241.5	262.0	145.0	139.8
Oct	167.9	175.0	239.2	278.6	145.5	154.7	149.0	176.3	191.8	272.2	132.0	138.3
Nov	168.2	167.3	252.1	190.6	151.4	149.2	165.1	166.8	201.6	226.1	150.6	143.3
Dec	174.6	175.5	269.7	218.2	159.0	161.0	192.4	198.1	208.0	242.1	186.2	180.7
Jan	175.4	179.0	270.5	213.9	158.3	162.8	202.3	202.2	246.6	260.8	184.8	179.0
Feb*	164.6	173.5	254.9	230.0	151.8	160.4	199.6	201.1	251.2	275.5	179.2	171.6
Mar	180.8		331.5		164.8		202.7		261.9		179.3	
Average												
Apr-Feb	166.6	172.4	251.3	247.7	152.8	156.4	176.8	182.5	228.2	254.2	156.4	154.1
Growth over the corresponding period of previous year												
Feb*	4.9	5.4	8.3	-9.8	1.2	5.7	4.9	0.8	-3.8	9.7	10.5	-4.2
Apr-Feb	7.4	3.5	6.0	-1.4	1.6	2.4	-3.7	3.2	-13.3	11.4	2.9	-1.5

Source: MOSPI, Govt. of India

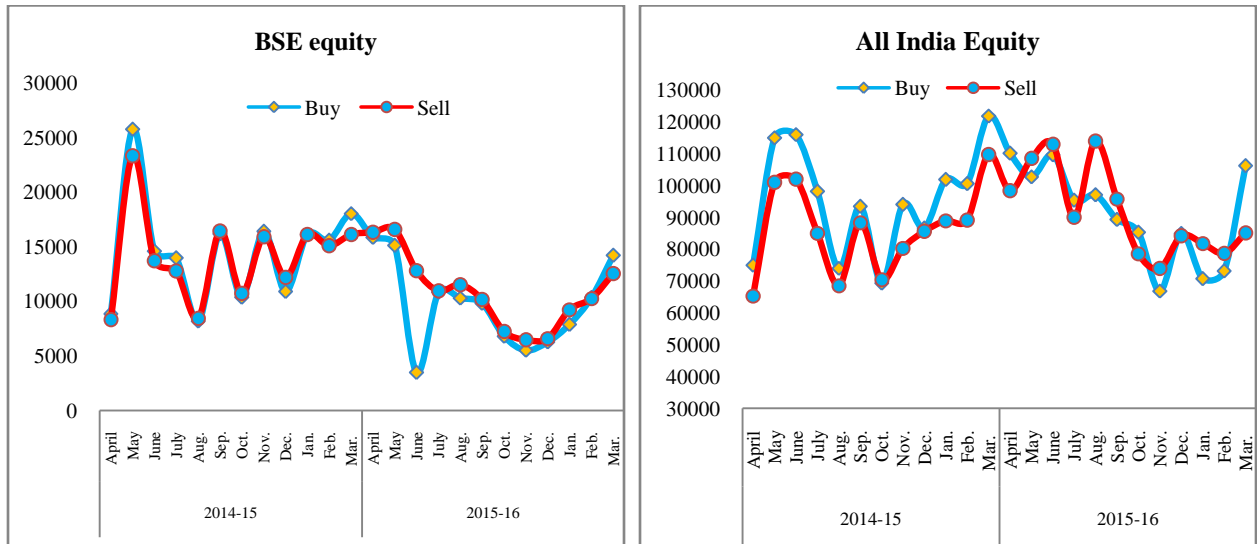
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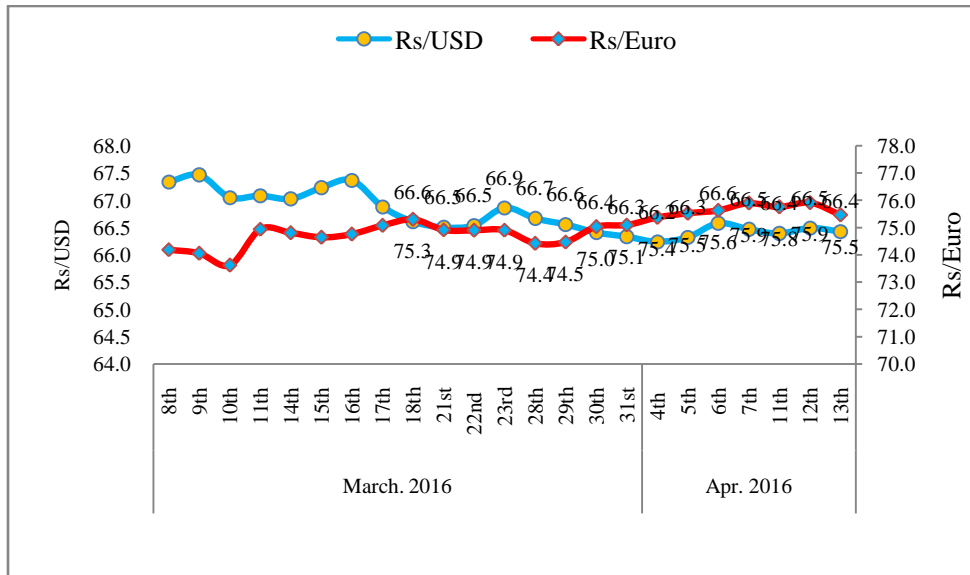
3. Market Trends

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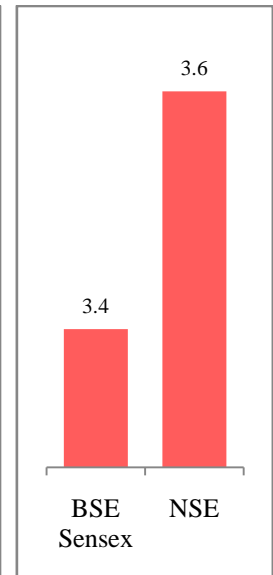


Source: BSE and ASSOCHAM Economic Research Bureau

Exchange Rate



Market Variation



Source: RBI, BSE, NSE and ASSOCHAM Economic Research Bureau



4. Global Developments

4.1 UK Output in the construction industry, February 2016

In February 2016, output in the construction industry was estimated to have decreased by 0.3% compared with January 2016. Both all new work and repair and maintenance reported decreases, falling by 0.2% and 0.5% respectively.

Within new work, there were decreases in all work types, except private new housing.

Within repair and maintenance (R&M) there were falls in all work types except public housing R&M.

Compared with February 2015, output in the construction industry increased by 0.3%. All new work was flat while there was an increase of 0.8% in repair and maintenance.

Comparing the 3 months, December 2015 to February 2016, with the previous 3 months, September 2015 to November 2015, construction output increased by 1.5%. All new work increased by 2.5% while there was a fall of 0.3% in repair and maintenance.

When comparing the 3 months, December 2015 to February 2016, with the same 3 months a year ago, construction output was estimated to have increased by 0.3%. All new work increased by 0.8% and repair and maintenance fell by 0.7%.

The only period open for revision is January 2016 which has been revised downwards by 0.2 percentage points from a fall of 0.2% to a fall of 0.4%.

4.2 Euro Area International Trade in goods

The first estimate for euro area (EA19) exports of goods to the rest of the world in February 2016 was €163.5 billion, an increase of 1% compared with February 2015 (€161.4 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €144.4 bn, a rise of 2% compared with February 2015 (€141.5 bn). As a result, the euro area recorded a €19.0 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in February 2016, compared with +€20.0 bn in February 2015. Intra-euro area trade rose to €141.0 bn in February 2016, up by 3% compared with February 2015.

In January to February 2016, euro area exports of goods to the rest of the world stood at €308.5 bn, nearly stable compared with January-February 2015. Imports stood at €281.5 bn, also nearly stable compared to January-February 2015. As a result the euro area recorded a surplus of €27.1 bn, compared with +€27.0 bn in January-February 2015. Intra-euro area trade rose to €273.0 bn in January-February 2016, up by 1% compared with January-February 2015.

Table 4
EA19 trade - non seasonally adjusted data

	Feb 15	Feb 15	Growth	Jan-Feb 2015	Jan-Feb 2016	Growth
Extra-EA19 exports	161.4	163.5	1%	309.5	308.5	0%
Extra-EA19 imports	141.5	144.4	2%	282.4	281.5	0%
Extra-EA19 trade balance	20	19	27	27.1		
Intra-EA19 trade	136.7	141	3%	269.2	273	1%

Source: Eurostat

European Union

The first estimate for extra-EU28 exports of goods in February 2016 was €137.1 billion, down by 1% compared with February 2015 (€138.2 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €134.1 bn, down by 2% compared with February 2015 (€136.4 bn). As a result, the EU28 recorded a €3.0 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in February 2016, compared with +€1.8 bn in February 2015. Intra-EU28 trade rose to €256.7 bn in February 2016, +4% compared with February 2015.

In January to February 2016, extra-EU28 exports of goods fell to €258.6 bn (a decrease of 2% compared with January-February 2015) and imports fell to €266.7 bn (-3% compared with January-February 2015). As a result, the EU28 recorded a deficit of €8.1 bn, compared with -€10.0 bn in January-February 2015. Intra-EU28 trade rose to €496.0 bn in January-February 2016, +2% compared with January-February 2015.

Table 5
EU28 trade- non seasonally adjusted data

	Feb 15	Feb 15	Growth	Jan-Feb 2015	Jan-Feb 2016	Growth
Extra-EU28 exports	138.2	137.1	-1%	265	258.6	-2%
Extra-EU28 imports	136.4	134.1	-2%	275	266.7	-3%
Extra-EU28 trade balance	1.8	3	-10	-8.1		
Intra-EU28 trade	246.8	256.7	4%	484.6	496	2%

Source: Eurostat

5. Data Appendix

Table 6
Latest Available Financial Information

Item	Apr. 01, 2016	Apr. 08, 2016	Percentage Change
Deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks with RBI (Rs. Billion)	4,746.08	3,858.63	-18.70
Foreign Currency Assets of RBI (Rs. Billion)	22,474.82	22,528.40	0.24
Advances of RBI to the Central Government (Rs. Billion)	-	-	
Advances of RBI to the Scheduled Commercial Banks (Rs. Billion)	3,264.04	1,267.41	-61.17
Foreign Exchange Reserves (US\$ Billion)	359.8	359.9	0.04

Source: RBI, Govt. of India

Table 7
BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty Index

Index	Apr. 11, 2016	April. 13, 2016	Percentage Change
BSE SENSEX	24,789.40	25,626.75	3.4
S & P CNX NIFTY	7,577.8	7,850.5	3.6

Source: BSE India and NSE India

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