

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

FIRST QUARTER 1993

Table 1- Monthly Consumer Price Index - January 1989-March 93

Month	Base July 1986 to June 1987 = 100				Base July 91-June 92=100	
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1992	1993
January	116.8	131.9	152.0	150.6		109.0
February	118.6	133.4	151.0	151.3		110.2
March	118.5	135.2	149.0	151.5		110.7
April	121.7	134.9	148.3	151.0		
May	122.3	135.7	146.2	153.1		
June	122.6	135.4	147.0	156.4		
July	124.0	139.9	151.9		104.0	
August	123.9	139.9	150.1		105.6	
September	126.0	146.1	149.8		106.4	
October	126.4	146.6	150.0		106.6	
November	128.1	149.2	150.2		106.8	
December	128.7	148.7	148.8		107.6	
Yearly average	123.1	139.7	149.5		103.5	
Annual change(%)	12.6	13.5	7.0		4.6	

Table 2- Subindices by major commodity group (Base: July 1991 = June 1992=100)

Major Commodity Group	Weight	1992		1993
		Aug. 92.	July 92.	
1. Food and non alcoholic beverages	39.2	105.5	105.5	109.5
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.2	119.1	119.5	119.5
3. Clothing and footwear	5.5	101.0	101.6	105.1
4. Fuel and light	5.2	101.9	107.5	107.1
5. Housing and household operations	13.1	105.6	109.1	109.5
6. Medical care and health expenses	3.6	103.2	105.8	107.3
7. Transport and communication	9.7	105.2	105.3	110.1
8. Recreation, entertainment, education and cultural services	0.0	101.1	102.5	106.6
9. Miscellaneous goods and services	5.6	105.2	106.7	111.1
ALL GROUPS	100.0	105.3	107.0	110.0

Table 3 - Net contributions of main commodities that have affected the index during the first quarter of 1993.

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Change in index point</i>
Cakes and snacks	+ 0.1
Fresh fish	- 0.1
Eggs	+ 0.2
Fresh vegetables	+ 1.0
Other food products	+ 0.3
Household goods	+ 0.1
Medical care	+ 0.1
Motor vehicles spare parts	+ 0.1
Road tax	+ 0.3
Taxi fare	+ 0.1
Pre-primary school fees	+ 0.1
Private tuition	+ 0.3
School requisites	+ 0.1
Hairdressing services	+ 0.1
Other goods and services	+ 0.3
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TOTAL	+ 3.1
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Table 4- Inflation rate (%) , 1975 - 1992

<u>Calendar year</u>	<u>Inflation Rate</u>	<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Inflation Rate</u>
1975	14.7	1974-75	20.6
1976	13.4	1975-76	14.7
1977	9.2	1976-77	9.6
1978	8.5	1977-78	10.1
1979	14.5	1978-79	8.0
1980	42.0	1979-80	33.0
1981	14.5	1980-81	26.5
1982	11.4	1981-82	13.4
1983	5.6	1982-83	7.5
1984	7.3	1983-84	5.6
1985	6.7	1984-85	8.3
1986	1.8	1985-86	4.3
1987	0.6	1986-87	0.7
1988	9.2	1987-88	1.5
1989	12.6	1988-89	16.0
1990	13.5	1989-90	10.7
1991	7.0	1990-91	12.8
1992	4.6	1991-92	2.9
		1992-93	Around 8.5 <u>1/</u>

1/ Forecast