

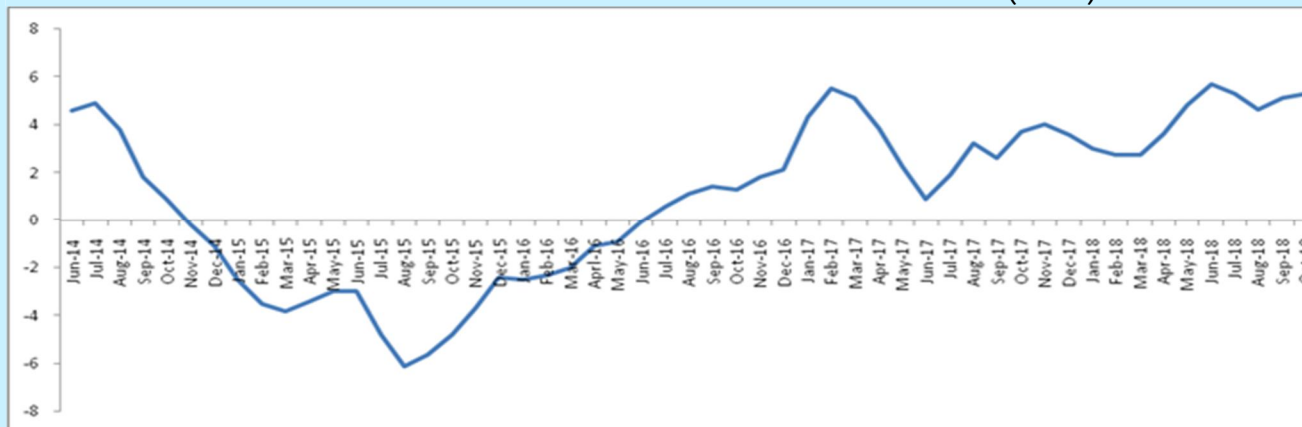
October 2018 WPI inflation grows at 5.28%

The WPI inflation grows at 5.28% in October 2018 as compared to 5.13% in September, 4.62% in August 2018, 5.27% in July 2018, 5.68% in June 2018, 4.78% in May 2018 and 3.62% in April 2018. The rise in WPI inflation in the month of October 2018 is attributed to rise in the prices of Potato (93.65%), Fruits (0.93%) and Petrol (19.85%).

Driven by rise in the prices of Potato, Fruits and Petrol, WPI inflation grows at 5.28% in October 2018 as compared to 5.13% in September 2018. The official Wholesale Price Index for 'All Commodities' (Base: 2011-12=100) for the month of October, 2018 rose by 0.7% to 121.7 (provisional) from 120.8 (provisional) for the previous month.

Trend in WPI Inflation

(Y-O-Y) %



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India

WPI inflation in select commodities (Base year: 2011-12)

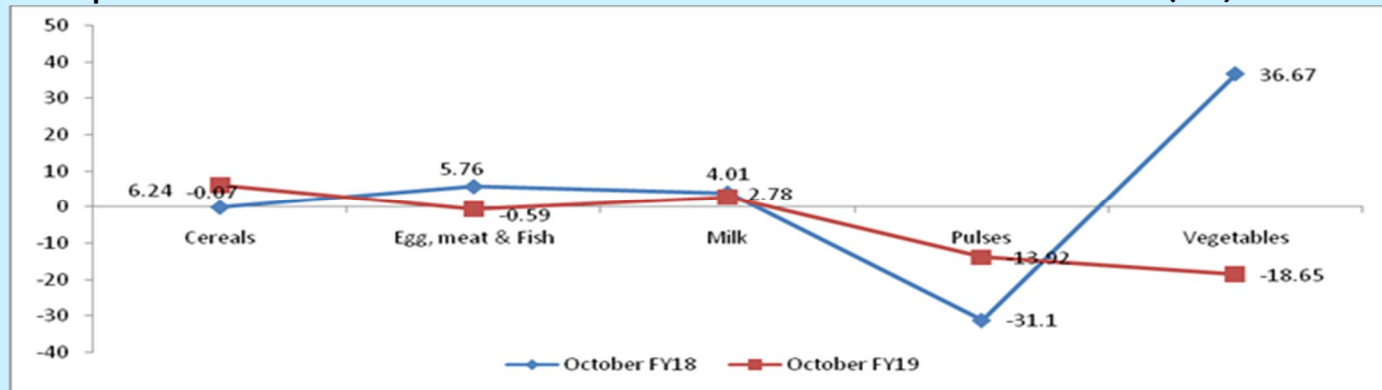
Commodity		WPI Inflation Y-o-Y % growth		
		Aug'18	Sep'18	Oct'18
1	All Commodities	4.62	5.13	5.28
2	Primary Articles	-0.07	2.97	1.79
3	Food Articles	-4.04	-0.21	-1.49
4	Cereals	5.05	5.54	6.24
5	Vegetables	-20.00	-3.83	-18.65
6	Non-food Articles	2.65	4.17	4.14
7	Fuel & Power	17.73	16.65	18.44
8	Petrol	16.56	17.21	19.85
9	Manufactured Products	4.43	4.22	4.49
10	Sugar	-11.15	-12.91	-11.20

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India

Build up inflation rate in the financial year so far was 4.64% compared to a build up rate of 2.12% in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Build up in inflation from October in select food commodities

(in %)



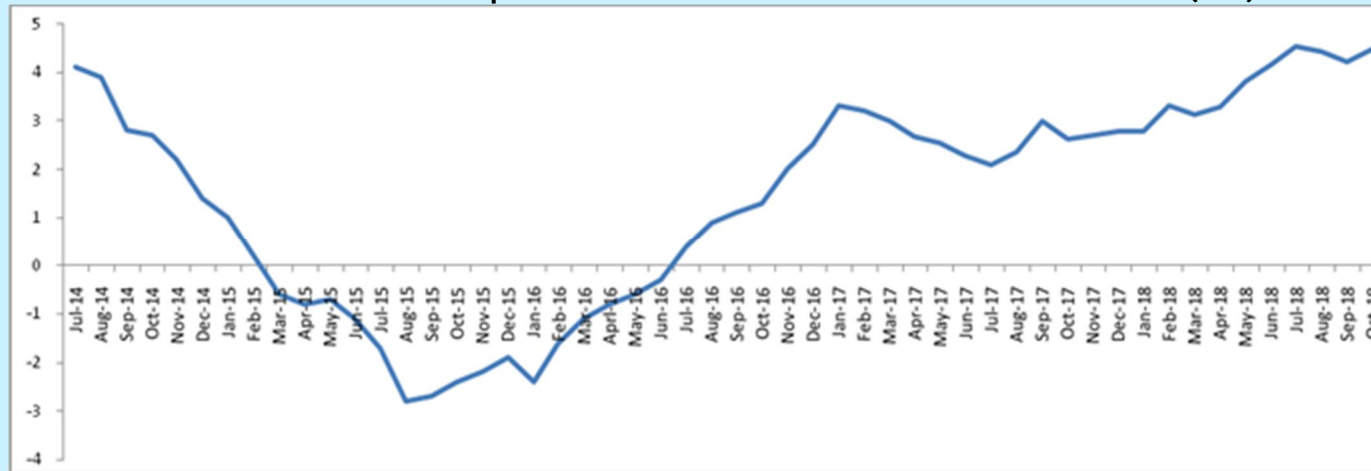
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Manufacturing inflation stands at 4.49% (weight 64.23 %)

The WPI inflation for manufactured products grows 4.49% for October 2018 as against 4.22% for September 2018. The index for this major group rose by 0.3 percent to 118.8 (provisional) from 118.5 (provisional) for the previous month.

Trend in WPI inflation in manufactured products

(in %)



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India

Food inflation stands at (-)1.49% (Weight 24.38%)

The food articles inflation decreased to (-)1.49% in October 2018 as compared to (-)0.21% in September 2018. The rate of inflation based on WPI Food Index consisting of 'Food Articles' from Primary Articles group and 'Food Product' from Manufactured Products group decreased from 0.14% in September, 2018 to -0.64% in October, 2018.

Fuel & power inflation stands at 18.44% (weight 13.15%)

Fuel & power inflation for the month of October 2018 stands at 18.44% as against 16.65% in September 2018. The index for this major group rose by 3.6% to 111.1 (provisional) from 107.2 (provisional) for the previous month. The groups and items which showed variations during the month are as follows:

The index for 'Electricity' group rose by 2.6% to 112.4 (provisional) from 109.6 (provisional) for the previous month due to higher price of electricity (3%).

The index for 'Mineral Oils' group rose by 5.4% to 107.4 (provisional) from 101.9 (provisional) for the previous month due to higher price of bitumen (18%), furnace oil (10%), naphtha (9%), ATF (8%), LPG (6%), kerosene, HSD and petrol (4% each) and petroleum coke (1%).

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