

Clearance of Jamrani Dam of U.P.

722. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have given techno economic clearance to the Jamrani Dam of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Jamrani Dam project was approved in May, 1975. The State Government modified the project proposals and sent the modified project to the Centre in April, 1986. This has been considered by Advisory Committee and found acceptable subject to, among others, environmental and forest clearance and finalisation of rehabilitation and resettlement aspects of the project affected people.

[English]

Rise in wholesale price index

723. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA:
SHRI S.M. GURADDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wholesale price index has been steadily rising from February, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this rise is closely related to the budget deficit and taxes;

(d) if so, the steps taken to bring down rise in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). The month-wise details of the movement of Whole-sale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities from end-February 1989 to end-June 1989 are given below:

Movement of WPI during 1989

<i>end month</i>	<i>Index</i>
February	440.9
March	446.2
April	454.5
May	460.2 (P)
June	462.8 (P) (P) = Provisional

(c) There is no one to one correspondence between budgetary deficit or taxes and price rise. While budgetary deficit may generate liquidity pressures and may lead to price rise, it has been the endeavour of the government to keep the budget deficit within prudent limits indicated by the growth of income/output.

(d) Government has adopted a package of measures, both on the demand and supply side, to contain the raise in prices. These measures include supply of essential commodities through the Public Distribution System, exercising strict monetary and fiscal discipline, action against hoarders and black-marketeers and close monitoring of prices of essential commodities.

Export target for 1989-90

724. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: