

**Statement**

*Movements in wholesale prices of certain Groups/ Sub-Groups/Commodities during the year 1981*

	Per cent Variation
ALL COMMODITIES . . . . .	+7.9
Food Articles . . . . .	+11.0
Foodgrains . . . . .	+5.4
Cereals . . . . .	+10.2
Rice . . . . .	+15.4
Wheat . . . . .	+2.1
Jowar . . . . .	+12.5
Bajra . . . . .	+12.7
Pulses . . . . .	-8.2
Gram . . . . .	-13.1
Arhar . . . . .	+6.6
Fruits & Vegetables . . . . .	+10.0
Milk & Milk Products . . . . .	+15.9
Eggs, Fish & Meat . . . . .	+24.2
Condiments & Spices . . . . .	+58.8
Other Food Articles . . . . .	+8.8
Tea . . . . .	+10.5
Fuel, Power, Light & Lubricants . . . . .	+22.4
Kerosene . . . . .	+18.9
Manufactured Products . . . . .	+3.4
Food Products . . . . .	-6.6
Sugar, Khandsari & Gur . . . . .	-14.5
Sugar . . . . .	-7.6
Khandsari . . . . .	-12.5
Gur . . . . .	-17.4
Edible Oils . . . . .	+8.2
Textiles . . . . .	+4.1
Cotton Textiles . . . . .	+5.1

**Growth in Export during 1981-82**

164. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the volume of exports and what rate of growth in exports has been registered during the first three quarters of 1981-82 and what is the likely quantum and growth of exports to be registered during the whole year 1981-82;

(b) how it compares with the corresponding figures for the preceding three years; and

(c) what specific steps have been taken to boost up the exports of traditional and non-traditional items?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Official data on quantum index of India's exports for the period under reference are not yet available. However, as per the latest available information, the provisional figures for India's overall exports in value terms for the first 8 months of the current financial year is placed at Rs. 4661.60 crores as compared to the provisional figure of Rs. 4037.98 crores during the corresponding period last year. This shows an increase of about 15.4 per cent. The provisional growth rate of exports in value terms for 1980-81 comes to about 4 per cent as compared to nearly 12.8 per cent in 1979-80.

(c) A series of export promotion measures have already been undertaken to steps up exports. These include removal of licensing constraints on export production, setting up of hundred per cent export oriented units all over the country and EXIM Bank, simplification and rationalisation of duty drawback, fiscal concessions on export etc.