

**Inflation Rate**

733. DR. Y.S. RAJASHEKHARA  
REDDY:  
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of inflation in February, 1992;

(b) the percentage increase in the rate of inflation in February, 1992 in comparison to preceding two months;

(c) the reasons for increase in the rate of inflation; and

(d) the measures being taken to bring down the rate to a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The annual rate of inflation in terms of wholesale price index (WPI) on a point to point basis was 11.8% on 8th February, 1992.

(b) The percentage increase in the rate of inflation in February, 1992 in comparison to preceding two months is given below:

*Annual Rate of Inflation*

Month	Rate (per cent)	Change since 7.12.91 (% Points)
7.12.91	14.4	—
11.1.92	13.1	(-) 1.3
8.2.92	11.0	(-) 2.6

(c) The rate of inflation has declined over the last two months.

(d) The Government has taken a number of measures to bring down the rate of inflation to a reasonable level. These include: strict fiscal discipline through reduction in fiscal deficit and growth of money supply and bank credit against price-sensitive essential commodities, more effective management of supply and demand of essential/sensitive commodities and strict action against hoarders and profiteers. Incentives are being provided for raising production to ensure medium-term stability in prices.

[*Translation*]

**Widening of Delhi-Jaipur National Highway**

734. SHRI RAMKRISHNA  
KUSMARIA:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR  
GANGWAR:  
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether traffic on Delhi-Jaipur National Highway has increased considerably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to widen this section of National Highway No. 13?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. Traffic on entire National Highway network in the country including Delhi-Jaipur section is steadily on the increase.

(b) Delhi-Jaipur Road having a length of 263 km is part of National Highway NO. 8 and not NH 13. It is already 2-lane in a length of 227 km and 4-lane in 36 km. Widening to