

dition of the Ninth Finance Commission's First Report, the Central Government has released its share of Rs. 48.33 Crores to the Government of Maharashtra for slum clearance and environmental improvement of slums and provisions of basic amenities in the city of Bombay. The year-wise break-up is given below:

	<i>Rs. in Crores</i>
1989-90	26.81
1990-91	7.71
1991-92	13.81

The Central Government has also released the State's share in Central taxes and Central assistance for the State's Plan, and grants in lieu of railway passenger fare taxes amounting to:

Rs. 1377.32 Crores in 1989-90

Rs. 1463.01 Crores in 1990-91

Rs. 1377.38 Crores in 1991-92 (so far)

Rise in Prices of Common use Commodities

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of most of the commodities of common use have gone up in rent months;

(b) if so, the comparative price situation of these commodities as on July 1, 1991 and February 1, 1992; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring down the rise in prices of these commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Comparative price situation of commodities of common use during 1991-92 is given in the statement.

(c) The Government has taken a number of measures to bring down the rise in prices of commodities of common use. 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.

STATEMENT

Commodity	Weight	WPI as on					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
				29.6.91 (nearest to July 1, 1991)	31.8.91	28.12.91	1.2.92
ALL COMMODITIES			100.00	200.1	210.3	212.0	214.0
1. Food articles			17.39	231.9	247.7	249.2	251.5
Rice			3.69	195.7	215.2	231.7	240.5
Wheat			2.25	173.1	199.7	223.2	248.2
Jowar			0.42	163.9	186.6	235.9	241.6
Bajra			0.18	161.1	180.7	253.6	272.0
Gram			0.41	200.0	202.5	194.6	196.6
Arhar			0.27	300.2	324.8	304.4	318.2
Moong			0.20	217.4	226.6	237.0	242.0
Masur			0.05	227.5	262.5	257.1	233.7
Urad			0.15	306.2	328.9	307.9	311.8
Potatoes			0.47	289.3	331.4	313.6	194.1
Onions			0.16	209.6	322.6	147.5	120.2

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		1	2	3	4	5	6
				29.6.91 (nearest to July 1, 1991)	31.8.91	28.12.91	1.2.92
Milk	1.96		233.2	233.0	245.7	240.1	
Fish	0.51		254.1	218.7	210.2	231.4	
Meat (mutton)	0.52		243.4	243.4	242.3	245.1	
Chillies	0.32		243.5	395.8	384.6	357.5	
Tea	0.56		308.7	295.6	265.1	251.4	
Atta	0.76		204.9	206.3	226.6	227.0	
Sugar	2.01		148.4	161.0	155.9	170.9	
Gur	1.75		181.0	193.2	150.3	150.1	
Mustard oil	0.28		211.3	253.0	261.6	252.4	
Coconut oil	0.17		272.2	285.5	365.5	362.6	
Groundnut oil	0.53		259.2	269.2	275.5	263.4	
Salt	0.04		188.0	199.7	203.8	207.7	
Hydrogenated vanaspathi	0.52		271.5	282.4	293.4	289.2	

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		1	2	3	4	5	6
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II. Others							
Soft coke (coking coal)	0.35		253.8	258.8	320.0	320.0	320.0
Kerosene	0.87		161.4	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.8
Long cloth/sheeting	0.36		155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0
Dhories, Saries & Voils	1.19		173.2	175.0	176.2	176.2	176.2
Washing soap (household laundry)	0.59		167.9	171.9	187.8	187.8	187.8
Safety matches	0.23		134.4	134.4	138.4	138.4	138.4