

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASING POWER OF THE INDIAN RUPEE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the purchasing power of Indian rupee has continuously reduced during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the average value of rupee in year 1991-92 and 1996-97 vis- a - vis 1980 -81 ;
- (c) Whether there is wide gape in the purchasing power of the Indian rupee in different States of the country; and
- (d) if so , the minimum and maximum purchasing power of rupee along with the names of the cities during the financial year 2003-04 and 2004-05 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The average value of the Indian rupees taking 1980-81 as base period, was 36.99 paise in 1991-92 and 23.68 paise in 1996-97.

(c) Yes Sir. Table below shows the gap in the purchasing power of the Indian rupee in different States of the country. The Assam has the highest value of rupee at 21.78 paise as against the lowest value of rupee at 16.18 in paise in Delhi.

Table 1- Value of Rupee as on October 2004 (BASE: 1982=100)

State/Uts Value of Rupee in paise

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| All-INDIA | 19.01 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 19.34 |
| Assam | 21.78 |
| Bihar | 20.16 |
| Chhatisgarh | 21.23 |
| Gujarat | 19.58 |
| Haryana | 19.02 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 16.42 |
| Jharkhand | 21.51 |
| Karnataka | 19.12 |
| Kerala | 18.88 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 19.31 |
| Mahrashtra | 16.99 |
| Orissa | 21.47 |
| Punjab | 21.11 |
| Rajasthan | 19.74 |
| Tamil Nadu | 19.19 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 19.43 |
| West Bengal | 17.89 |
| Chandigarh | 17.36 |
| Delhi | 16.18 |
| Pondicherry | 17.51 |

(d) In 2003-04, the minimum and maximum purchasing power of the rupee was in Mumbai and Chennai respectively. In 2004-05, minimum and maximum purchasing power of the rupee is in Delhi and Chennai respectively (Table 2).

Table 2 Value of Rupee in paise

| Cities (Oct) | 2003-04 (Oct) | 2004-05 |
|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| Delhi | 17.21 | 16.18 |
| Mumbai | 17.09 | 16.34 |
| Kolkata | 18.21 | 16.92 |
| Chennai | 18.76 | 17.89 |