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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Statistical Office (CSO) has prepared a new price index;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has appointed any panel to examine the said index;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the panel has given its report; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION(DR. M.S. GILL)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Central Statistics Office has released a new series of Consumer Price Index (CPI) numbers on base 2010 =100 for all-India and States/UTs separately for rural and urban areas and also combined (rural plus urban) for the month of January 2011 on 18th February, 2011. Consumption patterns used for new CPI have been derived from the results of the Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office during 2004-05. Prices of specified consumption items are collected every month from 1181 selected villages covering all the districts for CPI (Rural) and from 310 selected towns which include all State/UT capitals for CPI (Urban).

(c) to (f) The Government has not appointed any panel to examine this new price index.