

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INFLATION

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the rate of inflation has gone in negative in the month of June, 2009, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether inflation in India is measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and not the Consumer Price Index;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether retail prices of sugar, tea, pulses, cereals, etc. have gone up steeply during the last few months in spite of WPI going down;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the reasons for variation in the prices during these months and the reaction of the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) to (g): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.