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

- (a) whether the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of food items with regard to the rural labourers has surpassed the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the WPI usually stays above the CPI; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a), (b) & (c) Usually annual inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is lower than that of Consumer Price Index (CPI) for rural labourers. All India annual inflation rates based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) for rural labourers of food items and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of food articles and food products for 2011, 2012 and 2013 (up to July) are as under:

Year	CPI (Rural Labourers) Index 1986- 87 = 100 (%)	Inflation (%)	WPI Index 2004 =100	Inflation (%)
2011	599	6.39	173.5	7.97
2012	640	6.84	187.6	8.13
2013 (up to July)	702	13.41	199.5 (P)	8.90 (P)

(P) : Provisional

It may be observed from the above table that WPI based inflation is higher than that based on CPI for the years 2011 and 2012 whereas it is lower in the year 2013.

(d) Does not arise.