

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GAP BETWEEN WPI AND CPI  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a huge gap has been noticed between Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the middle of January 2015 in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the WPI and CPI at the end of the first fortnight of the said period; and
- (c) the reasons for the said gap between the two indices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) There is a gap between Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) in January 2015.

(b) Currently WPI and CPI are released on monthly basis. The monthly Index and Inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with base 2004-05 and Consumer Price Index -New Series (CPI-NS) with base 2012 for January 2015 is given below:

|                 | Period        | WPI    | CPI   |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| INDEX           | January -2015 | 178.3# | 119.5 |
| Y-O-Y INFLATION | January -2015 | -0.4#  | 5.2   |

# Provisional data

(c) The gap between WPI and CPI is on account of the fact that the WPI indicates the price changes of wholesale transactions of a basket of commodities, whereas the CPI measures the changes in retail prices of goods and services. Additionally, the difference also lies in the different base years, the commodity baskets and coverage used in the two indices.