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**ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER) OF 2008-09**

The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the third quarter (October-December) Q3 of 2008-09, both at constant (1999-2000) and current prices, alongwith the corresponding quarterly estimates of Expenditure components of the GDP. The details of the estimates are presented below.

I ESTIMATES OF GDP BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

(a) At constant (1999-2000) prices

2. Quarterly GDP at factor cost at constant (1999-2000) prices for Q3 of 2008-09 is estimated at Rs. 8,73,426 crore, as against Rs. 8,29,172 crore in Q3 of 2007-08, showing a growth rate of 5.3 per cent over the corresponding quarter of previous year.

3. The economic activities which registered significant growth in Q3 of 2008-09 over Q3 of 2007-08 are, 'mining & quarrying' at 5.3 per cent, 'construction' at 6.7 percent, 'trade, hotels, transport and communication' at 6.8 per cent, 'financing, insurance, real estate and business services' at 9.5 per cent, and 'community, social and personal services' at 17.3 per cent. The growth rate in 'agriculture, forestry & fishing', and 'manufacturing' is estimated at (-) 2.2 per cent and (-) 0.2 per cent, respectively in this period.

4. According to the second advance estimates of production of crops released on 12.2.2009 by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), which has been used in compiling the estimate of GDP from agriculture in Q3 of 2008-09, the crops rice, coarse cereals and pulses during the Kharif season of 2008-09 recorded growth rates of 3.4 per cent, (-) 13.2 per cent, and (-) 24.7 per cent, respectively over the corresponding season in the previous agriculture year. Among the commercial crops, the production of oilseeds declined by 21.2 per cent during the Kharif season of 2008-09, while the production of cotton and sugarcane is also estimated to decline by 14.4 per cent and 16.6 per cent, respectively during the agriculture year 2008-09. However, horticultural crops, livestock products and fisheries are expected to grow at 6.0 per cent in, 5.5 per cent and 6.0 per cent, respectively.

5. According to the latest estimates available on the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), the index of mining, manufacturing and electricity, registered growth rates of 1.5 per cent, (-) 0.7 per cent and 2.9 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2008-09, as compared to the growth rates of 5.5 per cent, 8.9 per cent and 4.6 per cent in these sectors in Q3 of 2007-08. In the mining sector, production of coal and crude oil registered growth rates of 9.9 per cent and zero per cent in Q3 of 2008-09, as against the growth rates of 8.3 per cent and (-) 0.4 per cent in Q3 of 2007-08. The key indicators of construction sector, namely, cement and finished steel registered growth rates of 8.8 per cent and (-) 1.7 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2008-09, as against the growth rates of 5.7 per cent and 3.9 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2007-08.

6. Among the services sectors, the key indicators of railways, namely, the net tonne kilometers and passenger kilometers have shown growth rates of 0.5 per cent and 10.1 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2008-09, as against the growth rates of 8.6 per cent and 6.2 per cent, in the corresponding period of previous year. In the transport and communication sectors, the production of commercial vehicles, cargo handled at major ports, cargo handled by the civil aviation, passengers handled by the

civil aviation and the total stock of telephone connections (including WLL and cellular) registered growth rates of (-) 52.4 per cent, (-) 3.4 per cent, (-) 6.4 per cent, (-) 12.2 per cent and 41.0 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2008-09 over Q3 of 2007-08. The other key indicators, namely, aggregate bank deposits, bank credits and revenue expenditure of central government excluding interest payments have shown growth rates of 20.8 per cent, 23.1 per cent, and 50.5 per cent respectively during April-December, 2008-09 over the corresponding period in 2007-08.

(b) At current prices

7. GDP at factor cost at current prices in Q3 of 2008-09, is estimated at Rs. 13,04,468 crore, as against Rs. 11,43,862 crore in Q3, 2007-08, showing an increase of 14.0 per cent.

8. The wholesale price index (WPI), in respect of the groups, food articles, non-food articles, fish, minerals, manufactured products, electricity and all commodities, has risen by 10.1 per cent, 12.4 per cent, 5.3 per cent, 14.4 per cent, 8.0 per cent, 1.4 per cent, and 8.7 per cent, respectively during Q3 of 2008-09, over Q3 of 2007-08. The consumer price index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) has shown a rise of 10.2 per cent during Q3 of 2008-09 over Q3 of 2007-08.

II ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES ON GDP

9. The components of expenditure on gross domestic product, namely, consumption expenditure and capital formation, are normally measured at market prices. The aggregates presented in the following paragraphs, therefore, are in terms of market prices.

Private Final Consumption Expenditure

10. Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) at current prices is estimated at Rs. 8,21,043 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 7,14,791 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. At constant (1999-2000) prices, the PFCE is estimated at Rs. 5,59,412 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 5,30,913 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. In terms of GDP at market prices, the rates of PFCE at current and constant (1999-2000) prices during Q3 of 2008-09 are estimated at 58.5 per cent and 59.5 per cent, respectively, as against the corresponding rates of 57.1 per cent and 59.0 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2007-08.

Government Final Consumption Expenditure

11. Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE) at current prices is estimated at Rs. 1,50,198 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 1,09,432 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. At constant (1999-2000) prices, the GFCE is estimated at Rs. 93,939 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 75,363 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. In terms of GDP at market prices, the rates of GFCE at current and constant (1999-2000) prices during Q3 of 2008-09 are estimated at 10.7 per cent and 10.0 per cent, respectively, as against the corresponding rates of 8.7 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2007-08.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation

12. Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) at current prices is estimated at Rs. 4,68,195 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 4,13,518 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. At constant (1999-2000) prices, the GFCF is estimated at Rs. 2,91,468 crore in Q3 of 2008-09 as against Rs. 2,76,803 crore in Q3 of 2007-08. In terms of GDP at market prices, the rates of GFCF at current and constant (1999-2000) prices during Q3 of 2008-09 are estimated at 33.4 per cent and 31.0 per cent, respectively, as against the corresponding rates of 33.0 per cent and 30.8 per cent, respectively in Q3 of 2007-08.

13. Estimates of GDP at factor cost by kind of economic activity and the Expenditures on GDP at market prices for Q3 and April-December, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 at constant (1999-2000) and current prices, are given in Statements 1 to 8.

14. The next release of quarterly GDP estimate for the quarter January-March, 2008 (Q4 of 2008-09) will be on **29.05.2009**.

STATEMENT 1: QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF GDP FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER (Q3) OF 2008-09
(at 1999-2000 prices)

Item	GDP AT FACTOR COST (Rs. in crore)									PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR					
	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09			2007-08			2008-09		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
1. agriculture, forestry & fishing	122735	98683	169107	128151	103046	180732	131950	105856	176772	4.4	4.4	6.9	3.0	2.7	-2.2
2. mining & quarrying	14271	13300	15309	14298	13825	15965	14985	14364	16807	0.2	3.9	4.3	4.8	3.9	5.3
3. manufacturing	102874	106712	110803	113111	115499	120350	119474	121227	120135	10.0	8.2	8.6	5.6	5.0	-0.2
4. electricity, gas & water supply	14895	14914	15323	15918	15788	15906	16325	16354	16434	6.9	5.9	3.8	2.6	3.6	3.3
5. construction	48660	48375	52585	53370	55024	57313	59439	60351	61131	9.7	13.7	9.0	11.4	9.7	6.7
6. trade, hotels, transport & commn.	175243	182709	201719	198322	202827	225048	220442	224542	240250	13.2	11.0	11.6	11.2	10.7	6.8
7. financing, ins., real est. & bus. servs.	97109	99346	103210	109195	111491	115463	119344	121712	126483	12.4	12.2	11.9	9.3	9.2	9.5
8. community, social & personal servs.	89202	94789	93258	93207	101504	98395	101094	109282	115415	4.5	7.1	5.5	8.5	7.7	17.3
GDP at factor cost	664989	658827	761313	725572	719004	829172	783052	773687	873426	9.1	9.1	8.9	7.9	7.6	5.3

STATEMENT 2: QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF GDP FOR (Q3) OCTOBER-DECEMBER OF 2008-09
(at current prices)

Item	GDP AT FACTOR COST (Rs. in crore)									PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR					
	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09			2007-08			2008-09		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
1. agriculture, forestry & fishing	153032	125906	222728	178448	145821	253873	197095	163388	273723	16.6	15.8	14.0	10.4	12.0	7.8
2. mining & quarrying	24941	23897	27153	26595	23963	26731	29711	29885	32955	6.6	0.3	-1.6	11.7	24.7	23.3
3. manufacturing	140799	148755	156995	164563	169565	178390	190028	198116	192994	16.9	14.0	13.6	15.5	16.8	8.2
4. electricity, gas & water supply	16984	17246	18185	18969	18822	18962	19730	19767	19867	11.7	9.1	4.3	4.0	5.0	4.8
5. construction	73656	74887	82605	87114	90718	95227	106381	111995	110773	18.3	21.1	15.3	22.1	23.5	16.3
6. trade, hotels, transport & commn.	211972	222772	249655	248601	251699	282357	295067	304384	318345	17.3	13.0	13.1	18.7	20.9	12.7
7. financing, ins., real est. & bus. servs.	122063	127298	133495	140303	144190	149629	168030	176984	177464	14.9	13.3	12.1	19.8	22.7	18.6
8. community, social & personal servs.	114546	124671	124773	127993	141918	138694	151179	169739	178345	11.7	13.8	11.2	18.1	19.6	28.6
GDP at factor cost	857994	865432	1015589	992586	986695	1143862	1157220	1174258	1304468	15.7	14.0	12.6	16.6	19.0	14.0

**STATEMENT 5: ESTIMATES OF GDP AT FACTOR COST IN
APRIL-DECEMBER OF 2008-09
(at 1999-2000 prices)**

Industry	APRIL-DECEMBER				
	<i>(Rs. in crore)</i> Gross Domestic Product (April-December)			Percentage change Over previous year	
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
1. agriculture, forestry and fishing	390525	411929	414578	5.5	0.6
2. mining and quarrying	42880	44088	46156	2.8	4.7
3. manufacturing	320389	348960	360836	8.9	3.4
4. electricity, gas and water supply	45132	47612	49112	5.5	3.2
5. construction	149619	165707	180920	10.8	9.2
6. trade, hotels, transport and communication	559670	626196	685234	11.9	9.4
7. financing, ins., real est. and Business services	299664	336149	367540	12.2	9.3
8. community, social and personal services	277249	293107	325791	5.7	11.2
GDP at factor cost	2085129	2273749	2430166	9.0	6.9

**STATEMENT 6: ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES OF GDP AT MARKET PRICES IN
APRIL-DECEMBER OF 2008-09
(at 1999-2000 prices)**

Item	APRIL-DECEMBER				
	<i>(Rs. in crore)</i> Expenditures of Gross Domestic Product (April-December)			Rates of GDP at market prices (%)	
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
1. Private Final Consumption Expenditure	1343183	1454586	1550415	59.2	59.1
2. Government Final Consumption Expenditure	218076	223880	253551	9.1	9.7
3. Gross Fixed Capital Formation	683896	781692	860265	31.8	32.8
4. Change in Stocks	50711	77413	69528	3.1	2.7
5. Valuables	28282	29269	32929	1.2	1.3
6. Exports	484987	480647	555198	19.6	21.2
7. <i>Less</i> Imports	582771	587984	736970	23.9	28.1
8. Discrepancies	27797	-1598	36299	-0.1	1.4
GDP at market prices	2254159	2457905	2621215	100.0	100.0

**STATEMENT 7: ESTIMATES OF GDP AT FACTOR COST IN
APRIL-DECEMBER OF 2008-09
(at current prices)**

Industry	APRIL-DECEMBER				
	<i>(Rs. in crore)</i>			Percentage change over previous year	
	Gross Domestic Product (April-December)			2007-08	2008-09
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		
1. agriculture, forestry and fishing	501667	578142	634206	15.2	9.7
2. mining and quarrying	75992	77288	92551	1.7	19.7
3. manufacturing	446549	512517	581138	14.8	13.4
4. electricity, gas and water supply	52415	56753	59364	8.3	4.6
5. construction	231148	273059	329149	18.1	20.5
6. trade, hotels, transport and communication	684400	782657	917797	14.4	17.3
7. financing, ins., real est. and Business services	382855	434121	522478	13.4	20.4
8. community, social and personal services	363990	408605	499263	12.3	22.2
GDP at factor cost	2739014	3123143	3635946	14.0	16.4

**STATEMENT 8: ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES OF GDP AT MARKET PRICES
IN APRIL-DECEMBER OF 2008-09
(at current prices)**

Item	APRIL-DECEMBER				
	<i>(Rs. in crore)</i>			Rates of GDP at market prices (%)	
	Expenditures of Gross Domestic Product (April-December)			2007-08	2008-09
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		
1. Private Final Consumption Expenditure	1717767	1928475	2253542	56.8	57.2
2. Government Final Consumption Expenditure	295109	319929	398957	9.4	10.1
3. Gross Fixed Capital Formation	956940	1160429	1378377	34.2	35.0
4. Change in Stocks	78774	123792	118586	3.6	3.0
5. Valuables	40361	43579	52034	1.3	1.3
6. Exports	657846	695912	889883	20.5	22.6
7. <i>Less</i> Imports	775512	819867	1141310	24.1	29.0
8. Discrepancies	3615	-55831	-12373	-1.6	-0.3
GDP at market prices	2974899	3396417	3937695	100.0	100.0