

Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
Government of India
Monthly Summary for the month of April 2017

1. On the Statistics side, we released monthly Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The salient features of these are:

- As per the Quick Estimates (QE) of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base year 2004-05 the general index for the month of February 2017 stood at 182.3, which is 1.2% lower as compared to the level in the corresponding month of previous year.
- Central Statistics Office released the All India provisional General (all groups), Group and Sub-group level CPI and CFPI numbers for **March 2017** (provisional), for Rural, Urban and Combined, on 12th April 2017 on Base 2012=100.
- The General Consumer Price Indices (CPI) for the month of **March 2017** (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined were 132.8, 128.6 and 130.8, showing an annual inflation rate of 3.75%, 3.88% and 3.81% respectively. The corresponding inflation rates (final) for Rural, Urban and Combined for **February 2017** were 3.67%, 3.55% and 3.65% respectively.
- The Consumer Food Price Indices (CFPI) for **March 2017** (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined were 132.2, 130.9 and 131.7 showing an annual inflation rate of 1.85%, 2.27% and 1.93% respectively. The corresponding inflation rates (final) for Rural, Urban and Combined for **February 2017** were 2.08%, 1.87% and 2.01% respectively.
- The nationwide Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) survey was launched on 1st April 2017.

2. Our monitoring of the infrastructure sector highlighted the following:

- As per the latest Flash Report for the ongoing Central Sector Projects costing ₹ 150 crore and above of February 2017, there are **1199** such ongoing projects, out of which **295** have cost overruns, with average cost overrun being **94.37%** of original cost, which is a matter of concern. Also, **334** projects (**27.86%** of total ongoing projects) are delayed and the average delay/time overrun of the delayed project is about **43.98** months. During February 2017, **7** Projects (3 projects in Petroleum and 4 projects in Road Transport and Highways sector) have reported completion. **76** projects have reported additional delays vis-à-vis the date of completion reported in the previous month.
- As per the latest Review Report on the Performance of the Infrastructure Sectors for the period April 2016 – February 2017, Power Generation (**+5.35%**), Refinery Production (**+1.89%**), Upgradation of Highways by State PWD & Border Road Organisation (BRO) (**+0.97%**), Goods traffic carried by Railways (**+0.52%**), Export Cargo handled at Airports (**+5.68%**), Import Cargo handled at Airports (**+6.94%**), Passenger traffic handled at International terminal of the Airports (**+0.23%**) and Passenger traffic handled at Domestic terminal of the Airports (**+17.26%**) exceeded their targets.

- The Sectors that fell short of their targets are Coal Production (-10.45%), Fertilizers Production (-8.19%), Crude Oil Production (-2.58%), Natural Gas Production (-5.99%) and Upgradation of Highways by NHAI (-44.65%).

3. Under MPLADS, ₹ 160 crore have been released during the Month of **April 2017** and the total fund released during the financial year 2017-18 **up to 30th April 2017** is ₹ 160 crore.

4. Status report on Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

A new integrated MPLADS website, developed on state-of-the-art Microsoft technology platform with built in security features is in operation. This new website provides single point of reference for all stake holders including Members of Parliament and District Authorities. All MPLADS funds releases are being made only through PFMS & information about release of funds is uploaded on the website. The Ministry is regularly organizing training programme for the district officials on the new website.
