

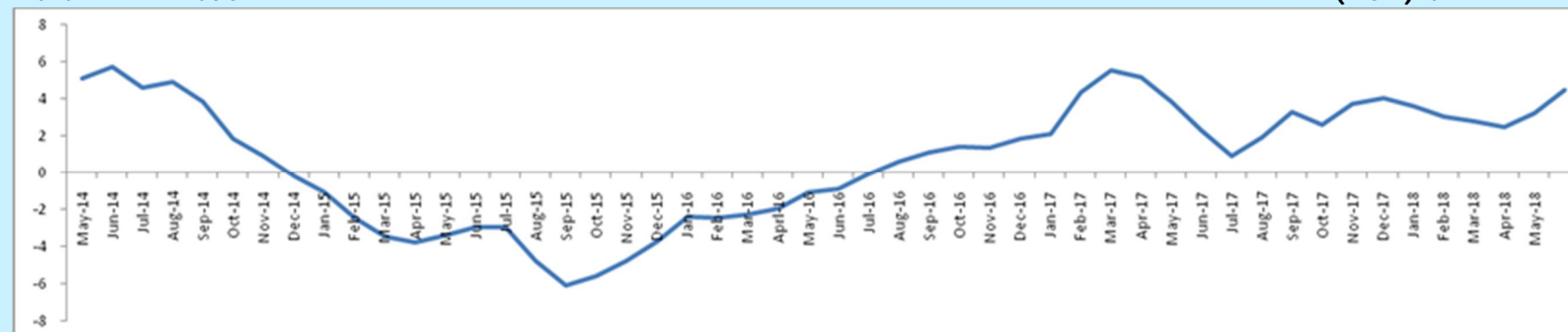
May 2018 WPI inflation stood at 4.43%

The WPI inflation stood at 4.43% in May 2018 as compared to 3.18% in April 2018, 2.74% in March 2018, 2.74% in February 2018, 3.02% in January 2018 and 3.58% in December 2017. The rise in WPI inflation in the month of May 2018 is attributed to rise in the prices of minerals (15.64%), HSD (17.34%) and potato (81.93%).

Driven by rise in the prices of minerals, HSD and potato WPI inflation grows at 4.43% in May 2018 as compared to 3.18% in April 2018. The official Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities (Base: 2011-12=100) for the month of May, 2018 rose by 0.9% to 117.9 (provisional) from 116.8 (provisional) for the previous month.

Trend in WPI Inflation

(Y-O-Y) %



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India

WPI inflation in select commodities (Base year: 2011-12)

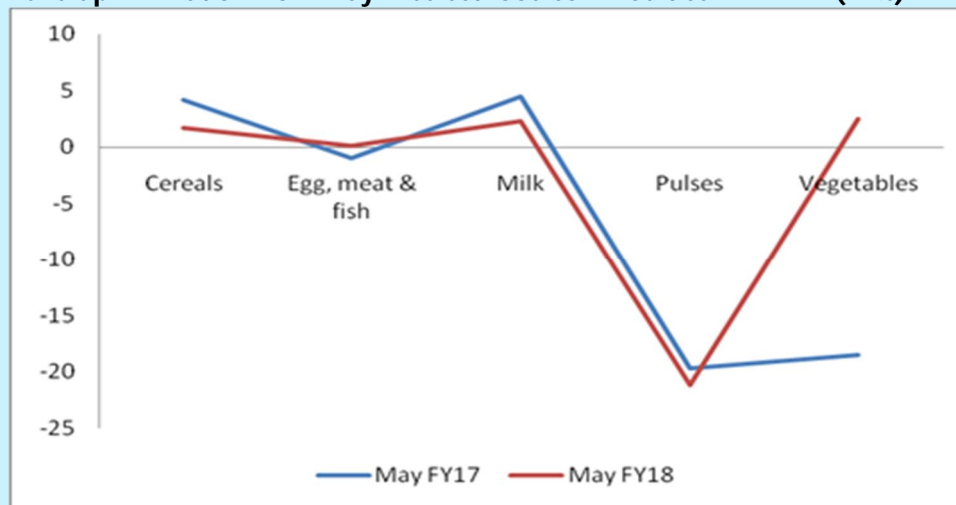
Commodity	WPI Inflation Y-o-Y % growth		
	March'18	April '18	May'18
1 All Commodities	2.74	3.18	4.43
2 Primary Articles	0.87	1.41	3.16

3	Food Articles	-0.22	0.87	1.60
4	Cereals	-0.41	0.21	1.68
5	Vegetables	-2.7	-0.89	2.51
6	Non-food Articles	-1.48	-1.81	-0.58
7	Fuel & Power	4.7	7.85	11.22
8	Petrol	2.67	9.45	13.90
9	Manufactured Products	3.12	3.11	3.73
10	Sugar	-10.64	-15.56	-19.46

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India

Build up inflation rate in the financial year so far was 1.38% compared to a build up rate of (-)0.27% in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Build up in inflation from May in select food commodities (in %)



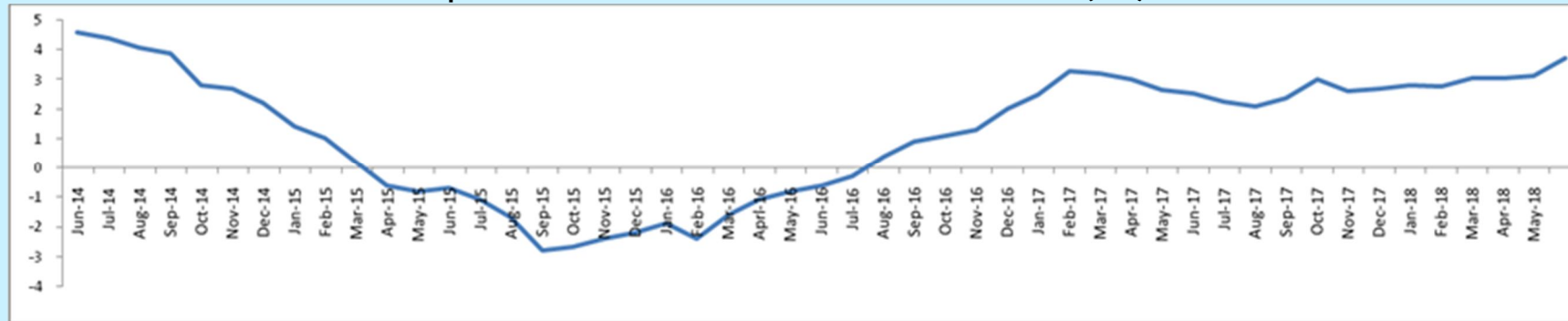
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Manufacturing inflation stands at 3.73% (weight 64.23 %)

The WPI inflation for manufactured products grows at 3.73% for May 2018 as against 3.11% for April 2018. The index for this major group rose by 0.6% to 116.8 (provisional) from 116.1 (provisional) for the previous month.

Trend in WPI inflation in manufactured products

(in %)



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Food inflation stands at 1.60% (Weight 15.26%)

Food inflation stands at 1.60% in May 2018 as against 0.87% in April 2018. The index for Food Articles group rose by 0.2% to 140.1 (provisional) from 139.8 (provisional) for the previous month due to higher price of fish-marine (8%), poultry chicken (4%), egg and peas/chawali (3% each), fish-inland (2%) and moong, bajra, barley, paddy, wheat and arhar (1% each). However, the price of betel leaves (6%), coffee (4%), tea (3%), gram, urad and fruits & vegetables (2% each) and ragi, jowar and pork (1% each) declined.

Fuel & power inflation stands at 11.22% (weight 13.15%)

Fuel & power inflation for the month of May 2018 stands at 11.22% as against 7.85% in April 2018. The index for this major group rose by 2.2 percent to 101.1 (provisional) from 98.9 (provisional) for the previous month. The index for Coal group declined by 0.1% to 122.9 (provisional) from 123.0 (provisional) for the previous month due to lower price of lignite (2%). The index for Mineral Oils group rose by 4.1% to 93.6 (provisional) from 89.9 (provisional) for the previous month due to higher price of furnace oil and naphtha (10% each), kerosene, petroleum and HSD (4% each) and petrol (3%). However, the price of bitumen and LPG (1% each) declined.

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