
INDIAN ECONOMY – HIGHLIGHTS OF PERFORMANCE

GDP: The Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the provisional estimates of national income for the second quarter (Q2) of the current financial year 2016-17, both at constant (2011-12) and current prices. As per their report, GDP at constant (2011-12) prices in Q2 of 2016-17 is estimated at Rs 29.63 lakh crore, as against Rs 27.62 lakh crore in Q2 of 2015-16, showing a growth rate of 7.3 per cent. Quarterly GVA at Basic Price at constant (2011-12) prices for Q2 of 2016-17 is estimated at Rs 27.33 lakh crore, as against Rs 25.52 lakh crore in Q2 of 2015-16, showing a growth rate of 7.1 per cent over the corresponding quarter of previous year. The economic activities which registered growth of over 7 per cent in Q2 of 2016-17 over Q2 of 2015-16 are 'Public administration, defence & other services', 'financial ,insurance, real estate and professional services', 'manufacturing' and 'trade, hotels and transport & communication and services related to broadcasting'. The growth in the 'agriculture, forestry and fishing', 'mining and quarrying', 'electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services, and 'construction' is estimated to be 3.3 per cent, (-)1.5 per cent, 3.5 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively, during this period.

Industrial Production: Provisional CSO data show that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was up by 5.7 per cent in November 2016 and by 0.4 per cent in April- November 2016-17, depressed by declining growth in sectors like Mining & Quarrying, Manufacturing, Capital Goods among others.

Inflation: The annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI, stood at 3.39 per cent (provisional) for the month of December 2016 (over December, 2015) as compared to 3.15 per cent (provisional) for the previous month. Build up inflation rate in the financial year so far was 4.28 per cent compared to a build up rate of 0.4 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year. The all India CPI inflation rate (combined) for December 2016 stood at 3.41 per cent as compared to 3.63 per cent of previous month.

Infrastructure Growth: The yoy growth rate of the eight core infrastructure industries was up by 4.9 per cent in November 2016 and by 4.9 per cent also in April- November 2016-17, led by the growth rates in all sectors except crude oil and natural gas.

Trade: Provisional figures from DGCI&S show that during April-December 2016 in dollar terms, overall exports were up by 0.75 per cent while imports were down by 7.42 per cent, both on yoy basis. During the same period, oil imports were valued at US\$ 60921.83 million, 10.76 per cent lower yoy while non-oil imports were valued at US\$ 214434.09 million, 6.42 per cent lower yoy. The trade deficit for April-December 2016-17 was estimated at US\$ 76548.17 million which was 23.51 per cent lower than the deficit of US\$ 100077.23 million during April-December 2015-16.
