

Two Decades of growth in Prices

5.16 During the last two decades(1980-81 to 1999-2000), the average annual rise in price level has been around 8-10 per cent, with only four years (1980-81, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1994-95) registering double digit inflation. However, growth in prices both at the wholesale and retail level has been particularly low in the last five years, with manufactured products group recording relatively the lowest annual rise of 4.1 per cent.

Year	Based on CPI			Based on WPI		
	CPI (IW)	CPI (AL)	All Comm	Primary articles	Fuel group	Manufactured
1980-85	9.8	7.3	9.3	10.0	12.5	8.2
1985-90	8.0	7.5	6.7	5.5	6.0	7.5
1990-95	10.4	10.9	11.0	12.3	12.8	10.1
1995-00	8.6	7.7	5.2	6.5	8.3	4.1