

Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees (CPI-UNME)

5.21 CPI-UNME (Base 1984-85 = 100) has limited use and is basically used for determining dearness allowances of employees of some foreign companies working in India in service sectors such as airlines, communications, banking, insurance and other financial services. It is also used under the Income Tax Act to determine capital

gains and by the CSO for deflating selected service sectors' GDP at current prices to get the corresponding GDP at constant factor cost. Presently, on the advice of its governing council, the NSSO is conducting a Family Living Survey (FLS) to obtain the present consumption pattern of urban non-manual employees for shifting the present base of CPI-UNME. The CSO is also examining the possibility of constructing a consumer price index for the urban employees.