

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

5.26 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' contribution to GDP at

factor cost at current prices to arrive at the corresponding figure at constant prices.

5.27 For shifting the present base of CPI-UNME, presently, on the advice of its governing council, the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) is conducting a Family Living Survey (FLS) to obtain the profile of the present consumption pattern of urban non-manual employees. The CSO is also examining the possibility of constructing a consumer price index for the urban employees.