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Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure

**Rajya Sabha**

Unstarred Question No. 1806

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Sravana 11, 1944 (Saka)

**Increase in DA/DR to Government employees/pensioners**

**1806:: Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that wholesale inflation has accelerated to 30-year high at 15.8 percent with the result that Wholesale Price Index(WPI) has also zoomed and likely signals are of continued inflationary upward pressure;
- (b) whether in spite of rising in WPI, the increase in Dearness Allowance for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief for pensioners remained at three per cent, and if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would consider the increased WPI and approve DA/DR at higher rates while approving the next instalment of DA/DR to Government employees/pensioners and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance  
(Shri Pankaj Chaudhary)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per Wholesale Price Index (WPI), inflation of 15.88% has been registered in the month of May, 2022 which is highest in the last 30 years (from April 1992). However, the aforesaid rate of inflation has reduced to 15.18% in the month of June, 2022. Details are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) No, Sir. Calculation of Dearness Allowance (DA)/Dearness Relief (DR) to Central Government employees/pensioners, is not based on WPI based inflation. DA/DR to Central Government employees/pensioners is calculated on the basis of rate of inflation as per All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW) released by Labour Bureau (Shimla), Ministry of Labour and Employment.

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## WPI based inflation from April 1991

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-1991	11.57	Apr-1992	13.80	Apr-1993	6.93	Apr-1994	11.81
May-1991	11.76	May-1992	13.76	May-1993	6.95	May-1994	11.98
Jun-1991	12.15	Jun-1992	12.95	Jun-1993	7.01	Jun-1994	11.80
Jul-1991	13.11	Jul-1992	11.74	Jul-1993	7.28	Jul-1994	11.60
Aug-1991	16.09	Aug-1992	9.37	Aug-1993	7.95	Aug-1994	10.16
Sep-1991	16.31	Sep-1992	9.65	Sep-1993	8.76	Sep-1994	8.89
Oct-1991	14.68	Oct-1992	10.56	Oct-1993	8.52	Oct-1994	8.92
Nov-1991	14.75	Nov-1992	9.09	Nov-1993	8.59	Nov-1994	9.78
Dec-1991	14.26	Dec-1992	8.54	Dec-1993	8.77	Dec-1994	11.20
Jan-1992	13.55	Jan-1993	7.57	Jan-1994	9.11	Jan-1995	12.11
Feb-1992	12.94	Feb-1993	7.58	Feb-1994	9.45	Feb-1995	11.73
Mar-1992	13.56	Mar-1993	7.07	Mar-1994	10.51	Mar-1995	10.60

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-1995	9.95	Apr-1996	4.99	Apr-1997	6.44	Apr-1998	5.65
May-1995	9.87	May-1996	4.49	May-1997	5.81	May-1998	6.64
Jun-1995	9.14	Jun-1996	4.55	Jun-1997	5.72	Jun-1998	7.45
Jul-1995	8.44	Jul-1996	5.98	Jul-1997	4.07	Jul-1998	8.29
Aug-1995	8.82	Aug-1996	6.18	Aug-1997	3.69	Aug-1998	8.34
Sep-1995	8.86	Sep-1996	6.52	Sep-1997	3.72	Sep-1998	8.55
Oct-1995	8.45	Oct-1996	6.58	Oct-1997	4.41	Oct-1998	8.27
Nov-1995	8.40	Nov-1996	6.55	Nov-1997	3.95	Nov-1998	8.11
Dec-1995	6.36	Dec-1996	7.52	Dec-1997	4.47	Dec-1998	6.31
Jan-1996	4.98	Jan-1997	7.53	Jan-1998	5.75	Jan-1999	4.70
Feb-1996	4.64	Feb-1997	7.89	Feb-1998	4.95	Feb-1999	5.34
Mar-1996	5.09	Mar-1997	7.11	Mar-1998	5.02	Mar-1999	5.02

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-1999	4.32	Apr-2000	5.83	Apr-2001	5.41	Apr-2002	1.50
May-1999	3.78	May-2000	5.43	May-2001	5.60	May-2002	1.56
Jun-1999	3.11	Jun-2000	5.61	Jun-2001	5.30	Jun-2002	2.43
Jul-1999	2.33	Jul-2000	5.50	Jul-2001	5.23	Jul-2002	2.79
Aug-1999	2.24	Aug-2000	5.27	Aug-2001	5.41	Aug-2002	3.34
Sep-1999	2.69	Sep-2000	4.65	Sep-2001	4.52	Sep-2002	3.53
Oct-1999	2.93	Oct-2000	5.92	Oct-2001	2.91	Oct-2002	3.08
Nov-1999	2.85	Nov-2000	6.32	Nov-2001	2.59	Nov-2002	3.39
Dec-1999	2.78	Dec-2000	7.49	Dec-2001	2.08	Dec-2002	3.34
Jan-2000	3.08	Jan-2001	7.67	Jan-2002	1.51	Jan-2003	4.22
Feb-2000	2.42	Feb-2001	8.00	Feb-2002	1.39	Feb-2003	5.35
Mar-2000	3.73	Mar-2001	7.45	Mar-2002	1.76	Mar-2003	5.99

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Apr-2003	6.65	Apr-2004	4.51	Apr-2005	5.91	Apr-2006	3.86
May-2003	6.51	May-2004	5.02	May-2005	5.49	May-2006	4.79
Jun-2003	5.34	Jun-2004	6.74	Jun-2005	4.32	Jun-2006	5.12
Jul-2003	4.71	Jul-2004	7.61	Jul-2005	4.29	Jul-2006	4.83
Aug-2003	3.95	Aug-2004	8.46	Aug-2005	3.66	Aug-2006	5.12
Sep-2003	4.90	Sep-2004	7.86	Sep-2005	4.12	Sep-2006	5.38
Oct-2003	5.13	Oct-2004	7.27	Oct-2005	4.71	Oct-2006	5.51
Nov-2003	5.42	Nov-2004	7.52	Nov-2005	4.21	Nov-2006	5.50
Dec-2003	5.74	Dec-2004	6.79	Dec-2005	4.45	Dec-2006	5.68
Jan-2004	6.50	Jan-2005	5.54	Jan-2006	4.08	Jan-2007	6.37
Feb-2004	6.14	Feb-2005	5.01	Feb-2006	4.03	Feb-2007	6.36
Mar-2004	4.78	Mar-2005	5.34	Mar-2006	3.91	Mar-2007	6.61

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-2007	6.28	Apr-2008	8.04	Apr-2009	1.31	Apr-2010	11.23
May-2007	5.46	May-2008	8.86	May-2009	1.38	May-2010	11.14
Jun-2007	4.53	Jun-2008	11.82	Jun-2009	-1.01	Jun-2010	11.06
Jul-2007	4.71	Jul-2008	12.36	Jul-2009	-0.54	Jul-2010	10.31
Aug-2007	4.14	Aug-2008	12.82	Aug-2009	-0.17	Aug-2010	9.72
Sep-2007	3.51	Sep-2008	12.27	Sep-2009	0.46	Sep-2010	9.63
Oct-2007	3.11	Oct-2008	11.06	Oct-2009	1.46	Oct-2010	10.37
Nov-2007	3.25	Nov-2008	8.48	Nov-2009	5.55	Nov-2010	8.96
Dec-2007	3.84	Dec-2008	6.15	Dec-2009	8.10	Dec-2010	10.13
Jan-2008	4.45	Jan-2009	4.95	Jan-2010	9.44	Jan-2011	10.66
Feb-2008	5.27	Feb-2009	3.50	Feb-2010	10.06	Feb-2011	10.74
Mar-2008	7.48	Mar-2009	1.20	Mar-2010	11.04	Mar-2011	10.50

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-2011	10.63	Apr-2012	7.50	Apr-2013	4.77	Apr-2014	5.55
May-2011	9.62	May-2012	7.55	May-2013	4.58	May-2014	6.18
Jun-2011	9.87	Jun-2012	7.58	Jun-2013	5.16	Jun-2014	5.66
Jul-2011	9.69	Jul-2012	7.52	Jul-2013	5.85	Jul-2014	5.41
Aug-2011	9.81	Aug-2012	8.01	Aug-2013	6.99	Aug-2014	3.85
Sep-2011	10.00	Sep-2012	8.07	Sep-2013	7.05	Sep-2014	2.38
Oct-2011	9.87	Oct-2012	7.32	Oct-2013	7.24	Oct-2014	1.66
Nov-2011	9.46	Nov-2012	7.24	Nov-2013	7.52	Nov-2014	-0.17
Dec-2011	7.74	Dec-2012	7.31	Dec-2013	6.40	Dec-2014	-0.50
Jan-2012	7.23	Jan-2013	7.31	Jan-2014	5.11	Jan-2015	-0.95
Feb-2012	7.56	Feb-2013	7.28	Feb-2014	5.03	Feb-2015	-2.17
Mar-2012	7.69	Mar-2013	5.65	Mar-2014	6.00	Mar-2015	-2.33

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Apr-2015	-2.43	Apr-2016	0.79	Apr-2017	3.85	Apr-2018	3.62
May-2015	-2.20	May-2016	1.24	May-2017	2.26	May-2018	4.78
Jun-2015	-2.13	Jun-2016	2.12	Jun-2017	0.90	Jun-2018	5.68
Jul-2015	-4.00	Jul-2016	3.72	Jul-2017	1.88	Jul-2018	5.27
Aug-2015	-5.06	Aug-2016	3.85	Aug-2017	3.24	Aug-2018	4.62
Sep-2015	-4.59	Sep-2016	3.80	Sep-2017	3.14	Sep-2018	5.22
Oct-2015	-3.70	Oct-2016	3.79	Oct-2017	3.68	Oct-2018	5.54
Nov-2015	-2.04	Nov-2016	3.38	Nov-2017	4.02	Nov-2018	4.47
Dec-2015	-1.06	Dec-2016	3.68	Dec-2017	3.58	Dec-2018	3.46
Jan-2016	-1.07	Jan-2017	5.53	Jan-2018	3.02	Jan-2019	2.76
Feb-2016	-0.85	Feb-2017	6.55	Feb-2018	2.74	Feb-2019	2.93
Mar-2016	-0.45	Mar-2017	5.99	Mar-2018	2.74	Mar-2019	3.10

Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation	Month	Inflation
Apr-2019	3.24	Apr-2020	-1.57	Apr-2021	10.74	Apr-2022	15.38
May-2019	2.79	May-2020	-3.37	May-2021	13.11	May-2022*	15.88
Jun-2019	2.02	Jun-2020	-1.81	Jun-2021	12.07	Jun-2022*	15.18
Jul-2019	1.17	Jul-2020	-0.25	Jul-2021	11.57		
Aug-2019	1.17	Aug-2020	0.41	Aug-2021	11.64		
Sep-2019	0.33	Sep-2020	1.32	Sep-2021	11.80		
Oct-2019	0.00	Oct-2020	1.31	Oct-2021	13.83		
Nov-2019	0.58	Nov-2020	2.29	Nov-2021	14.87		
Dec-2019	2.76	Dec-2020	1.95	Dec-2021	14.27		
Jan-2020	3.52	Jan-2021	2.51	Jan-2022	13.68		
Feb-2020	2.26	Feb-2021	4.83	Feb-2022	13.43		
Mar-2020	0.42	Mar-2021	7.89	Mar-2022	14.63		

\*Figures for the month of May 2022 and June 2022 are provisional.