

PRICE STATISTICS:-

Collection and compilation of Price Statistics:

The Directorate currently collects following data on price statistics:

- Monthly and Weekly Retail price on food and non-food items for the Urban Sector
- Monthly Retail Price on Food and Non-Food Items for Rural Sector.
- Weekly and Monthly Wholesale Price are collected only for the Urban Sector on Food and Non-Food Items.

Activities: During the year 2019

a) Collection of weekly and monthly Price Statistics:- Wholesale price from 7 centres and Retail prices from 7 Urban Centres and 18 selected rural centres across the State.

b) Maintenance of monthly Consumer Price Indices of :- (1) CPI-IW (Industrial Workers) (2)

CPI- Rural, Urban and Combined and (3) CPI- (AL & RL) Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers. An average from 12 monthly CPI-IW indices for the period ending December and June respectively is used for fixation of Dearness Allowance of State Government Employees.

An average from 6 monthly CPI-IW indices for the period ending December and June each year is also used for fixation of Variable Allowance (VDA) and revision of Minimum Wages payable to employees under 28 Schedule of Employments.

The collection of price data for the year 2019 is also progressing very smoothly and Scrutiny on price returns for necessary check on inter-period/ inter-region variation is also undertaken to ensure consistency in price data for preparation of bulletins.