# Developing a Back Series of Monthly and Quarterly National Income Estimates for India: 1983Q1 - 1999Q4 (1993-94 = 100) 

In this study we present estimates of monthly and quarterly GDP for India starting 1983-84. Following the recommendations of the CSO (KK, 2000) we interpolate annual GDP by economic activity using appropriate physical indicators as the basis. Results are compared against the estimates provided by CSO for the years 1996-97 onwards.

## I. Introduction

Subscription to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) requires the member nations to publish quarterly estimates of the national income (GDP) with the timeliness of one quarter. India subscribed to the SDDS in January 1997 and the Central Statistical Organization (CSO) has been publishing the quarterly estimates of GDP (QGDP) since 1998-99. To maintain consistency with the time series of annual estimates (released independently of quarterly estimates) CSO has also provided estimates of the back series of the QGDP starting 1996-97. However, as things stand, this data cannot be used for analysing most macroeconomic phenomena of interest because the available sample is still quite small.

The objective of this study is to construct a back series of GDP at factor cost by economic activity at monthly and quarterly frequency starting 1983-84 using the methodology of CSO as described by Kulshreshtha and Kohli (2000) (referred to as KK hereafter). Although there have been a few studies ${ }^{1}$ which have attempted estimating GDP with frequency of a quarter they all pertain to the period prior to 1991 and that at 1980-81 prices.

The headings under which the CSO provides the QGDP estimates are:

1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
2. Mining and Quarrying
3. Manufacturing
4. Electricity, Gas and Water Supply
[^0]
## 5. Construction

6. Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication
7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services
8. Community, Social and Personal Services

As one would notice, the quarterly estimates provided by the CSO are aggregated at the sector/heading level. For example, for the heading "Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing," it does not provide estimates of QGDP from Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing individually. We do away with such aggregation and provide the estimates in almost ${ }^{2}$ the same format as Statement \# 10 (Annual GDP by Economic Activity) of the National Account Statistics (NAS) published annually by the CSO (see Annexure $\mathbf{1}$ for the template used).

Estimates provided in the study are 'based' on the back series of Annual GDP by Economic Activity - Revised Estimates (RE) ${ }^{3}$ (1993-94 prices) available from NAS ${ }^{4}$.

## II. Approach for Developing the Back Series

Before we describe our methodology we would like to acknowledge that estimates from our exercise are expected to be $a d$ hoc at best. National Income Accounting is a humongous task on its own and agencies like CSO spend considerable amount of resources in estimating income from various sectors of the economy. It is not expected that estimates provided here would be as "accurate" and/or as informed as given by the CSO. It is an attempt to provide a back-series of national income which contains more information than the traditionally used Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in most Indian econometric studies.

In the section that follows, we point out the 'physical indicators' used for apportioning the annual estimates. The details and rationale for the selected indicators can be found in

[^1]KK. For all the headings and sub-headings we stick to the indicators suggested by KK except for Fishing and Trade (for which data for physical indicators required to arrive at monthly estimates could not be found in the public domain ${ }^{5}$ )

Data on physical indicators for all the other headings and sub-headings are available - the key sources being the CSO Monthly Abstract of Statistics (MAS), the CSO annuals NAS and the Statistical Abstracts of the Indian Economy, and CMIE's electronic database Business Beacon. In the circumstances where the monthly estimates provided by the MAS do not match the annual estimates of the NAS we work with the MAS data ${ }^{6}$ ensuring that sum of the interpolated estimates match the annual.

While data for all the variables used in the study are available at 1993-94 prices, consistent series for various indices are not available at 1993-94 prices. We use growth rate in the 1980-81 series (which is available till 1996-97 from the MAS) for splicing. Throughout the study all the variables have been used at 1993-94 prices.

Barring agriculture, we derive monthly and quarterly estimates on the basis of the regression of annual output from various sectors/headings on the indicators as described in the next section. ${ }^{7}$ Since the objective is only interpolation (the sample for which lies "within" the sample used for estimating the regression equation) and not forecasting or explanation, we neither correct for multicollinearity ${ }^{8}$ nor detrend the variables. Most important criterion for our purpose is the goodness of fit which we measure by the Adjusted $\mathrm{R}^{2}$.

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## III. Basis of Apportionment and Regression Estimates

### 3.1 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Agriculture | State-wise, crop-wise harvesting pattern for <br> the crops for which the data is available | State-wise, crop-wise harvesting pattern <br> for the crops for which the data is available |
| Forestry | Equally | Equally |
| Fishing | Quarterly data on Inland and Marine Fish <br> Production | Equally (Disaggregated data on quarterly <br> Fish Production could not be located) |

## Agriculture

Agriculture is one area of national accounts which is probably the toughest to estimate even for the $\mathrm{CSO}^{9}$. Developing a back series is more so, because the data on all the physical indicators (harvesting seasons of crops in case of agriculture ${ }^{10}$ ) required for apportioning the annual output from agriculture and livestock is not available.

Table 1 shows the template used by the CSO for giving the statement (Statement \# 55, NAS) of output from agriculture. We use the same disaggregation level as used in Statement \# 55. Table 2 gives the list of crops for which the harvesting calendar is available (covering roughly $73 \%$ of total output from agriculture). Items comprising the other $27 \%$ are listed in Table 3 - corresponding mostly to miscellaneous items, possibly comprising crops/horticulture products too insignificant to be considered individually. Whatever the reason, we don't have the information in any further detail. We treat all such items under the heading "Others".

In all, thus we have 46 items listed in Table 2 to interpolate. Out of these, for the following 20 crops listed in Table 4, state-wise crop calendar is available from the official publication of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture. ${ }^{11}$

[^3]Table 1

| 1 | Cereals | 5.3 | Sannhemp |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.1 | Rice | 5.4 | Mesta |
| 1.2 | Wheat | 5.5 | Others |
| 1.3 | Jowar | 6 | Indigo, Dyes \& Tanning |
| 1.4 | Bajra | 7 | Drugs \& Narcotics |
| 1.5 | Barley | 7.1 | Tea |
| 1.6 | Maize | 7.2 | Coffee |
| 1.7 | Ragi | 7.3 | Tobacco |
| 1.8 | Small Millets and Others | 7.4 | Others |
| 2 | Pulses | 8 | Condiments \& Spices |
| 2.1 | Gram | 8.1 | Cardamom |
| 2.2 | Arhar | 8.2 | Chillies |
| 2.3 | Urd | 8.3 | Black Pepper |
| 2.4 | Moong | 8.4 | Dry Ginger |
| 2.5 | Masoor | 8.5 | Turmeric |
| 2.6 | Horse Gram | 8.6 | Arecanut |
| 2.7 | Others | 8.7 | Garlic |
| 3 | Oilseeds | 8.8 | Coriander |
| 3.1 | Linseed | 8.9 | Others |
| 3.2 | Sesamum | 9 | Fruits \& Vegetables |
| 3.3 | Groundnut | 9.1 | Banana |
| 3.4 | Rapeseed and Mustard | 9.2 | Cashewnut |
| 3.5 | Castor | 9.3 | Potato |
| 3.6 | Coconut | 9.4 | Sweet Potato |
| 3.7 | Niger Seed | 9.5 | Tapioca |
| 3.8 | Safflower | 9.6 | Onion |
| 3.9 | Sunflower | 9.7 | Other Horticulture Crops |
| 3.10 | Soyabean | 9.8 | Floriculture |
| 3.11 | Others | 10 | Other Crops |
| 4 | Sugars | 10.1 | Rubber |
| 4.1 | Sugarcane | 10.2 | Guar Seed |
| 4.2 | Others | 10.3 | Miscellaneous Crops |
| 5 | Fibres | 11 | By Products |
| 5.1 | Cotton | 12 | Kitchen Garden |
| 5.2 | Jute | 13 | Total Output for Agriculture |

Table 2


Table 3

| Sub-heading | Item | \% of Total Agriculture Output |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cereals | Small Millets and Others | 0.17\% |
| Pulses | Others | 0.59\% |
| Oilseed | Others | 0.07\% |
| Sugars | Others | 0.01\% |
| Fibres | Sannhemp | 0.01\% |
| Fibres | Others | 0.01\% |
| Indigos, Dyes \& Tanning |  | 0.00\% |
| Drugs and Narcotics | Others | 0.20\% |
| Condiments \& Spices | Others | 0.55\% |
| Fruits \& Vegetables | Other Horticulture Crops | 14.31\% |
| Fruits \& Vegetables | Floriculture | 0.46\% |
| Other Crops | Miscellaneous Crops | 2.22\% |
| By Products |  | 7.62\% |
| Kitchen Garden |  | 0.73\% |
|  | Total | 26.95\% |

Table 4

| Sr. | Crop | Sr. | Crop |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Rice | 11 | Sugarcane |
| 2 | Wheat | 12 | Tobacco |
| 3 | Jowar | 13 | Groundnut |
| 4 | Bajra | 14 | Castor |
| 5 | Barley | 15 | Sesamum |
| 6 | Maize | 16 | Rapeseed and Mustard |
| 7 | Ragi | 17 | Linseed |
| 8 | Gram | 18 | Cotton |
| 9 | Arhar | 19 | Jute |
| 10 | Potato | 20 | Mesta |

The calendars for all the crops listed in Table 4 are available in the form of sowing and the harvesting seasons. An example of format of crop calendar is shown in Annexure 2. For Rice, Jowar and Potato calendar is further split season-wise and treatment of these needs some explanation.

Rice

For Rice, the state-wise calendar is different for autumn, winter and summer. The distribution of output, however, is available only on the Kharif-Rabi basis. To enable apportionment we combine the harvest in winter and summer with equal weights and set it equal to the Rabi output. Output in autumn is taken to be occurring in Kharif. For the states in which the crop is harvested in both Kharif (autumn) and Rabi (winter and summer) ${ }^{12}$, we assume that the percentage distribution is same as that for the entire year (7:1, Kharif to Rabi)

[^4]Jowar
The state-wise calendar is available separately for both Kharif and Rabi. For Jowar also we work with the restrictive assumption that if for a particular state, the harvest takes place in both the Kharif and the Rabi season, the distribution is same as that for all states combined.

## Potato

For potato the harvesting calendar is given for the winter and the summer seasons for hills and plains separately. We have the distribution of output between plains and hills (6:1 approximately). To get the total harvest in plains/hills we combine the harvest occurring in winter and summer with equal weights. We further assume that for all producing states the division between plains and hills is same as overall.

For the remaining 26 crops, the information was gathered from four main sources, namely, Indian Agriculture (official publication of the Indian Economic Data Research Center), Handbook of Agriculture (a publication of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research), Horticulture Statistics (compiled by National Horticulture Board, Ministry of Agriculture), and http://www.agroindia.org (official website of the Agribusiness Information Center, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry). In the Table 5 below we list the harvesting pattern of these crops.

Table 5

| Sr. | Crop | Harvesting |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Moong (Green Gram) | Kharif (Aug-Oct); Rabi (Nov-Jan) ${ }^{13}$ for all producing states |
| 2 | Urd (Black Gram) | Same as that of Green Gram |
| 3 | Masoor (Lentil) | Jan-Mar for all producing states |
| 4 | Horse Gram | Kharif ${ }^{14}$ (Sept-Oct); Rabi ${ }^{15}$ (Oct-Nov) |
| 5 | Coconut | $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ in Mar-Apr-May; $2 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ in Other Months (all producing states) |
| 6 | Niger Seed | Nov-Dec (for all producing states) |
| 7 | Safflower | Jan-Mar (for all producing states) |
| 8 | Sunflower | Throughout the year for all producing states |
| 9 | Soyabean | Based on Crushing Statistics available from SOPA ${ }^{16}$ |
| 10 | Tea | Apr-Dec (North); Throughout the year ${ }^{17}$ (South) |
| 11 | Coffee | Arabica blend (Mar-May); Robusta blend (Feb-May) ${ }^{18}$ |
| 12 | Cardamom | Large Cardamom: Sept-Oct for all producing states; Small Cardamom: Kerala (Aug-Nov), T.N. (Aug-Nov), Karnataka (July-Jan) ${ }^{19}$ |
| 13 | Chillies | Oct-Jan (winter produce); May-July (summer produce) ${ }^{20}$ |
| 14 | Black Pepper | Nov-Feb (plains); Jan-Mar (hills) ${ }^{21}$ |
| 15 | Dry Ginger | Dec-Jan for all producing states |
| 16 | Turmeric | Nov-Apr for all producing states |
| 17 | Arecanut | Karnataka (Nov-Feb); Kerala (Nov-Feb); Assam (Jan-Feb) |
| 18 | Garlic | Dec-Mar for all producing states |
| 19 | Coriander | Nov-Mar, July-Aug for all producing states |
| 20 | Banana | Assam, A.P., Bihar, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Orissa, T.N., W.B. (All year); Gujarat, Karnataka (Jun-Oct); Kerala (Jul-Oct); M.P. (Feb-Apr); Manipur (Apr-Dec); Meghalya (Aug-Sept) |
| 21 | Cashewnut | Mar-May for all producing states |
| 22 | Sweet Potato | Sept-Jan (North); Jan-May (South) |
| 23 | Tapioca | Oct-Nov, Jun-Aug for all producing states |
| 24 | Onion | Kharif (Oct-Nov); Late-Kharif (Dec-Jan); Rabi (Mar-Apr) ${ }^{22}$ |
| 25 | Rubber | A plantation crop, "tapping" is done all year long |
| 26 | Guar Seed | Mar-Nov (concentrated more in the middle months; least in Mar \& Nov) |

[^5]Having obtained the harvesting season of crops, the next step is apportionment.

## Apportionment

Along with the harvesting seasons, the aforementioned publications also provide the state-wise distribution of output for each crop. Available are the latest 3-4 years output figures for all the major producing states ${ }^{23}$. We take the average over the period and use that to allocate the annual output for a crop among the producing states.

Since for each state we have the harvesting season and the percentage output, it is straight forward to apportion the output in the months the harvesting takes place.

## On the use of Harvesting Pattern for Apportioning Output

We noticed from the sources that the harvesting normally follows a pattern. For most crops harvesting starts at the beginning of the season, reaches a peak around the middle (of the harvesting season) and then falls again. We use this pattern for all the crops across states. For example if harvesting takes place for 3 months in a year, we divide the output from that state in the ratio 1:2:1 in those three months. If harvesting takes place for 5 months, we divide in the ratio of 1:2:2:1 (see Annexure 2 for an example). One could adopt a more "continuous" scheme but since the output is to be divided only monthly, this discrete way seems reasonable. After allocating each state's output, month-wise output for the crops can be aggregated 'vertically ${ }^{24}$.

This leaves us with interpolating the value of output from Livestock sector.

## Livestock

Output from this sector is divided into the milk group, meat group, eggs, wool \& hair, dung, and silk worm cocoons \& honey. Out of all, output from milk products accounts for roughly $65 \%$ of the total. Except for milk disaggregated data on indicators to interpolate the output from livestock and its components could not be found. We settle with the

[^6]apportionment of milk which we divide on the basis of the breeding pattern of buffaloes (available from Sharma et al, 2002). The graph and the percentage distribution are shown in Exhibit $\mathbf{1}^{25}$.

For the remaining ( $35 \%$ ) of the livestock output we combine that with the "Others" of the agriculture output. This implies that the percentage output under heading "Others" becomes roughly $30 \%$ of the total agriculture and livestock output.

## Domestic Product from Agriculture

To get the GDP from agriculture data on output is not sufficient. We need the value of inputs used too in the production. In line with what CSO does (see Kulshreshtha, Kohli and Singh, 2000), we use the same input-output ratio (I/O) as that for the entire year. From Statement \# 54 of the NAS we know I/O for the entire year. Using the same ratio for all months enables us to get GDP from agriculture for all months for the $70 \%$ of the output. We apply the same I/O for the item "Others" too.

## Treatment of "Others"

For apportioning the item "Others" ${ }^{26}$ we have many options. We could divide equally over the entire year; extrapolate the pattern that we notice over the other $70 \%$; use splines or any other mathematical interpolation techniques. The list is probably endless.

At the risk of losing information for validation later on, we impose the restriction that on an average for the four years that we have the CSO data, distribution of agriculture output across four quarters should match our estimates for those four years.

From the $70 \%$ on which we could interpolate the data, we got the following distribution on an average (comparable to the CSO figures given below):

[^7]| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $26 \%$ |

We have the following average distribution of output from agriculture for the years 199697 to 1999-2000 from $\mathrm{CSO}^{27}$ as:

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $23 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $26.5 \%$ |

Since we have the distribution for the $70 \%$ and the $100 \%$, given our restriction, the distribution for the remaining $30 \%$ follows as the residual:

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $27.6 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $26.8 \%$ |

Having obtained the quarterly allocation for "Others", we divide it equally over the 3 months making the quarter. We use this allocation scheme for the entire 17 years.

It may appear that the way we have gone about apportioning the output from "Others" limits us from validating it against the actual CSO estimates (though our restriction is applied only for four years that we have the comparative estimates, and not the entire sample period), but any method we use for allocating a component which is an aggregation of miscellaneous items across categories would have to be necessarily arbitrary. In that sense, it is the validation of distribution of total output across the four quarters that is more important. The objective here is not to better the CSO estimates but to provide a back series that reasonably proxies national income.

The resulting quarterly series for Agriculture (including the comparative CSO year-byyear figures) is presented in Exhibit 2.

Now we come to the description of allocation of other components of national income.

[^8]As suggested earlier, we use regression to interpolate the output from these. Since data used for estimating the regressions is with the frequency of a year, the coefficients of the regression equation were adjusted for getting the monthly ${ }^{28}$ estimates. The variable time $(t)$ is adjusted to take the value $\tau / 12$ for $\mathrm{t}=\tau-1$ to $\tau$ where $\tau=1,2,3 \ldots n^{29}$

### 3.2 Mining and Quarrying

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mining \& Quarrying | Coal Production, Petroleum (Crude) <br> Production and the Index of Mining | Coal Production, Crude Production, <br> Index of Mining and Time |

$y_{\text {Mining }}=3383.013+0.006643 x_{\text {COAL }}-0.01034 x_{\text {CRUDE }}+89.68165 x_{\text {IIP-MINING }}+615.3009 t$
Adj. $\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.988$

### 3.3 Manufacturing

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Registered Mfg. | IIP - Mfg. | IIP - Mfg. and Time |
| Unregistered Mfg. | IIP - Mfg. | IIP - Mfg. and Time |

### 3.3.1 Registered Manufacturing

$$
y_{\text {REGD. }}=-10092.8+1020.123 x_{\text {IPP-MFG. }}-980.365 t \quad ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.978
$$

### 3.3.2 Unregistered Manufacturing

$$
y_{U N-R E G D .}=-1475.55+567.9441 x_{I I P-M F G .}-1080.74 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.99
$$

### 3.4 Electricity, Gas and Water Supply

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Electricity | IIP - Electricity | IIP - Electricity and Time |
| Gas | Index of the group relating to Petroleum <br> Products | Index of the group relating to <br> Petroleum Products and Time |
| Water Supply | Equally | Equally |

[^9]
### 3.4.1 Electricity

$$
y_{E L E C .}=3510.249+81.523 x_{\text {IIP-ELEC. }}+484.393 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.996
$$

### 3.4.2 Gas

Since output from Gas showed kinks (See Exhibit 3) for the purpose of interpolation we divided the original sample into two parts and estimated them independently

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{G A S 1}=-10.1725+0.969829 x_{\text {IIP-PETRO }}+28.31216 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.969 \\
& y_{\text {GAS } 2}=-1295.82+16.24547 x_{\text {IIP-PETRO }}+75.10599 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.979
\end{aligned}
$$

### 3.5 Construction

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Construction | Coal Production, Cement <br> Production, Steel Production, and <br> IIP - Wood and Wooden Fixtures | Coal Production, Cement Production, IIP - <br> Basic Metal and Alloys ${ }^{\text {30 }}$, IIP - Wood and <br> Wooden Fixtures and Time |

$$
y_{\text {CON }}=15106.74+0.395 x_{\text {CEMENT }}+0.0053 x_{\text {COAL }}-55.084 x_{\text {IIP-META }}-1.361 x_{\text {IIP-WOOD }}+637.53 t
$$

$$
\text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.987
$$

### 3.6 Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Trade etc. | Specially prepared indices of <br> purchases and sales from various <br> sectors of the economy | Output from Agriculture, Mining and <br> Quarrying, and Manufacturing and <br> Time (see Section 3.9) |
| Railways | Total Passenger KMs and Total <br> Net Tonne KMs | Total Passenger KMs, Total Net Tonne <br> KMs and Time |
| Road Transport | Production of Commercial <br> Vehicles | Production of Commercial Vehicles and <br> Time |
| Water Transport | Cargo Handled at Major Ports | Cargo Cleared at Major Ports (Both <br> Foreign and Coasting) and Time |
| Air Transport | Equally | KMs Flown (Both Domestic and <br> International) and Time |
| Services Incidental to <br> Transport | Equally | Equally |

[^10]| Postal-Related <br> Communication | Revenue from Postal Services | Revenue from Sale of Stamps and Time |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Telecom-Related <br> Communication | Revenue from Telecom Services | Revenue from Telecom Services and <br> Time |

3.6.1 Trade etc

$$
y_{\text {TRADE }}=8659.07-0.00044 x_{A G R I}-1.592 x_{M I N I N G}+0.883 x_{M F G .}+1292.78 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.975
$$

3.6.2 Railways

$$
y_{\text {RLYS. }}=-1370.35+0.0094 x_{P S N G R-K M S}+0.034 x_{T O N N E-K M S}-30.923 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.994
$$

### 3.6.3 Road

Like in the case of Gas, for Road also we have divided the sample in two parts (See Exhibit 4)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{R O A D 1}=8531.73+0.02 x_{C V s}+827.99 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.992 \\
& y_{R O A D 2}=18066.84+0.000286 x_{C V s}+2161.432 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.998
\end{aligned}
$$

### 3.6.4 Water

For Water we divide the sample period into three parts. (See Exhibit 5)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{W A T E R 1}=1691.176-0.00495 x_{C A R G O}+94.77 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.907 \\
& y_{W A T E R 2}=2010.632-0.0038 x_{C A R G O}-35.017 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.999 \\
& y_{W A T E R 3}=2039.654+0.00264 x_{C A R G O}+45.81 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.16
\end{aligned}
$$

### 3.6.5 Postal-Related Communication

$$
y_{P O S T A L}=799.0139+0.0148 x_{R E V .-S T A M P S}+33.631 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.948
$$

3.6.6 Telecom Related Communication

$$
y_{\text {TELECOM }}=2823.73+0.0129 x_{\text {REV.-TELECOM }}-190.864 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.97
$$

### 3.7 Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Banking | Aggregate Deposits deflated by WPI | Aggregate Deposits deflated by WPI - All <br> Commodities and Time |
| Insurance | Equally | Equally |
| Real Estate etc. | Equally | Equally |

## Banking

$$
y_{\text {BANKING }}=-9533.22+0.0107 x_{\text {DEPOSITS } / \text { WPI }(93-94)}+842.94 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.988
$$

### 3.8 Community, Social and Personal Services

| Heading | Basis of Apportionment (KK) | This Study |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Domestic Product <br> (NDP) from Public <br> Administration ${ }^{31}$  | Revenue Expenditure of the GoI | Revenue Expenditure of the GoI and Time |
| Consumption of Fixed Capital | Equally | Equally |
| Other Services | Equally | Equally |

$$
y_{\text {SALRAIES }}=21215.36+0.0914 x_{\text {REV.-EXP. }}+448.8194 t ; \text { Adj. } \mathrm{R}^{2}=0.988
$$

Now we discuss how we arrive at the estimates of GDP for Trade and Fishing.

### 3.9 Trade

CSO, according to KK, uses specially prepared quantum indices of purchases and sales for getting the quarterly estimates from organized and unorganized sectors. Since that data could not be located publicly we use the methodology used by Kulshreshtha, Narain and Kohli (1994) for computing the advance estimates as the basis. In line with their study we estimate quarterly estimates of GDP from Trade on the basis of output from agriculture, mining and quarrying and manufacturing. The rationale being: greater the output, greater the trade (see sub-section 3.6.1).

[^11]
### 3.10 Fishing

The basis for apportioning the annual GDP from fishing into four quarters, according to KK , is the quarterly production of inland and marine fish production. Since this data could not be found we split the annual estimate equally into the twelve months.

This completes estimation of equations for interpolation for all the sub-headings for GDP by Economic Activity.

The final monthly and quarterly GDP series for the entire period, 1983-84 to 19992000 (including comparative CSO estimates) are presented in Exhibits 6 and 7 respectively. The difference with the CSO estimates is only of the order of $\pm 3 \%{ }^{32}$.

Plot of both monthly (from April 1983 to Mar 2000) and the quarterly series (for the period 1983Q1 to 2001Q4) are shown in Exhibit 8.

The objective of the study is to provide not just the 'total' monthly and quarterly GDP, but to give the estimates by economic activity in line with Statement \# 10 of the NAS. As an illustration the quarterly GDP estimates by Economic Activity for the year 1999-2000 are presented in Exhibit 9. Monthly and Quarterly results for all years - not presented here for space considerations - can be made available on request from the author.

As an upshot of the study, we are also in the position to provide monthly apportionment of output from various crops listed in Table 2 (using the methodology as suggested in the section "Domestic Product from Agriculture"). See Exhibit 10 for results.

## IV. On Splicing of Indices - Disaggregated IIP and WPI

In this section we list the variables for which we provide data at 1993-94 prices starting 1983-84. Even though CMIE (Business Beacon) provides data on some of indicators listed below, high frequency (monthly) data is only available after April 1990. Splicing (at the point where data for the series was available at both 1981-82 and 1993-94 prices)

[^12]was used to construct data series at 1993-94 prices. See Exhibit 11 for the list with the splicing year indicated.

Splicing Factor $\left(S_{F M}\right)$ can be defined as the ratio $\frac{I_{\text {NEW-M }}}{I_{O L D-M}}$ where $I_{N E W-M}$ is the index value at the new base for the common month $M$ for which the data is available at the old base. Clearly, the selection of the month would have a bearing on the 'accuracy' of the splicing factor. To be as 'correct' in our splicing method, we use a different splicing factor for each month.

In the year 2000, in keeping with the changes in the structure of the economy, the base year for reporting WPI was shifted from 1981-82 to 1993-94. However, a long back series of the WPI at the new base year is still not available from any of the official sources (including CMIE, CSO, OEA and RBI). Farthest back the monthly disaggregate series is available from any official source is starting April 1990 from the Business Beacon Electronic Database of the CMIE. The series with the old base is available till the end of 1996 from the Monthly Abstract of Statistics, published by the CSO. This enables splicing of the index to arrive at a series with a common base. As far as level of disaggregation goes, we are constrained by the level till which the data is available at 1993-94 prices, which is 'Level 1' (see Exhibit 12 for the list).

For splicing the price data, we have used the average of the splicing factors for the years 1990, 1991 and 1992 (corresponding to the period Apr - 1990 to Mar-1993) to arrive at the final splicing factor, i.e. our Splicing Factor for month $M$ is derived as

$$
S_{F M}=\frac{1}{3}\left[\frac{I_{N E W-M-1991}}{I_{O L D-M-1991}}+\frac{I_{N E W-M-1992}}{I_{O L D-M-1992}}+\frac{I_{N E W-M-1993}}{I_{O L D-M-1993}}\right]
$$

Further, an issue often ignored is the treatment of the monthly index values for the base year. If we leave the value of the index numbers to 100 for all months for the base year, it creates a distortion in the month-to-month changes in the price index for that year. We use the information available from the 1981-82 base year to get around that problem. We 're-base' the monthly values to ensure consistency with the month-to-month inflation from the old-base data, while leaving the 'year' base value at 100 .

## V. Conclusion

In this study we have attempted to provide a back series of quarterly estimates of national income by economic activity using the CSO methodology as described by KK. Though our estimates may not probably be as "accurate" as the ones provided by the CSO, they do compare favorably with the CSO estimates (error for quarters $\sim \pm 3 \%$ ) For studies that need to use quarterly (or monthly) data prior to 1996-97, these estimates provide a better indicator of the economic activity than the popularly used Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in most Indian econometric studies, for the simple reason that they use more information than that contained in the IIP.

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## Annexure 1

Template Used in the Study for Reporting National Income by Economic Activity

| Industry |
| :---: |
| 1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing |
| 1.1 Agriculture |
| 1.2 Forestry |
| 1.3 Fishing |
| 2. Mining and Quarrying |
| 3. Manufacturing |
| 3.1 Registered |
| 3.2 Unregistered |
| 4. Electricity, Gas and Water Supply |
| 4.1 Electricity |
| 4.2 Gas |
| 4.3 Water Supply |
| 5. Construction |
| 6. Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication |
| 6.1 Trade, Hotels and Restaurants |
| 6.1.1 Trade |
| 6.1.2 Hotels and Restaurants |
| 6.2 Transport, Storage and Communication |
| 6.2.1 Transport |
| 6.2.1.1 Railways |
| 6.2.1.2 Transport by Other Means |
| 6.2.1.2.1 Road |
| 6.2.1.2.2 Water |
| 6.2.1.2.3 Air |
| 6.2.1.2.4 Services Incidental to Transport |
| 6.2.2 Storage |
| 6.2.3 Communication |
| 7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate etc. |
| 7.1 Banking and Insurance |
| 7.1.1 Banking |
| 7.1.2 Insurance |
| 7.2 Real Estate, Ownership of Dwellings etc. |
| 8. Community, Social and Personal Services |
| 8.1 Public Administration |
| 8.1.1 NDP from Public Administration |
| 8.1.2 CFC |
| 8.2 Other Services |
| 9. Total GDP at Factor Cost |

## Annexure 2

Sowing and Harvesting Seasons of Gram and allocation in Major Growing States

| State | Sowing | Harvesting | O/P <br> Share | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Ratio in which a state's output gets apportioned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Andhra Pradesh | Nov-Dec | Feb-Mar | 1.35\% |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bihar | Oct-Dec | Feb-May | 2.26\% |  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gujarat | Oct-Nov | Feb-Mar | 1.41\% |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haryana | Sep-Nov | Mar-Apr | 6.97\% |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Himachal Pradesh | Sep-Nov | Apr-May | 0.04\% |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Karnataka | Sep-Dec | Dec-Apr | 2.95\% | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | Oct-Nov | Feb-Mar | 40.39\% |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maharashtra | Sep-Nov | Jan-Apr | 8.50\% | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Punjab | Sep-Nov | Mar-Apr | 0.30\% |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rajasthan | Sep-Nov | Feb-Apr | 19.62\% |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Uttar } \\ & \text { Pradesh } \end{aligned}$ | Sep-Nov | Mar-Apr | 15.77\% |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Bengal | Nov-Dec | Mar-Apr | 0.44\% |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Exhibit 1

Milk Production


The above plot refers to the breeding pattern of Kohlapur buffaloes in North India.; Source: Sharma et al (2000)

## Exhibit 2

Quarterly GDP from Agriculture



## Exhibit 3



Exhibit 4

Road


Exhibit 5

Water


## Exhibit 6

Monthly GDP

| Sr. | Year | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1983-84 | 43059 | 38461 | 34411 | 31725 | 32088 | 38161 | 47071 | 44533 | 41563 | 38559 | 40617 | 41493 |
| 2 | 1984-85 | 43807 | 39696 | 36571 | 34055 | 34455 | 39758 | 47825 | 46296 | 43151 | 40368 | 42515 | 43582 |
| 3 | 1985-86 | 46036 | 42026 | 38586 | 35784 | 36019 | 41476 | 50356 | 48105 | 45816 | 41508 | 43400 | 44875 |
| 4 | 1986-87 | 47190 | 43078 | 39878 | 37317 | 37431 | 43362 | 51918 | 49696 | 46442 | 45246 | 46988 | 47740 |
| 5 | 1987-88 | 50264 | 44694 | 42369 | 40760 | 40157 | 44693 | 52183 | 51639 | 47878 | 44998 | 48029 | 49113 |
| 6 | 1988-89 | 56033 | 51134 | 47311 | 42715 | 42769 | 50053 | 59397 | 57508 | 53234 | 49446 | 51776 | 53725 |
| 7 | 1989-90 | 57352 | 52051 | 48584 | 45103 | 45807 | 53008 | 62514 | 61709 | 57251 | 54914 | 56438 | 61598 |
| 8 | 1990-91 | 61725 | 56858 | 52581 | 49124 | 49408 | 55733 | 64881 | 62948 | 59295 | 56097 | 59057 | 65166 |
| 9 | 1991-92 | 62132 | 57347 | 52385 | 50362 | 49858 | 56805 | 66382 | 63147 | 59579 | 58527 | 60613 | 64726 |
| 10 | 1992-93 | 66335 | 60783 | 55718 | 52266 | 52162 | 60821 | 70484 | 68066 | 62629 | 59711 | 61686 | 67128 |
| 11 | 1993-94 | 68568 | 63502 | 58202 | 55545 | 56323 | 63748 | 74397 | 71699 | 67761 | 64472 | 66496 | 70632 |
| 12 | 1994-95 | 71486 | 66022 | 60467 | 57675 | 58791 | 66568 | 77951 | 76557 | 74906 | 72545 | 73380 | 81684 |
| 13 | 1995-96 | 76277 | 70872 | 64868 | 63281 | 63936 | 72024 | 81968 | 81414 | 80617 | 78309 | 79117 | 86881 |
| 14 | 1996-97 | 83972 | 78776 | 70513 | 67434 | 69052 | 77210 | 89263 | 86462 | 86136 | 82391 | 84316 | 94557 |
| 15 | 1997-98 | 86661 | 81460 | 74978 | 72283 | 72882 | 81288 | 93603 | 91146 | 89898 | 85909 | 87562 | 98730 |
| 16 | 1998-99 | 92227 | 86914 | 80302 | 76686 | 78145 | 86574 | 97275 | 97882 | 96465 | 92794 | 93542 | 103666 |
| 17 | 1999-00 | 98071 | 92685 | 85153 | 81912 | 83077 | 91989 | 103127 | 101933 | 102431 | 97853 | 100372 | 109899 |

## Exhibit 7

Quarterly GDP






## Exhibit 8

Monthly Series


Quarterly Series


## Exhibit 9

GDP at Factor Cost by Economic Activity by Quarter for the year 1999-2000 (1993-94 = 100)

| Industry/Quarter | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 69485 | 49440 | 93601 | 77318 | 289843 |
| 1.1 Agriculture | 63597 | 43552 | 87713 | 71430 | 266293 |
| 1.2 Forestry | 3140 | 3140 | 3140 | 3140 | 12558 |
| 1.3 Fishing | 2748 | 2748 | 2748 | 2748 | 10992 |
| 2. Mining and Quarrying | 6513 | 6562 | 6776 | 7057 | 26908 |
| 3. Manufacturing | 45480 | 46119 | 48165 | 52640 | 192404 |
| 3.1 Registered | 29588 | 29993 | 31289 | 34124 | 124993 |
| 3.2 Unregistered | 15892 | 16126 | 16876 | 18516 | 67411 |
| 4. Electricity, Gas and Water Supply | 7084 | 7179 | 7073 | 7301 | 28637 |
| 4.1 Electricity | 5908 | 6012 | 5947 | 6120 | 23988 |
| 4.2 Gas | 484 | 474 | 434 | 489 | 1881 |
| 4.3 Water Supply | 692 | 692 | 692 | 692 | 2768 |
| 5. Construction | 15179 | 13793 | 14360 | 15483 | 58815 |
| 6. Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication | 60158 | 61038 | 63526 | 68784 | 253506 |
| 6.1 Trade, Hotels and Restaurants | 39982 | 40512 | 42057 | 45809 | 168360 |
| 6.1.1 Trade | 37232 | 37725 | 39164 | 42658 | 156780 |
| 6.1.2 Hotels and Restaurants | 2750 | 2786 | 2893 | 3151 | 11580 |
| 6.2 Transport, Storage and Communication | 20176 | 20526 | 21470 | 22975 | 85146 |
| 6.2.1 Transport | 15205 | 15207 | 15350 | 15613 | 61375 |
| 6.2.1.1 Railways | 3033 | 3031 | 3148 | 3409 | 12620 |
| 6.2.1.2 Transport by Other Means | 12172 | 12176 | 12202 | 12205 | 48755 |
| 6.2.1.2.1 Road | 8871 | 8872 | 8874 | 8876 | 35493 |
| 6.2.1.2.2 Water | 603 | 604 | 620 | 619 | 2446 |
| 6.2.1.2.3 Air | 1832 | 1835 | 1842 | 1844 | 7354 |
| 6.2.1.2.4 Services Incidental to Transport | 866 | 866 | 866 | 866 | 3462 |
| 6.2.2 Storage | 176 | 176 | 176 | 176 | 704 |
| 6.2.3 Communication | 4795 | 5143 | 5944 | 7185 | 23067 |
| 6.2.3.1 Postal Related | 698 | 744 | 706 | 781 | 2928 |
| 6.2.3.2 Telecom Related | 4097 | 4399 | 5238 | 6404 | 20139 |
| 7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate etc. | 35503 | 35738 | 36490 | 38134 | 145865 |
| 7.1 Banking and Insurance | 19030 | 19265 | 20016 | 21660 | 79971 |
| 7.1.1 Banking | 17157 | 17392 | 18143 | 19787 | 72479 |
| 7.1.2 Insurance | 1873 | 1873 | 1873 | 1873 | 7492 |
| 7.2 Real Estate, Ownership of Dwellings etc. | 16474 | 16474 | 16474 | 16474 | 65894 |
| 8. Community, Social and Personal Services | 36506 | 37109 | 37499 | 41410 | 152523 |
| 8.1 Public Administration | 15774 | 16377 | 16767 | 20678 | 69596 |
| 8.1.1 NDP from Public Administration | 14288 | 14891 | 15281 | 19192 | 63653 |
| 8.1.2 CFC | 1486 | 1486 | 1486 | 1486 | 5943 |
| 8.2 Other Services | 20732 | 20732 | 20732 | 20732 | 82927 |
| 9. Total | 275908 | 256977 | 307490 | 308125 | 1148501 |

## Exhibit 10

| Monthly Apportionment of Annual Output from Various Crops and Milk (Figures Denote Percentages) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sr. | Crop/Month | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
| 1 | Rice | 1.4 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 22.6 | 27.5 | 17.9 | 6.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| 2 | Wheat | 44.2 | 28.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 22.2 |
| 3 | Jowar | 3.4 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 15.5 | 28.5 | 19.9 | 10.9 | 6.8 | 5.6 |
| 4 | Bajra | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 46.3 | 30.6 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 5 | Barley | 48.2 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 37.1 |
| 6 | Maize | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 13.0 | 37.2 | 29.5 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 8.4 | 2.2 |
| 7 | Ragi | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 8 | Gram | 19.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 30.5 | 47.6 |
| 9 | Arhar/Tur | 3.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 16.5 | 25.0 | 29.6 | 22.0 |
| 10 | Moong | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.5 | 37.0 | 18.5 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11 | Urd | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.5 | 37.0 | 18.5 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 12 | Masoor | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 25.0 |
| 13 | Horse Gram | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 50.0 | 49.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 14 | Linseed | 26.3 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 22.0 | 42.6 |
| 15 | Sesamum | 0.3 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 22.8 | 25.5 | 11.9 | 5.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| 16 | Groundnut | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.6 | 26.7 | 27.1 | 10.5 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 17 | Rapeseed/Mustard | 16.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 31.5 | 40.9 |
| 18 | Castor | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 24.6 | 18.0 | 14.8 |
| 19 | Coconut | 11.1 | 11.1 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 11.1 |
| 20 | Niger Seed | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 21 | Safflower | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 25.0 |
| 22 | Sunflower | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| 23 | Soyabean | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 14.9 | 17.6 | 15.4 | 13.8 | 11.8 | 7.5 |
| 24 | Sugarcane | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 10.5 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 18.2 | 9.2 |
| 25 | Cotton | 6.8 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 10.8 | 14.8 | 13.7 | 17.1 | 16.2 | 11.6 |
| 26 | Mesta | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 0.4 | 13.0 | 41.0 | 28.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 27 | Jute | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.7 | 37.2 | 29.3 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 28 | Tea | 10.9 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 16.3 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| 29 | Coffee | 40.7 | 20.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.3 | 29.7 |
| 30 | Tobacco | 3.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 14.4 | 17.0 | 43.4 | 7.0 |
| 31 | Cardamom | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 6.2 | 41.5 | 42.7 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 32 | Chillies | 0.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33 | Pepper | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 16.7 | 29.2 | 33.3 | 12.5 |
| 34 | Dry Ginger | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35 | Turmeric | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 12.5 |


| 36 | Banana | 7.0 | 5.9 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 13.2 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 8.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | Cashewnut | 50.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 |
| 38 | Potato | 6.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 12.5 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 21.4 | 18.7 |
| 39 | Arecanut | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 26.0 | 37.0 | 24.0 | 0.0 |
| 40 | Garlic | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 16.7 |
| 41 | Coriander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| 42 | Onion | 37.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 37.3 |
| 43 | Sweet Potato | 8.5 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 16.7 | 8.5 | 16.9 |
| 44 | Tapioca | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 |
| 45 | Rubber | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| 46 | Guar Seed | 10.5 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47 | Milk | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 6.7 |

## Exhibit 11

| Sr. | Item/'Indicator' | Splicing Year |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Index of Mining $(1993-94=100)$ | $1990-91$ |
| 2 | IIP - Mfg. $(1993-94=100)$ | $1990-91$ |
| 3 | IIP - Electricity $(1993-94=100)$ | $1990-91$ |
| 4 | Index of the group relating to Petroleum Products | $1996-97$ |
| 5 | IIP - Basic Metal and Alloy $(1993-94=100)$ | $1996-97$ |
| 6 | IIP - Wood $(1993-94=100)$ | $1990-91$ |

## Exhibit 12

| Sub-components forming the Wholesale Price Index at 'Level 1' Disaggregation |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| WPI - All Commodities | Sugarcane |
| Food Grains | Other Non-food Articles exc. Sugarcane |
| Cereals | Metallic Minerals |
| Rice | Other Minerals |
| Wheat | Coal Mining |
| Other Cereals | Mineral Oils |
| Pulses | Kerosene |
| Fruits and Vegetables | Mineral Oils exc. Kerosene |
| Vegetables | Electricity |
| Potatoes | Food Products |
| Vegetables exc. Potatoes | Sugar Group |
| Fruits | Edible Oils |
| Milk | Food Products exc. Edible Oils \& Sugar Group |
| Eggs, Fish and Meat | Beverages, Tobacco and Tobacco Products |
| Condiments and Spices | Textiles |
| Tea and Coffee | Wood and Wood Products |
| Fibres | Paper and Paper Products |
| Raw Cotton | Leather and Leather Products |
| Fibres exc. Raw Cotton | Rubber and Pulp Products |
| Oilseeds | Chemicals and Chemical Products |
| Groundnut Seed | Non-metallic Mineral Products |
| Cotton Seed | Basic Metals |
| Oilseeds exc. Groundnut \& Cotton Seeds | Machinery and Tools |
| Other Non-Food | Transport Equipment and Parts |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ See KK for the complete list

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The level of disaggregation in our format is greater. Also note that though not same in form as Statement \# 10 it covers all the subheadings, and the way we use it, the consistency is maintained with the form of the table used by the CSO for providing QGDP estimates
    ${ }^{3}$ Alternatives to using the REs are Quick Estimates (QEs) and Advance Estimates (AEs) but except the former all are subsequently revised
    ${ }^{4}$ In 2001, CSO provided a back series of GDP at Factor Cost by Economic Activity at 1993-94 prices starting 1950-51, including select disaggregate statements

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ By public domain we mean the information made available by the CSO, CMIE and the Department of Statistics of the various ministries
    ${ }^{6}$ The discrepancy, found in quite a few physical indicators, was limited to $\pm 3 \%$
    ${ }^{7}$ Since monthly estimates are based on the regression equations, they had to be pro rata adjusted by the ratio of the actual annual GDP and predicted annual GDP to ensure that the sum of the monthly estimates match with the annual
    ${ }^{8}$ Quite prevalent in the present study (and "micronumerosity" in some regressions, to use the term coined by Arthur S. Goldberger)

[^3]:    ${ }^{9}$ Recently one whole issue of the Indian Journal of Income and Wealth (January 2000) was devoted to understanding the problems associated with estimating GDP from agriculture
    ${ }^{10}$ As per the recommendation of IMF (see KK)
    ${ }^{11}$ Area and Production of Principal Crops in India, 1997-98

[^4]:    ${ }^{12}$ If for a state harvesting is only done in winter and not in summer, we apportion the Rabi part of that completely to winter.

[^5]:    ${ }^{13}$ Distribution of output between Kharif and Rabi available
    ${ }^{14}$ Bihar, H.P. and J\&K
    ${ }^{15}$ Remaining States
    ${ }^{16}$ Soybean Processors Association of India, http://www.sopa.org
    ${ }^{17}$ Highest in Feb-May, Average in Sept-Oct; Low in others
    ${ }^{18}$ State-wise distribution of output between Arabica and Robusta is available
    ${ }^{19}$ Distribution of annual output between Large Cardamom and Small Cardamom is available
    ${ }^{20}$ Assumption: Equal percentage occurring in winter and summer for all producing states
    ${ }^{21}$ Assumption: Equal percentage occurring in plains and hills for all producing states
    ${ }^{22}$ Primarily a Rabi crop; distribution of output between Kharif, Late Kharif and Rabi is available

[^6]:    ${ }^{23}$ The percentage covered varied from $90-100 \%$. We scaled the numbers to $100 \%$ (for only $3-5$ crops was the percentage less than $95 \%$ )
    ${ }^{24}$ See Exhibit 9 for results

[^7]:    ${ }^{25}$ Exhibit 9 lists exact percentages
    ${ }^{26}$ Also included at this stage in "Others" is GDP from Operation of Government Irrigation System (a separate entry in Statement \# 54)

[^8]:    ${ }^{27}$ CSO gives agriculture output estimate including Forestry and Fishing; these allocations are after excluding the Forestry and Fishing estimates

[^9]:    ${ }^{28}$ Data on all 'physical indicators' are available with a monthly frequency
    ${ }^{29}$ Our sample of annual data consists of $n=17$ observations from 1983-84 to 1999-2000

[^10]:    ${ }^{30}$ Data on steel production is not available in aggregate form. The time series of IIP - Basic Metal \& Alloys is available consistently from 1980-81 onwards and the component of Iron and Steel in IIP is $\sim 70 \%$

[^11]:    ${ }^{31}$ A component comprising mostly of salaries public sector employees

[^12]:    ${ }^{32}$ Our estimates systematically over/under estimates the CSO numbers across the four quarters, which could be an offshoot of the way the weights were selected for apportionment of 'Others'.

