Experience in Starting of Measurement of Services Index

INTRODUCTION

- India's GDP growth since the 90's has been led by services sector
- Service sector growth has increased from 8.0% in 2012-13 to 9.1% in 2013-14 and further to 10.6% in 2014-15.
- Currently India estimates Wholesale Price Index which covers only goods and not services
- However the Consumer Price Index in India covers some services like housing, education, health etc. but at B to C and not B to B level.
- Decision to include service sector prices in WPI/ PPI in India taken in principle
- Currently development of business service sector price indices is at an experimental stage
- Efforts are on to include both B to B and B to C services

Growth rate of service sector in India

| Sector/ Indicator | y-o-y growth rate (%) | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
| GDP at constant prices (base year: 2011-12) | 9.1 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| Services | 9.8 | 6.6 | 8 | 9.1 | 10.2 |

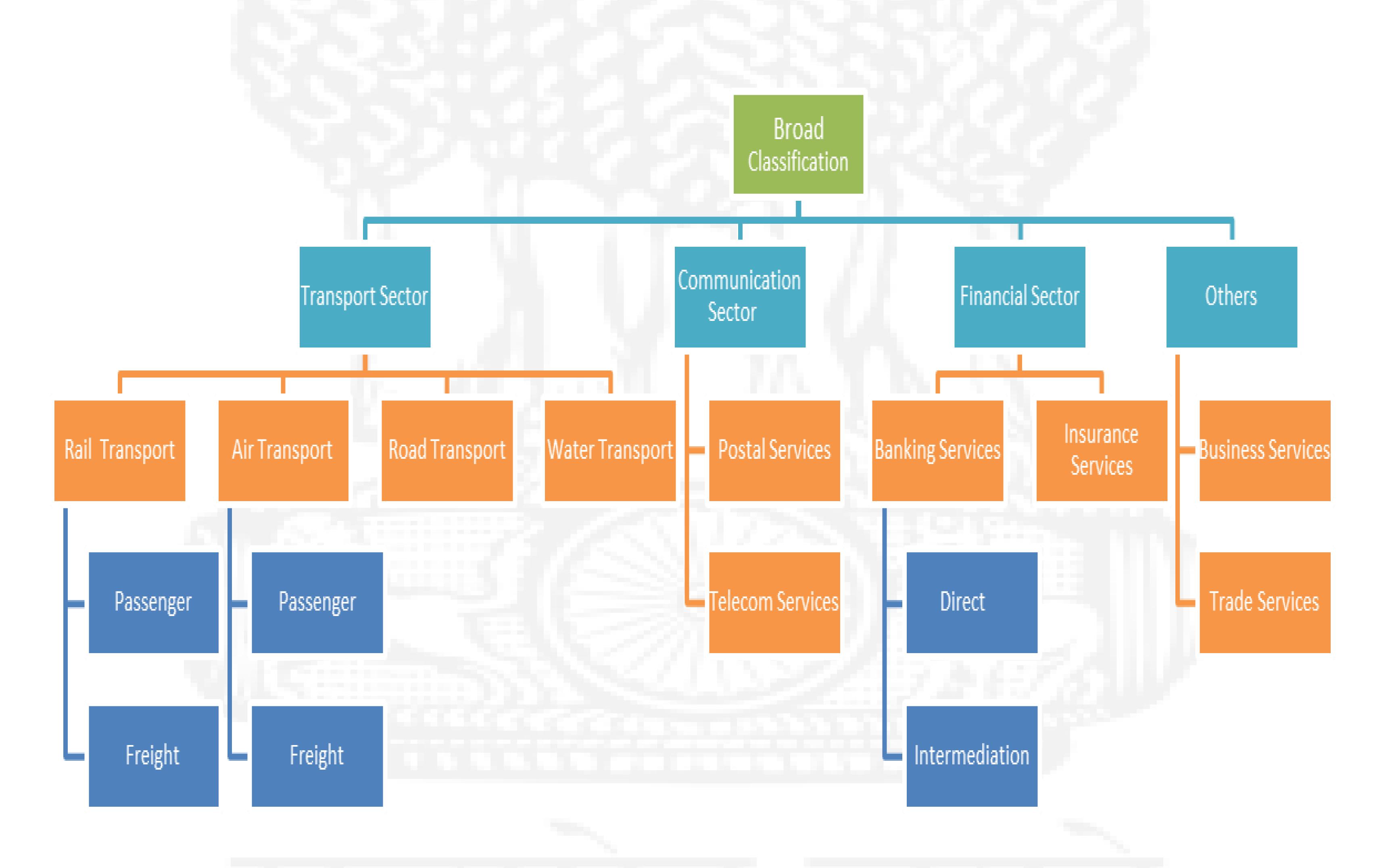
| Name of Service | Turnover statistics | Price statistics |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rail transport | Yes | |
| Air transport | Yes | |
| Port Services | | |
| Banking Services | | |
| Insurance Service | Yes | |
| Postal Service | Yes | Yes |
| Telecommunication Service | Yes | Yes |
| Road transport (Freight) Service | | |
| Trade Services | | |
| Business Services | | |
| Health Services | | |
| Education Services | Yes | |

CURRENT STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICE PRICE INDEX IN INDIA FOR INCLUSION IN WPI/PPI

- So far five business service indices have been compiled on an experimental basis
 - 1. Rail
 - 2. Air transport
 - 3. Banking
 - 4. Postal
 - 5. Telecom
- Fixed base Laspeyres' method has been used in all cases as is currently being done for Wholesale Price Index estimation

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED SERVICE PRICE INDEX

All indices are expected to be integrated as per the following framework:



Background

- MoSPI to prepare test indices for each sector
- Methodology to be handed over to the concerned administrative ministry/office for future compilation
- Base year 2004-05 for the sectors for which test indices already prepared
- For others base year to be taken as 2011-12, the base year for GDP; BY to be changed whenever BY for GDP is changed.
- Periodicity: Quarterly but can be shifted to six-monthly/annual if data is NA quarterly
- Methodology used: Laspeyre

RAILWAY SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| Sec | tion | Divi | Sion | Group Class | | Sub Class | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| H- | H- | 49- Land | 49- Land | 491- | 491- | 4911- | 4911- | 49110- |
| Transpo | Transpo | transpor | transpor | Transport | Transpor | Passenger | Passenger | Passenge |
| rt and | rt and | tand | tand | via | t via | rail | rail | r rail |
| Storage | Storage | transpor | transpor | railways | railways | transport | transport, | transport |
| | | t via | t via | | | | interurban | |
| | | pipelines | pipelines | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4912- Freight rail transport | 4912- Freight rail transport | 49120- Freight rail transport |
| | | | | | | | | |

ISSIES

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| | | Variables used: |
| Rail Service, Monthly Index | Railway Board | Freight Data: Tonne Kms of major commodities transported Passenger data: Passenger kms travelled under different classes. |
| | | Weights: Total revenue from passenger traffic by class of travel) and freight transport (by type of material) |
| | | Challenges: 1.Freight Data comes in batches of 3-4 months. Mechanism to get regular monthly data is to be established. |
| | | 2.Passenger Data is not provided citing commercially sensitive nature of the data. |

AIR SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| Se | ection | Divis | sion | Gro | up |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) |
| H- | | 51- Air | 51- Air | 511- | 511- |
| | Transport and Storage | | | Passenger air transport | |
| | | | | 512- Freight air transport | |

AIR SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| CI | Sub Class | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| 5110- Passenger air transport | 5110- Passenger air transport | 51101- Passenger Airways |
| 5120- Freight air transport | 5120- Freight air transport | 51201- Freight air transport services |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Air Transport Monthly Index | DGCA, M/o of Civil Aviation | Variables used: Freight Data: Tonne Kms of cargo transported by different airlines Passenger data: Passenger kms travelled by different airlines |
| | | Weights: Airlines wise gross operating revenue |
| | | Challenges: NSOPs not included Data on passengers in different classes not available |

POSTAL SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| Sec | tion Division Group | | Division | | Class | | Sub Class | |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| H- | H- | 53 - | 53 - | 531- | 531- | 5310- | 5310- | 53100- |
| Transpor | Transpor | Postal | Postal | Postal | Postal | Postal | Postal | Postal |
| tand | tation | and | and | activities | activities | Activities | activities | Activities |
| Storage | and | courier | courier | | | (National | | |
| | Storage | activities | activities | | | Postal | | |
| | | | | | | Activities | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
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| | Administrative Ministry/ | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Services | Organization / other | Problem / Status |
| | possible data sources | |
| | | Variables used: |
| Postal Service, | Department of Posts | 1.Unregistered Mail – Inland, |
| (excluding private | | Foreign |
| courier services) | | 2.Registered Mail - Inland, |
| | | Foreign 2 Ductes is the Ductes of the second secon |
| | | 3.Premium Products |
| | | Weights: Revenue from each |
| | | service item. |
| | | Services Excluded: Private. |
| | | Courier, Financial services, Pension |
| | | payments, sale of revenue stamp, |
| | | money transfer, philately etc |
| | | Data Availability: Annual |
| | | Test Indices Prepared. |
| | | Challenges: |
| | | Services included for ISP accounts |
| | | for 47% of total revenue. |

TELECOM (CELLULAR) SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| Sect | ion | Divi | sion | Gro | oup | C1 | ass | Sub Class |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| ion and | tion and Commu | mmuni | mmuni | telecomm unications | nications activities | Wired telecomm | telecommu nications | |
| | | | | | | | | 61104- Activities of providing internet access by the operator of the wired infrastructure |
| | | | | telecomm unications | Wireless telecommu nications | telecomm | Wireless telecommu nications | 61201- activities of internet access by operator of wireless infrastructure |

TELECOM (CELLULAR) SERVICE PRICE INDEX

| Gro | oup | | Class | Sub Class |
|--|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| | | | | 61202- Activities of maintaining and operating paging, cellular and other telecommunication activities |
| | | | | 61209- Activities of other wireless telecommunication activities |
| 613- Satellite telecommunications activities | | | telecommunicatio ns activities | 61301- Activities of internet access by operator of the satellite infrastructure |
| | | | | 16 |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Telecommunication, Quarterly Index | TRAI | Variables used: No. of users of CDMA and GSM services | |
| | | Challenges: Non-availability of data for wire line services. | |

Banking Service Index

| Section | | Divi | sion | Gro | oup | Cla | ass | Sub Class |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| K— | K— | 64 - | 64 - | 641- | 641 - | 6419- | 6419- | 64191- |
| Financia | Financial | Financia | Financial | Monetary | Monetary | Other | Other | Monetary |
| 1 and | and | 1 service | service | intermedi | intermedi | monetar | monetar | intermediat |
| Insuran | Insuranc | activities | activities, | ation | ation | y | y | ion of |
| ce | e | , except | except | | | intermed | intermed | commercial |
| Activitie | Activitie | insuranc | insuranc | | | iation | iation | banks, |
| S | S | e and | e and | | | | | saving |
| | | pension | pension | | | | | banks, |
| | | funding | funding | | | | | postal |
| | | | | | | | | saving |
| | | | | | | | | banks and |
| | | | | | | | | discount |
| | | | | | | | | houses |
| | | | | 649- | 649- | 6499- | 6499- | 64990- |
| | | | | Other | Other | Other | Other | Other |
| | | | | financial | financial | financial | financial | financial |
| | | | | service | service | service | service | service |
| | | | | activities, | activities, | activities, | activities, | activities, |
| | | | | except | except | except | except | except |
| | | | | insurance | insurance | insuranc | insuranc | insurance |
| | | | | and | and | e and | e and | and |
| | | | | pension | pension | pension | pension | pension |
| | | | | funding | funding | funding | funding | funding |
| | | | | activities | activities | activities, | activities, | activities |
| | | | | | | | | 19 |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|---|--|--|
| Banking Service, Quarterly Index | RBI | Index constructed for all Scheduled Commercial Banks including Regional Rural Banks based on their balance sheet data. Methodology: Income Generated Method a) Fee Income received for direct services b) FISIM method for intermediary services |
| | | Challenges: Data for Local Area Banks and Cooperative Banks not available. But SCBs and RRBs account for 93% in assets, advances and deposits of banking system |

PORT INDEX

| Sec | tion | Divi | ision | Gr | oup | Cla | ass | Sub Class |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) |
| H: | H: | 50: | 50 : | 502: | 502: | 5022: | 5022: | 50220: |
| Transpor | Transpor | Water | Water | Inland | Inland | Inland | Inland | Inland |
| tand | tand | Transpor | Transpor | Water | Water | freight | freight | freight |
| Storage | Storage | t | t | Transpor | Transpor | water | water | water |
| | | | | t | t | transport | transport | transport |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|----------|--|--|
| Port | Transport Research Wing (TRW), M/o Road Transport & Highway | Variables: Freight and Container Data of 12 Major Ports. |
| | | TRW is formulating data collection mechanism to cover all Major Ports and bigger Minor ports and more activities |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Education Annual Index | Ministry of Human Resource Development | Variables used: 1.Enrolment Ratio 2.Teacher-student Ratio Weights: per capita expenditure (PCE), both private and public |
| | | Report is yet to be approved by the TAC |

| Services | Administrative Ministry / Organization / other possible data sources | Problem / Status |
|----------|--|---|
| Health | Ministry of Health & Family Welfare | Data suggested by OECD not available |
| | | HMIS: Data only on maternal and child health. |
| | | Infrastructure and facilities data available to a great extent |
| | | Indicators to be considered for index compilation not yet finalised |

ROAD SERVICE INDEX

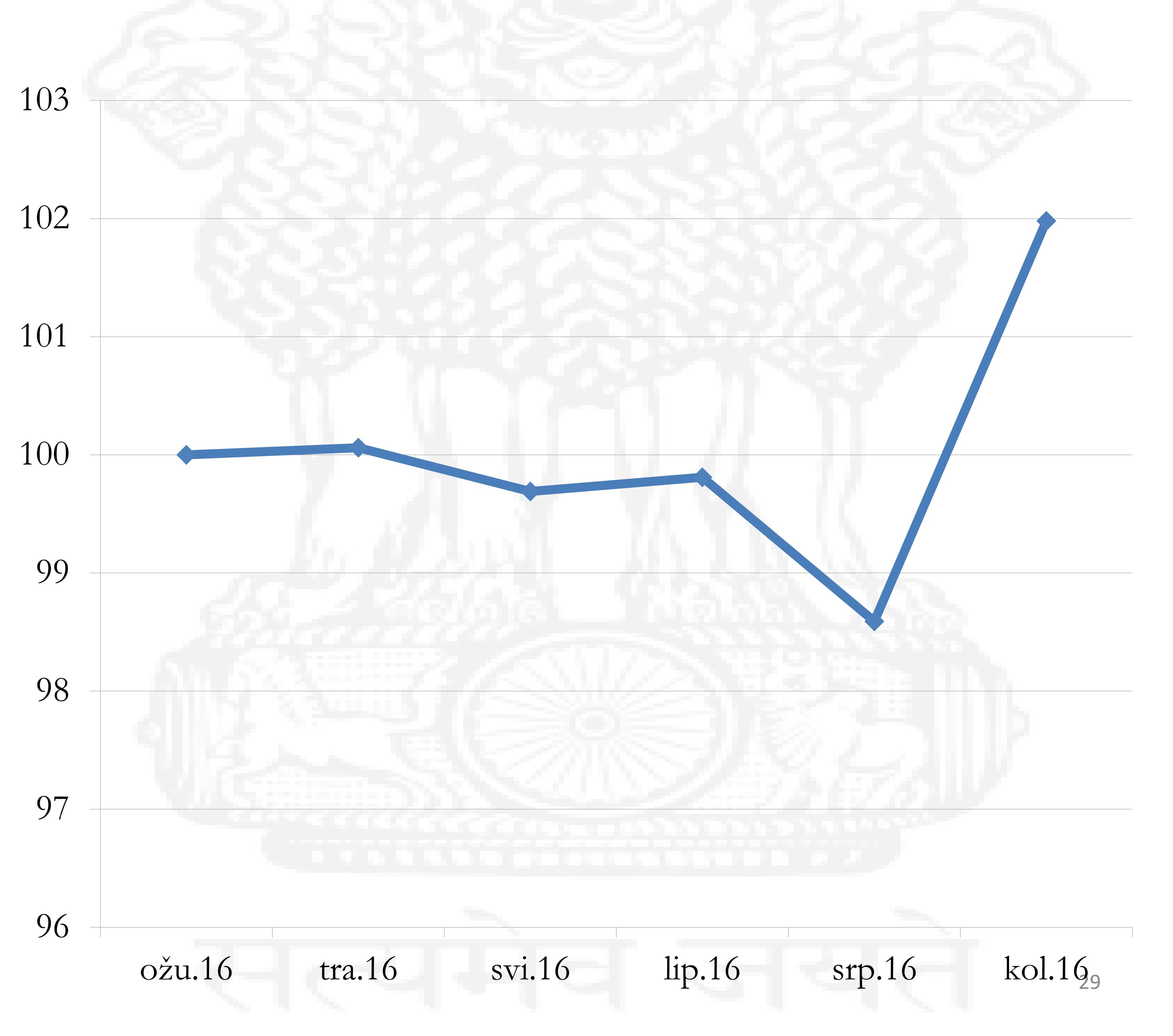
| Section | | Division | | Group | | Class | | Sub |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | Class |
| NIC | ISIC | NIC | ISIC | NIC | ISIC | NIC | ISIC | NIC |
| (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) | (2008) |
| H: | H: | 49: | 49: | 492: | 492: | 4923: | 4923: | 49231: |
| Transpo | Transpo | Land | Land | Other | Other | Freight | Freight | Motorise |
| rt and | rt and | transpor | transpor | land | land | transpor | transpor | droad |
| Storage | Storage | tand | tand | transpor | transpor | t by | t by | freight |
| | | transpor | transpor | t | t | road | road | transport |
| | | t via | t via | | | | | |
| | | pipeline | pipeline | | | | | |
| | | S | S | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Base Year | 2015-16 |
|----------------------------|--|
| Frequency | Monthly |
| Components | Freight service |
| Price of freight service | Average freight prices per ton/km of three kinds of trucks: 6 Wheels (9 MTons) 10 Wheels (16 MTons) 14 Wheels (24 MTon) |
| Weight for freight service | Based on annual tonnage carried on the routes. |
| Data availability so far | March 2016 to August, 2016 |
| Data sources | Web sources |

WEIGHTING DIAGRAM

• Weight for route X= (Total Annual Tonnage carried on route X)/ (Sum of a Total Annual Tonnage carried on 456 routes)

ROAD INDEX



Insurance Service Price Index

Standard Classification and Structure

| Sec | tion | Division | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | | |
| K – Financial | K – Financial | 65- | 65- Insurance, | | |
| and | and Insurance | Insurance, | reinsurance | | |
| Insurance | Activities | reinsurance | and pension | | |
| Activities | | and pension | funding | | |
| | | funding | except | | |
| | | except | compulsory | | |
| | | compulsory | social security | | |
| | | social security | | | |
| | | 66- other | 66 Activities | | |
| | | financial | auxiliary to | | |
| | | activities | financial | | |
| | | | service and | | |
| | | | insurance | | |
| | | | activities 31 | | |
| | | | | | |

| Group | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) | | | | |
| 651-Insurance | 651-Insurance | | | | |
| 652- Re-insurance | 652- Reinsurance | | | | |
| 653-Pension funding | 653-Pension funding | | | | |
| 662- activities auxiliary | 662- activities | | | | |
| to insurance and | auxiliary to insurance | | | | |
| pension funding | and pension funding | | | | |
| 663-fund management | 663- Fund | | | | |
| activities | management | | | | |
| | activities | | | | |

Class

NIC (2008)

ISIC (2008)

6511- Life Insurance (underwriting — annuities and life insurance policies, disability income insurance policies, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance policies (with or without a substantial savings element).

6511- Life Insurance (includes underwriting annuities and life insurance policies, disability income insurance policies, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance policies (with or without a substantial savings element).

6512- Non-Life Insurance (includes accident and fire insurance, health insurance, travel insurance, property insurance, motor, marine, aviation and transport insurance, pecuniary loss and liability insurance

6512- Non-Life Insurance (includes accident and fire insurance, health insurance, travel insurance, property insurance, motor, marine, aviation and transport insurance, pecuniary loss and liability insurance

6520- Re-insurance (includes the activities of assuming all or part of the risk associated with existing insurance policies originally underwritten by other insurance careers

6520- Re-insurance (includes the activities of assuming all or part of the risk associated with existing insurance policies originally underwritten by other insurance careers

Class

| NIC (2008) | ISIC (2008) |
|------------------------|--|
| 6629- other activities | 6629- Other activities auxiliary to insurance |
| auxiliary to insurance | and pension funding |
| and pension funding | This class includes: |
| except claims | —activities involved in or closely related to |
| adjusting and | insurance and pension funding (except claims |
| activities of | adjusting and activities of insurance agents): |
| insurance agents | Salvage administration |
| | Lactuarial services |
| | This class excludes: |
| | -marine salvage activities |
| 6630- fund | 6630- Fund management activities |
| management | This class includes portfolio and fund |
| activities | management activities on a fee or contract |
| | basis, for individuals, businesses and others. |
| | This class includes: |
| | —management of pension funds |
| | —management of mutual funds |
| | —management of other investment funds |
| | |

Sub Class

NIC (2008)

- 65110- Life Insurance
- 65120- Non-Life Insurance
- 65200- Re- Insurance
- 65300- Pension funding
- 66210- Risk and damage evaluation
- 66220- activities insurance agents and brokers
- 66290- other activities auxiliary to insurance and pension funding
- 66301- management of mutual funds
- 66302- management of pension funds
- 66309- management of other investment funds

| | Items | Sub-items and computations |
|------------|----------------------------|--|
| R1 | Premium less | |
| | reinsurance | |
| R2 | Interest received | |
| R3 | Dividend received | |
| R4 | Net profit on sale of | |
| | investments | |
| E1 | Adjusted Claims = | Claims and Surrenders + Interest paid + net |
| | | accruing liability + bonus to policyholders + |
| | | changes in equalization provisions |
| 01 | FISIM (insurance | R1 + R2 + R3 + R4 - E1 |
| | services) | |
| O 2 | Misc. receipts | Business receipts + redemption receipts |
| IC1 | | Expenses on management + commission to |
| | | agents + bank charges + consumption of other |
| | | goods and services + repair and maintenance + |
| | | product tax |
| | Output | O1 + O2 |
| | IC | IC1 |
| | GVA | Output - IC |
| | Note: As per SNA 2008 | , insurance agents do not fall in either of the sub- |
| | classifications of insurar | nce corporations and pension funds |

SOURCE OF DATA

| Item | Source of Data |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Life Insurance | i.Annual Reports and Accounts |
| | (LIC) |
| | ii.Annual Reports and Accounts |
| | of private life insurance |
| | companies; and |
| | iii. Appropriation Accounts: Postal |
| | Services |
| | |
| General Insurance | Annual Reports and Accounts |
| Employees State Insurance | Annual Reports |
| Corporation | |

VALUE ADDED FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES AT CURRENT PRICES (Rs. Crore)

| | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Insurance corporation and pension funds | 66354 (100 %) | 83227 (100%) | 86312 (100%) | 95886 (100%) |
| Life Insurance | 40478 (61.0 %) | 48752 (58.6%) | 46496 (53.5%) | 51652 (53.9%) |
| Non-Life Insurance | 24902 (37.5 %) | 33388 (40.1%) | 38648 (45.0%) | 42956 (44.8%) |
| Pension Funds | 974 (1.5 %) | 1087 (1.3 %) | 1168 (1.5 %) | 1277 (1.3%) |

VALUE ADDED FROM INSURANCE SERVICES AT CONSTANT (2011-12) PRICES (Rs. Crore)

| | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Insurance corporation and pension funds | 66354 (100%) | 77516 (100%) | 75966 (100%) | 87156 (100%) |
| Life Insurance | 40478 (61.0%) | 42536 (54.9%) | 38800 (51.1%) | 48521 (55.7%) |
| Non-Life Insurance | 24902 (37.5%) | 33991 (43.9%) | 36197 (47.6%) | 37635 (43.2%) |
| Pension Funds | 974 (1.5%) | 988 (1.3%) | 968 (1.3%) | 1000 |

Definition of service (Non Life Insurance)

- Risk Assuming
 - The Insurance Provider assumes the risk. Policy holders do not retain risk.
 - The service being provided is the assumption of risk from the policy holder.
 - Insurer collects premiums and invests a portion of the premiums.
 - Output is measured by gross premiums:
 - Output = Premiums + Investment Income
 - Pricing methodology
 - Risk protection plus financial intermediation
 - Premiums plus return on the invested portion of the premium
- Main function of insurance is to assume risk on behalf of policy holder (IRDAI Draft Report on Price Index Ch. 3)

Definition of service(Non Life Insurance)

- Risk Pooling
 - The policy holders retain the risk. Insurer assumes no risk.
 - Insurer is an intermediary between various policy holders and collects premium for disbursing them to claimants.
 - The Service being provided is the administrative duties associated with
 - managing the risk pool.
 - Output is measured by net premiums:
 - Output = (Premiums + Investment Income) Claims
 - Pricing methodology
 - Value added
 - Premium less claims
- SNA recommends that risk pooling concept is followed

Definition of service (Life Insurance)

- Output of Insurance Industry
 - Assumption of risk (transfer of risks from policy holder)
 - Financial intermediation
- Concept of price for measuring this output
 - Price = Premium (1+r)
 - "r" is the annual return on the invested portion of the premium for the particular type of insurance that is priced.
- Concept of price when policy holders are also stockholders of the company and receive dividend on an annual basis.
 - Price = Premium (1+r) Dividend
- When premiums vary at the discretion of policy holder (like ulips), various fees charged to administer the policy and investment return serves as proxy for price.
 - Price = (MC + EXP + P + C) (1+r)
 - MC=mortality costs, EXP= expenses, P= profits, C= contingency allowances and r= earned rate on investments
- Weights
 - Lower level indices are aggregated using industry turnover data (premium plus investment income) as weights

Production Index

• Weight

- GVA computed
 by CSO for
 weights between
 Life and General
 insurance
- -Premium (First year or renewal, gross or net?) for various lines of business within each segment

Price Index

• Weight

- Share in Total
 Premium between
 life and general
 insurance
- Share in aggregate
 First year
 premium within
 life insurance
 segment

Production Index

- Item basket(Lines of Business)
 - Life Insurance
 - General Insurance (Fire,
 marine Miscellaneous)

Price index

- Item basket(Lines of Business)
 - Life insurance
 - Non linked Life (individual single and non single premium with profit and without profit)
 - Group Gratuity
 - General Annuity
 - Pension
 - General Insurance
 - Fire
 - Marine Cargo and Marine
 Hull
 - Engineering
 - Motor Own Damage and Third Party
 - Health
 - Aviation

ULIPS NOT CONSIDERED

Production Index

Price Index

- Deflator-
 - WPI All Commodities

• Periodicity- Quarterly

• Base Year — 2011-12

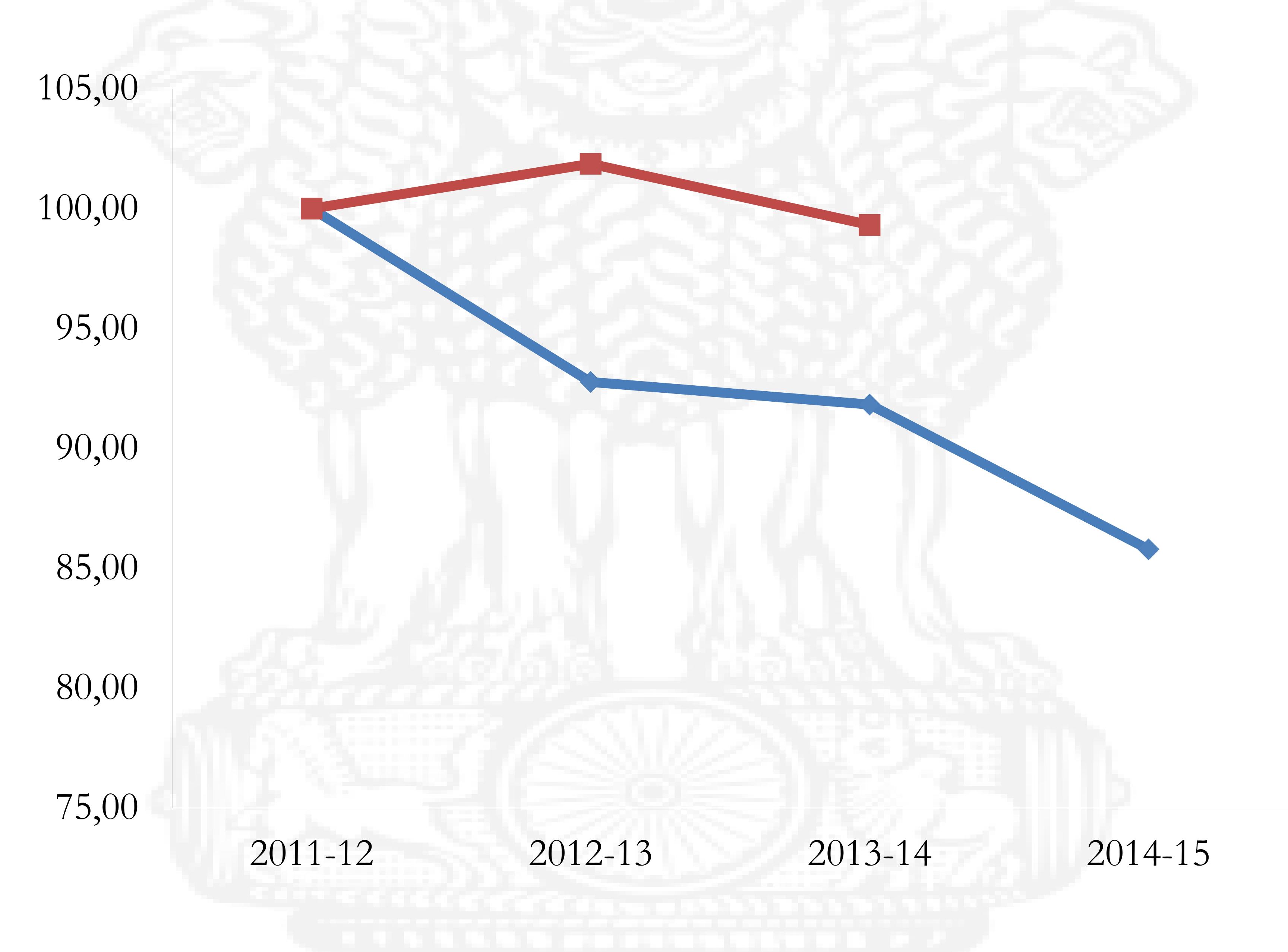
• Deflator

- WPI All Commodities for Motor Third Party
- Since Premium and Sum
 Assured are both in monetary
 terms ratio is inflation neutral
 so no need of deflator
- Premium per policy to be deflated by WPI and GDP per capita
- Periodicity- Quarterly
 - Data on premium figures and Sum Assured are available on a monthly basis whereas data on rate of return for fund based products is available on quarterly basis
- Base year -2011-12

Concepts of Price

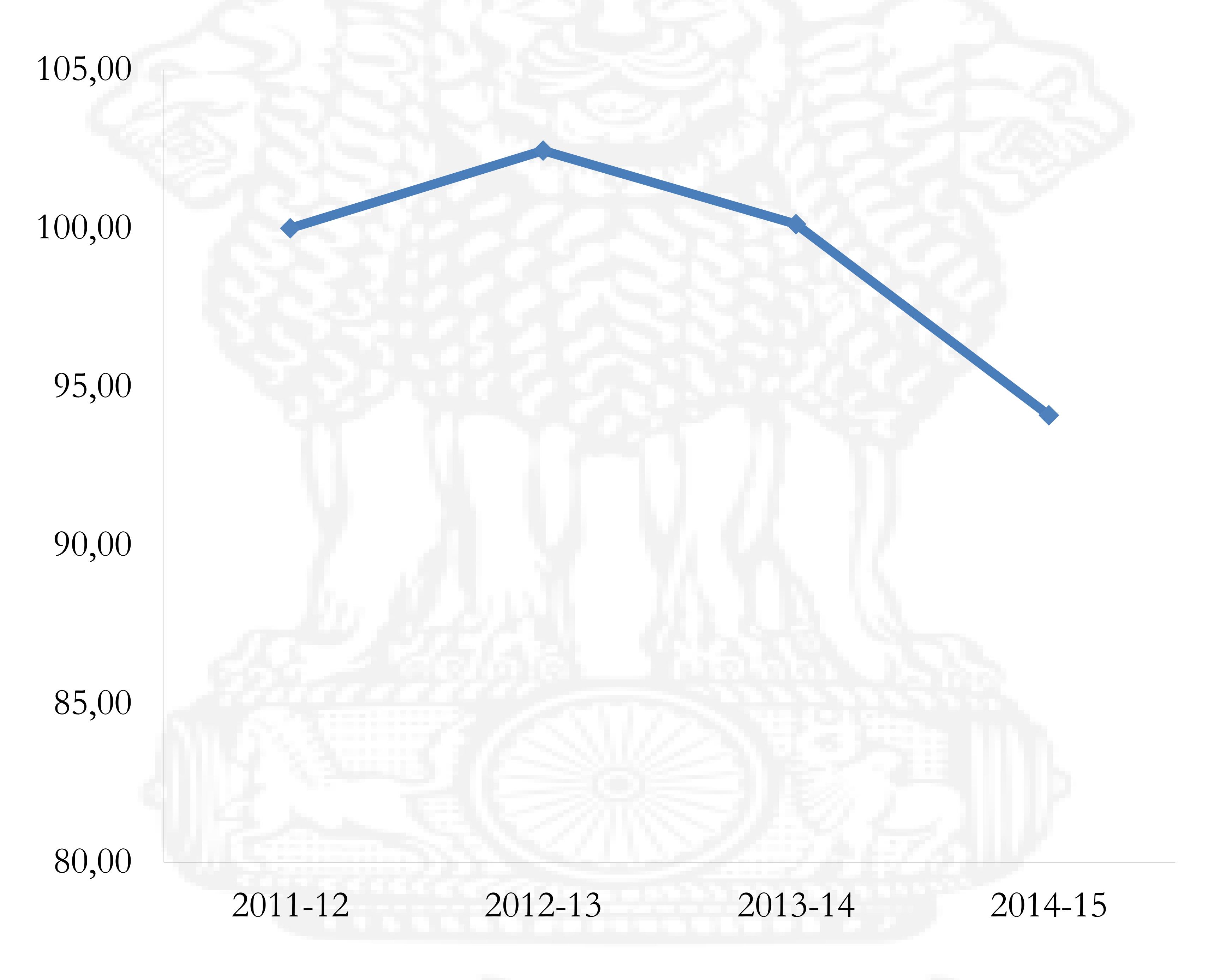
- Producer's price
- Ratio of value (nominal) over volume/quantity/real value
- Suggestions for price
 - For General Insurance- Ratio of Premium to deflated Sum Assured
 - Deflator-WPI for Machinery & Equipment
 - For 3rd Party motor vehicle insurance- Premium paid per motor vehicle
 - For term Insurance- Ratio of first premium to deflated Sum Assured
 - Deflator-WPI for All Commodities
 - For traditional plan (non linked)- Difference between gross and net return
 - For ULIPS- Price for fund management and other services.

LIFE INSURANCE PRICE INDEX



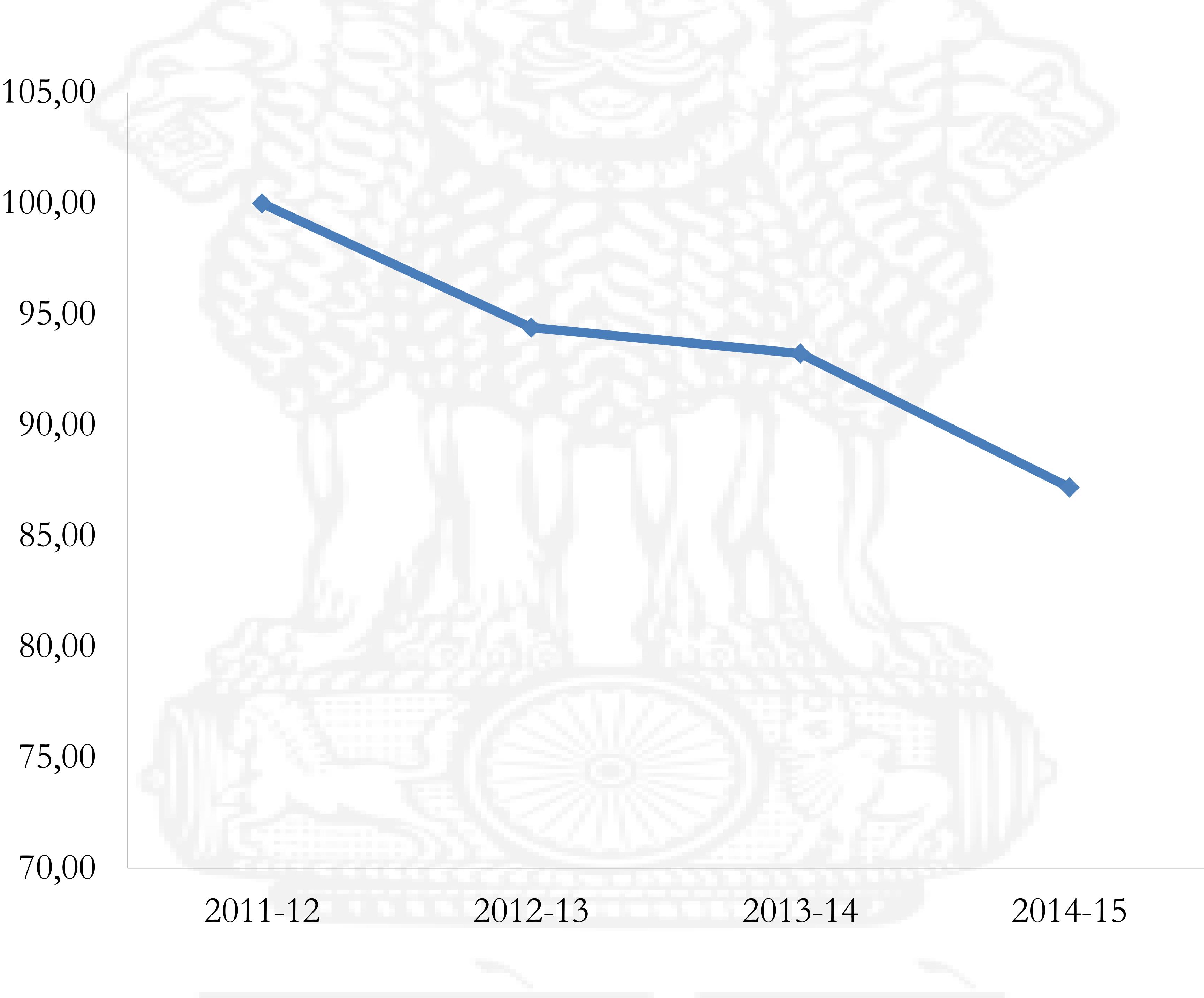
- Methodology 1 (Premium per lakh sum assured and fund return)
- Methodology 2 (Operating expenses+Profits+Commission)

GENERAL INSURANCE PRICE INDEX



Methodology 1 (Premium per lakh sum assured and fund return)

INSURANCE PRICE INDEX



Methodology 1 (Premium per lakh sum assured and fund return)

Issues emerging from above relating to insurance sector SPI

- Insurance industry in India produces bundled (hybrid) financial products comprising of savings, investment, and pension element beneath a thin crust of insurance
 - Product complexities, short shelf life and dynamic product specification necessitate choosing LoB over any particular product
- Product level index or industry level index "SPPIs should measure change in the prices of products, rather than industries"

-Eurostat-OECD SPPI Guide, 2nd edition

- Objective
 - Deflate service production for volume indicator (product based Index)
 - Short term indicator (industry based index)
 - Product based Index is recommended, especially, in the case of high share of industry turnover stemming from the production of secondary activities

- Appropriate definition of price
 - Irdai's proposal
 - Irdai's proposal modified
 - International precedence
 - Joseph M. Belth's method of calculating price of insurance for hybrid product.
- Premium- New business, Renewal, Gross or net

CHALLENGES

- Conceptual and methodological complexities relating to definition of price of service- What is the unit of measure to be priced?
- Dealing with a bundled product (groups of existing products)
 - -Can lead to double counting
 - —Different permutations are possible
 - -Bundles change over time
 - -- Difficulty in interpretation
 - Product level index or industry level index

"SPPIs should measure change in the prices of products, rather than industries" -Eurostat-OECD SPPI Guide, 2ndedition

- Double counting- overlap between BPO and telecom service
- Whether sector is well defined as per NIC and harmonized with international classification— Is classification detailed enough to constitute relatively homogenous group of services?
- Classification should fit to the activities undertaken in service sector

- 2. Data flow is very restricted- mostly confined to public sector.- Directive to administrative ministries to collect data as per NIC classification
- 3. Issues relating to data flow from private sector companies, for instance, private courier services:
 - i. No data readily available for private sector
 - ii. No mechanism to collect the data as no statistical frame for service sector industry exists
 - iii. Annual survey of service sector organizations to get directory of service providers
- 4. Consideration for use of statutory provision to make it compulsory for firms to respond with price statistics
- 5. Turnover statistics on services sector not readily available in a consistent manner leading to problems in fixing weighting diagram.
- 6. Synchronized development of price and production statistics for service sector.

- 7. New Topics
 - o Business Process Outsourcing
 - o Knowledge Process Outsourcing
 - o Travel Agency services
 - o Securities trading services
- 8. Guidance on identifying services which have wages as major cost component-use labour force survey of NSSO to get price index
- 9. Sale of investments and reinsurance components ignored.
- 10.Strengthening of proposed Collection of Services Trade Statistics Act to cover all services
- 11. Following precedence set by Voorburg Group on service statistics wherever possible.

Definition of Industry and Product Based SPPI

| | Industry based index | Product based index |
|--------|---|---|
| Sample | Business enterprises classified under specific industry | All of the output of the sampled units can be represented in the index, even secondary activity output |
| Output | Products classified under specific industry | Secondary activity output excluded, but all of the output of certain types of services irrespective of the main industry of the enterprise included |

Choice between Industry and Product Based SPPI –Some Aspects

Primary objectives:

- 1. To deflate national accounts data (or data on service production for volume indicator → product based SPPI would be preferred
- 2. To serve primarily as a short-term indicator → industry based SPPI would be preferred
- This is, however, subject to the composition of data on production, i.e. value index, which is deflated by a price index. The structure of the value index and the price index should be comparable
- 3. Product based SPPI is recommended, especially, in the case of high share of industry turnover stemming from the production of secondary activities
 - •Although, if the industry based survey should be rather extensive, this would not necessarily be the case
- 4. Product based SPPIs captures price effects of:
 - Changing product supply across industries
 - Shifts in consumer demand across industries

Issues relating to insurance sector

- 1. Insurance industry in India produces bundled (hybrid) financial products comprising of savings, investment, and pension element beneath a thin crust of insurance.
- 2. Concept of insurance output
 - · Pooling of Risk
 - Transfer or Assumption of risk
- 3. Pricing methodology
 - Pooling of Risk
 - Value added i.e., premium less claims
 - Transfer or Assumption of risk
 - Risk protection plus financial intermediation, i.e., premium plus return on the invested portion of the premium
- 4. Concept of price- Ratio of value (nominal) over physical unit/ quantity
- 5. Suggestions for price
 - For General Insurance- Ratio of Premium to deflated Sum Assured

- For 3rd Party motor vehicle insurance- Premium paid per motor vehicle
- For term Insurance- Ratio of first premium to deflated Sum Assured
- For traditional plan-Difference between gross and net return
- For ULIPS- Price for fund management and other services

Conclusion

- Index developed for Railways, Air Transport and Postal Services.
- Methodology for Education, and Insurance approved by the TAC, Index to be developed.
- Methodology for Banking finalised by the Subcommittee revised; that is yet to be approved by the TAC.
- For Ports, concerned Ministry is developing a methodology
- Methodology yet to be devised for Health in consultation with the concerned Ministry.
- Work held up due to want of data for Telecommunication.

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