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**PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF HOUSEHOLD CONSUMER EXPENDITURE  
SURVEY OF NSS 68<sup>th</sup> ROUND ( JULY 2011 – JUNE 2012)**

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has completed the Field work of NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012. This round was devoted mainly to Household Consumer Expenditure and Employment and Unemployment. The NSS consumer expenditure surveys aim at generating estimates of household monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) and its distribution separately for the rural and urban sectors of the country, for States and Union Territories, and for different socio-economic groups. These indicators are amongst the most important measures of the level of living of the respective domains of the population and are crucial inputs for estimation of prevalence of poverty by the Planning Commission. The detailed results on consumer expenditure of NSS 68<sup>th</sup> Round are expected to be brought out by the NSSO during the year 2013. In the mean time provisional estimates relating to MPCE are being released. A separate Summary Sheet of the Household Consumer Expenditure schedule was prepared by the field investigators during the survey which has been processed quickly to compile the provisional results.

The provisional results of NSS 68<sup>th</sup> Round are based on the Central Sample consisting of 7391 villages (59,070 sample households) in rural areas and 5223 urban blocks (41,602 sample households) spread over almost all States and Union Territories in the country.

The results compiled are based on a measure termed as “Monthly Per capita Consumer Expenditure with Uniform Reference Period” (MPCE<sub>URP</sub>), where a common reference period of “last 30 days” was used for all items of Consumer Expenditure on which data were collected.

The values of average MPCE<sub>URP</sub> for NSS 68<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> rounds at all-India level at current prices and at 2004-05 prices are given in Table 1 and Table 2 below:

**Table 1: Average MPCE<sub>URP</sub> (Rs.) at current Prices**

NSS Round	Year	Rural	Urban
68 <sup>th</sup> Round (Provisional)	July 2011-June 2012	1281.45	2401.68
66 <sup>th</sup> Round	July 2009-June 2010	927.70	1785.81
61 <sup>st</sup> Round	July 2004-June 2005	558.78	1052.36

URP: Uniform Reference Period of 30 days

**Table 2 : Average MPCE<sub>URP</sub> (Rs.) at 2004-05 Prices**

NSS Round	Year	Rural	Urban
68 <sup>th</sup> Round (Provisional)	July 2011-June 2012	707.24	1359.75
66 <sup>th</sup> Round	July 2009-June 2010	599.06	1200.01
61 <sup>st</sup> Round	July 2004-June 2005	558.78	1052.36

URP: Uniform Reference Period of 30 days

Besides, the all-India average MPCE, average MPCE over decile classes of MPCE from the data collected in the 68<sup>th</sup> Round are given below in Table 3. The first decile class comprises the bottom 10 percent of population in terms of MPCE and the top (10th) decile class comprises the top 10 percent of population. These decile classes for rural and urban domains are computed separately.

**Table 3: All India average MPCE<sub>URP</sub> (Rs.), NSS 68<sup>th</sup> Round, Consumer Expenditure over decile classes of population.**

Decile Class	RURAL		URBAN	
	Decile Class Limits (in Rs.)	MPCE <sub>URP</sub> (in Rs.)	Decile Class Limits (in Rs.)	MPCE <sub>URP</sub> (in Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1 <sup>st</sup>	upto 597	503.49	upto 860	702.26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	597-719	661.19	860-1086	977.25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	719-824	770.88	1086-1295	1189.57
4 <sup>th</sup>	824-922	873.73	1295-1509	1398.76
5 <sup>th</sup>	922-1030	974.03	1509-1759	1630.67
6 <sup>th</sup>	1030-1162	1094.92	1759-2070	1908.46
7 <sup>th</sup>	1162-1334	1243.95	2070-2464	2248.50
8 <sup>th</sup>	1334-1581	1448.61	2464-3077	2737.71
9 <sup>th</sup>	1581-2054	1783.87	3077-4281	3571.31
10 <sup>th</sup>	2054 -more	3459.77	4282 -more	7651.68
All		1281.45		2401.68

Figures are Provisional

Some salient findings of the survey in terms of  $MPCE_{URP}$  are as follows:

- The average  $MPCE_{URP}$  in 2011-12 was estimated at Rs.1281.45 in rural India and Rs.2401.68 in urban India. Thus the per capita expenditure level of the urban population was on the average about 87.4% higher than that of the rural population.
- The poorest 10% of India's rural population had an average  $MPCE_{URP}$  of Rs.503.49. The poorest 10% of the urban population had an average  $MPCE_{URP}$  of Rs.702.26.
- The top 10% of the rural population, ranked by  $MPCE_{URP}$ , had an average  $MPCE_{URP}$  of Rs. 3459.77, about 6.9 times that of the bottom 10%. The top 10% of the urban population had an average  $MPCE_{URP}$  of Rs. 7651.68, about 10.9 times that of the bottom 10%.
- In rural India, half of the population belonged to households with  $MPCE_{URP}$  below Rs.1030 (median value) and nearly 40% of the rural population of India had  $MPCE_{URP}$  below Rs.922. About 60% of rural population had  $MPCE_{URP}$  below Rs. 1162. About 10% had  $MPCE_{URP}$  above Rs.2054.
- In urban areas of India, half of the population was living with  $MPCE_{URP}$  below Rs.1759, about 70% of population had MPCE above Rs1295, nearly 30% had MPCE above Rs. 2464, and 20% had MPCE above Rs.3077.

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