

PRESS RELEASE
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST May, 2021

The 103rd meeting of the National Accounts Committee to review the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. The provisional estimates of the GDP and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) for the year 2020-21 were presented on the basis of latest data of 6-9 months which were annualized.

The provisional growth of GDP for the year 2020-21 has been estimated at 3.94% which is based upon growth estimates of the agricultural, industrial and services sectors at 2.77%, 3.57% and 4.43%, respectively. The growth for 2019-20 was revised downward from -0.38% to -0.47%. The sector-wise brief is given below.

Agricultural Sector: The agriculture sector grew by 2.77% in 2020-21 as against 3.31% in 2019-20. The growth of important crops during this year is 4.65% on the back of historic highest ever production of wheat, rice and maize while sugarcane registered second highest ever production. This growth in production of wheat, rice, sugarcane and maize is at 8.1%, 13.6%, 22.0% and 7.38%, respectively. However, cotton has witnessed negative growth of 22.8%, which also resulted in 15.6% decline in cotton ginning. Other crops (vegetables, fruits and green fodder etc.) showed positive growth of 1.41% mainly because of increase in production of oil seeds and vegetables. Livestock sector registered a growth of 3.1%. Forestry has grown at 1.4%.

Industrial Sector: The overall industrial sector has witnessed a positive growth of 3.57%. The value added in the mining and quarrying sector has declined by 6.5%. The large scale manufacturing (LSM) sector, which is driven primarily by QIM data (from July 2020 to March 2021), showed an unprecedented healthy growth of 9.29%. Major contributors to this growth are Textile (5.9%), Food Beverage & Tobacco (11.73%), Petroleum products (12.71%), Pharmaceuticals (12.57%), Chemicals (11.65%), Non-Metallic Mineral Products (24.31%), Automobiles (23.38%), and Fertilizer (5.69%). Electricity and Gas sub sector has declined by 22.96% mainly due to lower allocation of subsidies by the government to DISCOs, low increase in output and higher proportional increase in intermediate consumption. The construction activity has increased by 8.34% mainly due to increase in general government expenditure and private sector construction related expenditures.

Services Sector: Services sector remained a major growth driver for many years and this year it witnessed a growth of 4.43% in the provisional estimates. While wholesale and retail trade sector grew by 8.37% primarily because of increase in marketable surplus, the transport, storage and communication sector has declined by 0.61%. Finance and insurance sector showed increase of 7.84%. The remaining components of services i.e. housing, general government and other private services have witnessed a positive growth of 4.01%, 2.20% and 4.64%, respectively.

GDP at Current Market Prices: GDP at current market prices has also been computed and stands at Rs.47,709 billion for 2020-21. This shows a growth of 14.8% over Rs.41,556 billion for 2019-20. The per capita income for 2020-21 has been calculated as Rs.246,414, showing a growth of 14.6% over Rs. 215,060 during 2019-20. The per capita income in dollar increased by 13.4% from USD 1,361 in 2019-20 to USD 1,543 in 2020-21.