

## **FICCI comments on WPI inflation data for April 2016**

**New Delhi, 16 May 2016:** Commenting on the latest inflation numbers **Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia, President, FICCI** said, “WPI based inflation rate inched up to 0.3% in April 2016, after remaining in the negative zone for seventeen consecutive months. While some price pressure is noted in case of select food items, we don’t foresee any significant change in the near term in the inflation trajectory. While the latest monsoon forecast shows a delay by about a week, we hope that the meteorological department’s overall prediction will hold and would provide reprieve in the months ahead”.

“We remain concerned about the industry performance with latest numbers reporting flat growth in the month of March 2016. Demand is yet to pick up on a sustainable basis. The award of the seventh pay commission and normal monsoons are expected to lend some strength to domestic consumption. Further, it will be critical to assure that the momentum on reforms is maintained. Also, while RBI has been keeping a close watch on the ground situation, we hope to see a more accommodative stance in the June policy announcement”, **added Mr. Neotia.**

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