

## FICCI comments on WPI numbers

New Delhi, 15 November 2016: “WPI numbers released today reported further softening in price levels. The food segment reported moderation in prices for the third consecutive month in October. Inflation remains within Reserve Bank of India’s indicative trajectory, which is a huge positive for the economy and prices are expected to remain range bound going ahead”, said Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia, President, FICCI.

“Given the latest move to demonetize Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes, there could be a temporary squeeze of liquidity. Amidst, this scenario it remains critical that both the Government and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) take measures to counter any downside impact on economic activity”, added Mr. Neotia.

“FICCI would urge the RBI to continue with an accommodative stance, support the sentiment of investors and consumers and stabilize demand. An immediate 50 basis points cut in repo rate should be considered by RBI as well as some measures may be introduced to provide easy finance for sectors like housing, automobiles and consumer durables”, said Mr. Neotia.

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