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INDEX OF DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE INCREASED BY 6.4 PER CENT IN SECOND QUARTER 2016

The Index of Distributive Trade expanded by **6.4 per cent** in the second quarter of 2016 as compared with the same period in 2015. The growth was mainly supported by the Wholesale Trade and Retail Trade sub-sectors which increased by **8.9 per cent** and **7.4 per cent** respectively. The Motor Vehicles sub-sector declined to **-2.4 per cent**.

The seasonally adjusted Index of Distributive Trade increased by **0.5 per cent** as against the first quarter of 2016. The increase was backed by the Wholesale Trade (**2.1%**) and Motor Vehicles (**0.4%**) sub-sectors.

Table 1: Performance of Distributive Trade Index by Sub-sector

Sub-sector (2010=100)	Index			
	Original	% Change YoY	Seasonally Adjusted	% Change QoQ
Index of Distributive Trade	144.7	6.4	144.8	0.5
Index of Wholesale Trade	156.6	8.9	155.6	2.1
Index of Retail Trade	141.2	7.4	143.0	-1.0
Index of Motor Vehicles	123.7	-2.4	121.7	0.4

Performance of Wholesale Trade Sub-sector

The index of Wholesale Trade grew by **8.9 per cent** in the second quarter 2016 over the second quarter 2015. The increase was led by Other Specialised Wholesale (**18.0%**), Non-specialised Wholesale Trade (**6.9%**) and Wholesale of Food, Beverages and Tobacco (**6.3%**).

Performance of Retail Trade Sub-sector

In the second quarter of 2016, the Retail Trade sub-sector posted an increase of **7.4 per cent** year-on-year. The growth was spurred by Retail Sale of Automotive Fuel in Specialised Stores (**19.8%**), Retail Sale of Information and Communications Equipment in Specialised Stores (**9.4%**) and Retail Trade Not in Stores, Stalls or Markets (**8.6%**).

Performance of Motor Vehicles Sub-sector

The index of Motor Vehicles which includes Parts and Accessories declined to **-2.4 per cent** in the second quarter of 2016 as compared to the same quarter of 2015. The decrease was due to the decline in Sale of Motor Vehicles **(-6.0%)**, Sale, Maintenance and Repair of Motorcycles and Related Parts and Accessories **(-3.5%)** and Maintenance and Repair of Motor Vehicles **(-0.5%)**.

***Notes:**

Data for second quarter 2016 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication third quarter 2016.

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