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## INDEX OF DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE GREW BY 6.2 PER CENT IN FOURTH QUARTER 2015

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The Index of Distributive Trade posted a growth of 6.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2015 as compared to the same quarter of 2014. The growth was supported by the increase in Wholesale Trade (8.6%), Motor Vehicles (4.5%) and Retail Trade (4.2%) sub-sectors.

The seasonally adjusted Index of Distributive Trade went up by 3.6 per cent as against the third quarter of 2015. The increase was driven by Retail Trade (5.3%), Motor Vehicles (2.9%) and Wholesale Trade (2.4%) 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	141.8	6.2	142.1	3.6
Index of Wholesale Trade	149.4	8.6	149.2	2.4
Index of Retail Trade	140.1	4.2	139.9	5.3
Index of Motor Vehicles	127.5	4.5	130.2	2.9

### **Performance of Wholesale Trade Sub-sector**

The index of Wholesale Trade expanded by 8.6 per cent in the fourth quarter 2015 over the fourth quarter 2014. The increase was contributed by Other Specialised Wholesale (18.2%), Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis (6.4%) and Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Materials and Live Animals (5.6%).

### **Performance of Retail Trade Sub-sector**

In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Retail Trade sub-sector increased by 4.2 per cent year-on-year. The growth was supported by Retail Sale of Automotive Fuel in Specialised Stores (23.2%), Retail Sale of Information and Communications Equipment in Specialised Stores (6.6%) and Retail Sale of Cultural and Recreation Goods in Specialised Stores (5.4%).

### **Performance of Motor Vehicles Sub-sector**

The index of Motor Vehicles which includes Parts and Accessories went up by 4.5 per cent in the fourth quarter 2015 as compared to the same quarter of 2014. The growth was driven by Sale of Motor Vehicles (9.7%) and Sale of Motor Vehicles Parts and Accessories (2.3%).

**\*Notes:**

Data for fourth quarter 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication first quarter 2016.

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