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Economic Parameters are finally finding a base

Key Highlights

- The Industrial Output for the month of June 2019 advanced to 4.3 in July'19 from 2.0 in June'19. This is a 9 month high growth rate
- The improvement of the IIP data has been predominantly on the back of improvement in the manufacturing segment which showed better growth rate at 4.20. The growth in mining activity has been better at 4.9%, a 9 month high growth. Electricity generation for the month of July has stayed moderate at 4.8
- As per the use based classification the capital goods saw a degrowth of 7.1% on the back of sustained production cuts by many of the automobile manufacturers in the country.
- Intermediate Goods and Consumer Non-Durables growth improved massively at 13.9 and 8.3 per cent respectively, whereas consumer durables witnessed negative growth at -2.7 Primary goods along with infrastructure goods saw a mild growth at 3.5 and 2.1 percent respectively.
- 13 out of the 23 manufacturing industries witnessed growth in the current month compared to 8 in the previous month.
- Manufacturing of basic metals and food products has witnessed highest growth at 17.3% and 23.4% respectively. Manufacture of paper, furniture and motor vehicles saw substantial degrowth at 15.4, 10 and 13.3% respectively.
- Consumer Price Index for the month of August 2019 inched up to 3.21 as opposed to 3.15 in July'19.
- The marginal uptick in the inflation can be attributed to higher food prices. Food and beverages saw a 3% growth which is a 14 month high.
- The food inflation rose with positive uptick movements from Meat&Fish, Vegetables and pulses at 8.51%, 6.90% and 6.94% respectively.
- Urban inflation rose to 4.49 percent against rural inflation of mere 2.18%. The food
 inflation has shown vast difference between the urban and rural parts of the country at
 6.42 and 0.91 percent respectively.
- The rise in IIP has partially come on the back of a favourable base impact for the month
 of July. High frequency indicators such as capital goods and consumer durables are still
 struggling to witness positive growth
- The Consumer Price Index is poised to stay below the RBI's 4% level till the year end with Fuel and power supporting the cause
- With the dismal GDP numbers we believe the RBI has room for a 40bps rate cut.We still factor in a 40bps rate cut by the monetary policy committee before the rate cut cycle phases out as the growth been partially on the back of a smaller base effect.

Exhibit: Index of Industrial Production



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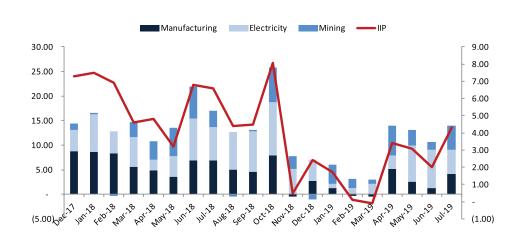
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Index of Industrial Production saw a substantial rise in July'19

Exhibit: Sectoral IIP



When we compare the sectoral IIP the growth was primarily led by manufacturing activity

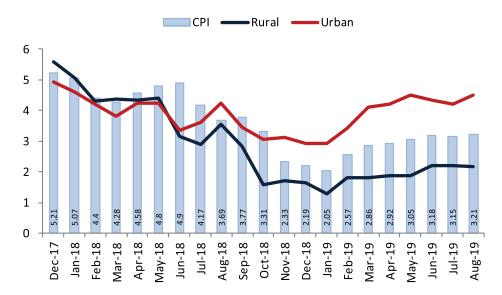
Contribution to IIP

High Positive Contributors	Weights(%)	Contribution to IIP
MS Slabs	0.84	1.7306
Sunflower oil	0.07	0.6103
Mining	14.37	0.5374
Electricity	7.99	0.4897
Digestive Enzymes	0.22	0.4728

High Negative Contributors	Weights(%)	Contribution to IIP
Bars & Rods of Alloy	0.57	-0.5481
Vaccine for Veterinary medicine	0.45	-0.324
Commercial Vehicles	0.94	-0.2375
Auto Components	2.59	-0.2062
Steel Structurals	0.79	-0.1997

Use Based (YoY % growth)	Jun-18	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Primary goods	6.8	2.5	0.5	3.5
Capital goods	2.3	0.8	-6.5	-7.1
Intermediary goods	1.3	0.6	12.4	13.9
Infrastructure goods	9.2	5.5	-1.8	2.1
Consumer durables goods	14.1	-0.1	-5.5	-2.7
Consumer non-durables goods	5.3	7.7	7.8	8.3

Exhibit: Consumer Price Index



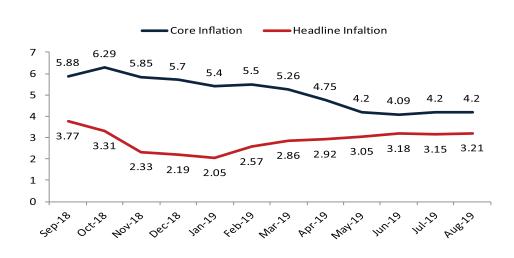
CPI for the month of August rose to 3.21%.

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Description	Jul-18	Jun-19	Aug-19	Inflation rate
Vegetables	157	160	167	6.9%
Pulses & Products	122	130	131	6.9%
Sugar & Confectionery	115	111	112	-2.4%
Pan,tobacco & intoxicants	158	165	166	5.0%
Clothing & footwear	146	148	148	1.2%
Housing	145	151	152	4.8%
Fuel & Light	141	139	139	-1.7%
Health	138	148	149	7.8%
Education	146	154	155	6.1%

Exhibit: Core & Headline Inflation



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