FICCI President, R. V. Kanoria's comments on Inflation Data

NEW DELHI, October 15, 2012: Reacting to the latest inflation data for September 2012, **Mr. R V Kanoria, President, FICCI** said, "There has been an increase in inflation from 6.9 per cent in July 2012 to 7.6 per cent in August 2012 and further to 7.8 per cent in September 2012, according to official data released today. However, moderation in inflation is expected as measures to rein in the fiscal deficit will reduce consumption expenditure and thus have a salutary effect on prices."

"Hopefully, once the second order impact of the diesel price increase works its way through the economy, the inflation rate should stabilize and start trending downwards" he added.

Mr. Kanoria said, "The industrial sector is still besieged with low growth and we need to kick start investments. The government has unleashed a wave of reforms including some that would have a salutary impact on fiscal deficit. We now expect the RBI to work in close alignment with the government and provide adequate support to revive growth".

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