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## VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE FIRST QUARTER 2023

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In the first quarter of 2023, volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade registered a growth of **9.5 per cent** to reach **147.4 points** as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The positive quarterly growth was attributed to Retail Trade with **14.7 per cent**, followed by Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade with **11.4 per cent** and **3.5 per cent**, respectively. Meanwhile, for quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index rose **0.4 per cent** in this quarter.

For seasonally adjusted volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade increased **3.6 per cent** as against the fourth quarter of 2022, supported by Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade sub-sectors of **7.2 per cent** and **5.4 per cent**, respectively.

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