## Notes to standalone financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018

23. Cost of raw material and components consumed		INR Crores
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Inventory at the beginning of the year	404	370
Add: Purchases	3,632	3,063
	4,036	3,433
Less: inventory at the end of the year	519	404
Cost of raw material and components consumed	3,517	3,029
24. (Increase)/Decrease in inventory		INR Crores
	March 31 2018	March 31 2017

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Inventories at the end of the year		
Finished goods	638	647
By-products	3	6
Work in progress	147	148
Traded goods	80	91
	868	892
Inventories at the beginning of the year		
Finished goods	647	656
By-products	6	10
Work in progress	148	166
Traded goods	91	25
	892	857
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	24	(35)
Less: Excise duty on stocks	(22)	(73)
		(108)

## INR Crores 25. Employee benefits expense March 31, 2018 March 31, 2017 Salaries, wages and bonus 391 354 Contribution to provident and other funds (refer note 33) 25 21 Share based payments to employees (refer note 34) 0 0 Retirement benefits (refer note 33) 21 26 Staff welfare expenses 49 44 486 445

26. Finance costs		INR Crores

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Interest:		
- On Debentures	81	81
- On cash Credit and Working capital demand loans	25	47
- On Others	15	38
Exchange Difference (net)	(21)	39
(Gain)/Loss on Derivatives Instruments	(10)	(97)
Unwinding of Interest cost on Trade Payable	35	31
Other Financial Charges	10	10
	135	149