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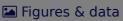
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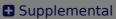




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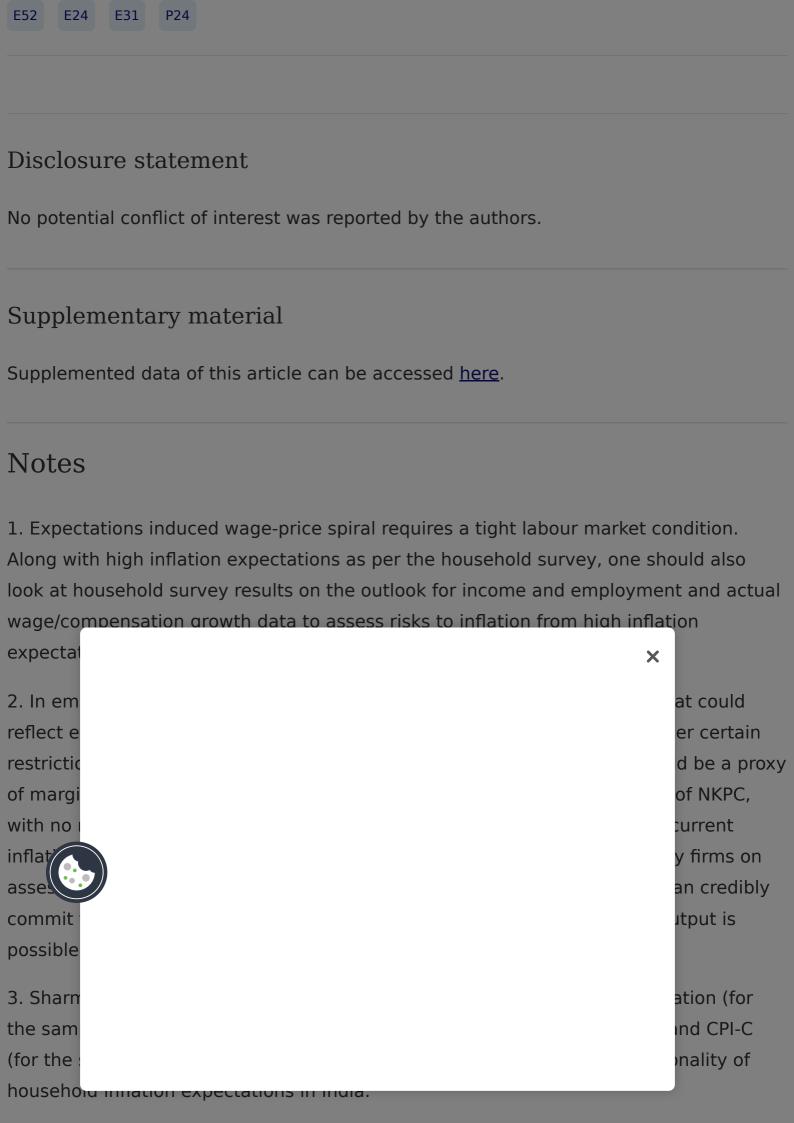
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- 4. According to Das, Lahiri, and Zhao (2016), the RBI's first survey started in September 2005, and only qualitative information was the focus in the first two rounds, collected from four major cities. From the third round in 2006, quantitative information (3 months ahead and 1-year ahead) from 12 cities started being collected. Since the 30th round in December 2012, data are being collected from 16 cities. Since the data would have taken some time to stabilize, it may be appropriate to use these data after 2008 for drawing relevant empirical inferences.
- 5. Monetary Policy Report, RBI, April 2019.
- 6. In India, unlike household inflation expectations (assumed as expectations of employees) which have remained persistently higher than actual inflation, inflation expectations of professional forecasters (whose analysis may matter to firms for their investment and pricing decisions) are closer to the inflation trajectory projected by the RBI and importantly, inflation expectations of firms (as per the Business Inflation Expectations Survey of IIM, Ahmedabad) are closer to actual inflation. This experience is similar to that in Poland where anchoring of forward looking expectations of financial analysts and enterprises is found to be much higher than backward-looking inflation expectations of consumers (Lyziak 2016).

7. These data relate to non-government non-financial companies (growth in per

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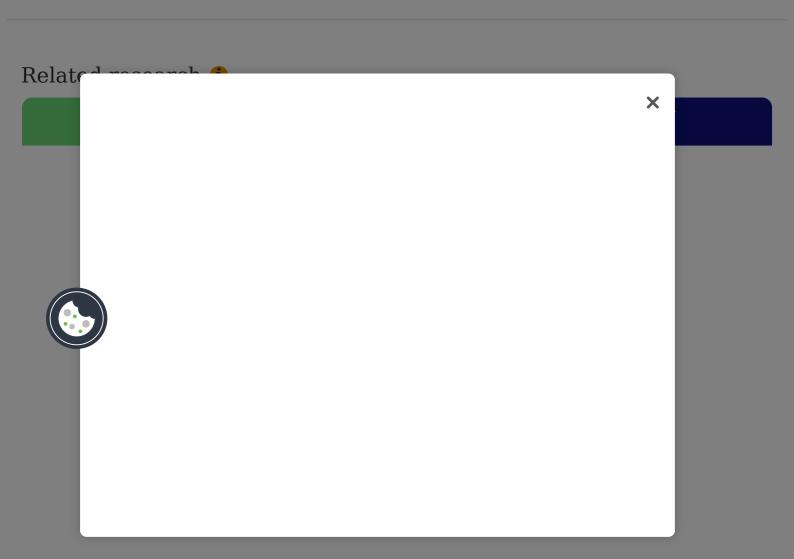
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