

**Committee on Coasting of DIDGS**

\*177. SHRIDHARMANNOGDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any committee to examine the proposal of the drug manufacturers for review of existing value addition norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present norms are stringent and as a result exports have become very difficult; and

(d) if not, the steps likely to be taken to boost export after assessing the domestic needs thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d). While there is no Committee constituted separately to examine the proposals of the Drug manufacturers for review of existing value addition norms, a Special Advance Licensing Committee has been set up recently in the LGFT organisation for fixation/ review of standard input output and value addition norms for all sub-sectors of industry including drugs.

Any representation received from individual units against the norms already notified are examined by the Committee on merits and if deemed necessary, the norms are reviewed/amended.

The exports of drugs and pharmaceuticals over the last few years have shown an upward trend.

**Wholesale Prices**

\*178. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep in

the wholesale prices of consumer items recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any corresponding decrease in the retail prices also; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Out of 31 essential commodities the wholesale prices of 13 commodities namely rice, wheat, jaywar, bajra, moong, masur, arh, urad, groundnut oil, mustard oil, vanaspati, chillies and potatoes have declined recently. The composite index of wholesale prices have declined from 235.4 in August, 1992 to 230.7 in January, 1993.

(b) The wholesale price index of essential commodities for the period August, 1992 to January, 1993 is given in the attached Statement-I.

(c) Yes, Sir. The retail prices of 14 essential commodities as reflected by the consumer price index for the period August, 1992 to November, 1992 (latest available) have also declined as shown in the attached Statement-II. The composite index of consumer prices has declined from 210.3 in August, 1992 to 236.7 in November, 1992.

(d) By and large, wholesale as well as retail prices of essential commodities have either declined or stabilized in the recent months. The Government have initiated a number of steps to contain prices of all commodities in general and essential commodities in particular. These include strict control of fiscal deficit, a tight monetary policy, augmentation; of food supplies through timely imports, strengthening of the public distribution system and relaxation of import compression measures.

## STATEMENT - I

## Monthly Wholesale Price Index of Essential Commodities

Base: 1981-82= 100

Sl.No.	Commodities	Weight	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov. 92	Dec. 92	Jan. 93
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Rice	3.69	252.2	251.1	248.9	251.7	249.0	248.2
2.	Whole wheat	2.25	234.7	228.0	221.4	223.4	227.0	233.2
3.	Wheat atta	0.76	260.4	255.6	253.5	254.0	263.3	267.7
4.	Jowar	0.42	287.4	265.4	256.0	236.6	233.9	218.6
5.	Bajra	0.18	261.0	224.6	197.2	193.6	193.3	182.2
6.	Moong	0.20	298.2	274.2	247.1	235.2	235.4	250.9
7.	Gram	0.41	209.1	212.0	211.3	210.9	22.8	239.2
8.	Masur	0.05	241.7	240.7	232.1	220.3	216.5	215.5
9.	Arhar	0.27	309.8	312.4	305.1	287.6	278.7	288.0

Sl.No.	Commodities	Weight	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov. 92	Dec. 92.	Jan. 93.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.	Urad	0.15	323.1	321.8	305.2	283.4	270.9	269.5
11.	Coconut Oil	0.17	337.4*	337.3	344.4	344.4	344.9	348.7
12.	Groundnut oil	0.53	251.5	244.1	246.3	229.9	222.8	206.6
13.	Mustard oil	0.28	230.8	226.6	22.5	219.3	213.7	207.6
14.	Vanaspathi	0.52	274.9	272.8	273.9	267.3	264.1	257.4
15.	Goat meat	0.52	272.4	276.3	277.0	277.9	281.5	283.1
16.	Fresh fish	0.51	266.5	273.3	279.2	297.3	307.0	313.9
17.	Milk	1.96	255.9	267.7	272.8	274.4	274.9	274.6
18.	Salt	0.04	213.6	211.0	213.5	214.4	214.1	213.6
19.	Chillies	0.32	402.7	397.3	379.7	324.4	302.5	297.9
20.	Onidns	0.16	168.9	147.6	159.8	167.1	191.9	209.3
21.	Potatoes	0.47	294.5	292.3	302.0	308.1	237.6	191.7

SI.No.	Commodities	Weight	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov. 92	Dec. 92	Jan. 93
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
22.	Sugar	2.01	176.5	177.0	177.0	176.3	173.9	175.7
23.	Gar	1.75	196.3	194.6	206.9	190.6	195.9	192.6
24.	Tea leaves	0.56	281.8	263.7	279.7	283.7	284.0	297.3
25.	Soft Coke	0.35	300.0	320.0	320.0	320.0	320.0	320.0
26.	Kerosene oil	0.87	146.7	146.7	146.7	146.7	146.7	146.7
27.	Matchboxes	0.23	144.6	144.6	144.6	144.6	144.3	144.3
28.	Washing Soap	0.59	193.3	194.7	196.0	196.0	196.0	196.0
29.	Long cloth and sheeting	0.36	170.8	170.8	170.8	170.8	169.2	169.2
30.	Dhoties, saree & voiles	1.19	190.0	192.6	193.3	193.3	198.5	198.5
31.	Sarees*							
	Composite Index	21.77	235.4	233.8	234.0	231.9	231.0	230.7

\* Included under item number 30.

**STATEMENT-II***Index of Consumer Prices of Essential Commodities**Base: 1982=100*

Sl.No.	Commodities	Weight	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov.* 92
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Rice	12.45	236.6	238.5	241.3	241.1
2.	Whole Wheat	4.43	232.5	225.4	22.3	219.8
3.	Wheat atta	1.95	213.6	214.3	211.3	207.5
4.	Jowar	0.46	337.9	324.7	316.4	305.2
5.	Bajra	0.16	277.7	247.4	198.6	191.0
6.	Moong	0.53	348.5	335.4	301.3	288.9
7.	Gram	0.08	265.3	266.0	265.1	266.3
8.	Masur	1.69	308.3	307.3	301.3	295.1
9.	Arkar	1.69	308.3	307.3	301.3	295.1
10.	Urad	0.35	270.5	271.3	265.3	258.8

Sl.No.	Commodities	Weight 92	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11.	Coconut oil	0.09	315.8	318.4	324.5	328.3
12.	Groundnut oil	2.27	263.3	261.5	260.4	248.0
13.	Mustard oil	1.44	235.2	234.9	230.6	225.7
14.	Vanaspati	0.78	261.1	257.8	255.2	251.0
15.	Goat meat	2.12	265.3	266.9	265.8	271.4
16.	Fresh fish	1.31	264.9	271.0	265.0	265.0
17.	Milk	5.52	238.5	239.5	240.4	240.6
18.	Salt	0.15	296.3	297.6	297.1	296.8
19.	Chillies	0.63	444.8	405.3	390.00	373.1
20.	Onione	0.67	224.4	214.0	208.7	214.3
21.	Potatoes	1.23	257.4	253.7	251.4	243.9
22.	Sugar	2.24	191.7	189.2	184.8	189.3
23.	Gur	0.47	277.1	283.3	286.6	282.9

Sl.No.	Commodities	Weight 92	Aug. 92	Sep. 92	Oct. 92	Nov.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24.	Tea leaves	0.82	269.1	270.7	270.8	271.0
25.	Soft Coke	0.80	289.7	293.1	294.8	295.8
26.	Kerosene oil	1.82	147.0	147.6	147.0	147.0
27.	Matchboxes	0.23	179.9	167.1	168.2	169.1
28.	Washing Soap	1.33	204.0	205.0	206.3	206.9
29.	Long cloth and sheeting	0.20	22.1	225.0	206.3	206.9
30.	Dhoties, saree & Voiles	0.35	179.0	181.3	183.9	187.2
31.	Sarees	2.05	177.5	178.4	181.6	184.4
	Composite Index	48.83	240.3	239.3	238.1	236.7

\* latest available.