

Rise in Consumer Price Index

1518. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the rise in consumer price index during the past three years, year-wise; and

(b) the extent to which the rise has been neutralised in the wages of labour in private and public sector undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) . (a) The following statement indicates the All-India Working Class Consumer Price Index Numbers on base 1949-100 for the period 1968 to 1971 along with percentage decrease/increase over previous year

Year	All India Consumer Price Index Number (Base 1949-100)	Percentage decrease/increase
1968	215	
1969	213	(—) 0.93
1970	224	(+) 5.16
1971	230	(+) 2.68

(b) The relevant information is not readily available.

Economic Aid to Mauritius

1519. SHRI B. S. BHAURA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have offered economic aid to Mauritius; and

(b) if so, the nature thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have offered economic aid to the Government of Mauritius in the shape of technical experts and equipment for several projects identified as suitable for such aid. Part of the aid

will be given as an outright grant upto a limit of Rs. 101 lakhs and the rest of it has been offered as a loan upto an amount of Rs. 321 lakhs. All this aid will be applied to important sectors in the development plan of Mauritius. The following items will be covered under grant :

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi Institute.
- (ii) Advisory services for Western Coastal Region Irrigation Project.
- (iii) Experts and Equipment for Industrial Technical Training Institute.
- (iv) Subsidy for Maize supply for Livestock Feed Factory.
- (v) Consultancy for Central Electricity Board.
- (vi) Industrial Estate :
 - (a) Project and Feasibility Report.
 - (b) Machinery for common workshop and facilities centre.
- (vii) Technical experts.

The loan will cover the following projects :-

- (i) Western Coastal Region Irrigation Project
 - (a) Consultancy by WAPCOS for detailed designs, etc.
 - (b) Supply of derocking equipment.
- (ii) Maize for Livestock Feed Factory: 5,000 tonnes.
- (iii) Equipment for Telephone and Telex services.
- (iv) Central Electricity Board-Machinery and equipment.