

Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit Memorial

979. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise some memorial in the memory of late Shrimati Vijayalakshmi Pandit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) At present there is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

CBI enquiry into Sugar scandal

980. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry is being conducted by C.B.I. into the sugar import scandal of 1989;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) when the said inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) to (c). C.B.I. has completed the investigations and submitted its report to the Government.

[English]

Amendments in Mental Health Act

981. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Psychiatric Society has urged the Union Government to amend the Mental Health Act before its implementation;

(b) whether the Government propose to change the act in accordance with the recommendations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No suggestion from the Indian Psychiatric Society has been received by the Government.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Rise in Prices of Essential Commodities

982. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI:

SHRI YUVRAJ:

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

SHRI PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:

SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:

SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH:

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

✓ SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT:

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

SHRI SHOPAT SINGH

MAKKASAR:

SHRI MITRA SEN YADAV:

SHRI R.N. RAKESH:

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

SHRI GOPAL PACHERWAL:

PROF. SHAILENDRANATH SHRIVASTAVA:

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
 SHRIMATI GEETA
 MUKHERJEE:
 PROF. VIJAY KUMAR
 MALHOTRA:
 DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
 SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
 SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT:
 SHRI NIRMAL KANTI
 CHATTERJEE:
 SHRI CHITTA BASU:
 SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:
 SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
 SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK:
 SHRI RAJAMOHAN REDDY:
 SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
 PROF. RUPCHAND PAL:
 SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
 SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV:
 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
 SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
 SHRI BALVANT MANVAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant rise in the prices of edible oils like mustard oil, groundnut oil, linseed oil and pulses, salt, fire-wood, sugar and other essential commodities during the year 1990;

(b) if so, the extent of rise in prices and the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the rising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b). Statements showing month-wise wholesale price Index Numbers (Base 1981-82=100)

and month-wise percentage variations from January, 1990 to November, 1990 for selected essential commodities are given in Statements I & II respectively. The rise in the prices of essential commodities during the period is mainly due to factors like: (i) shortfall in production of some of the essential items like oilseeds and pulses (ii) upward revision of minimum procurement/support prices of both *Kharif* and *Rabi* crops such as paddy, wheat, pulses, oilseeds etc. (iii) upward revision in prices of petroleum products first in the Union Budget for 1990-91 and subsequently on 14-10-1990 and (iv) increase in railway freights and fares in Railway budget 1990-91 and (v) other factors such as cumulative effect of high liquidity and increase in money supply, sustained consumer demand, and demand and supply gap in items like pulses and edible oil.

(c) The Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in the prices of essential commodities. Both long-term and short-term measures are being taken for the purpose. Apart from the measures on the broad macro-economic front such as efforts to introduce financial and fiscal discipline, specific measures have been taken by the Government in respect of particular essential commodities under pressure such as edible oils, pulses, tea, sugar etc. The measures taken broadly include steps to increase production of essential commodities, procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System (PDS), enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures, and augmenting domestic supplies through imports wherever necessary subject to overall constraints of foreign exchange.

STATEMENT-I

Month-wise Wholesale Price Index Number (Base 1981-82=100)

Commodity/ Sub-Group	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990	June 1990	July 1990	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct 1990	Nov. 1990
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cereals	156.2	153.8	152.0	153.9	157.8	160.3	167.0	168.1	167.4	169.0	170.4
Rice	163.8	164.0	164.4	156.1	166.9	169.8	176.7	179.4	179.5	180.6	180.0
Wheat	150.9	144.3	139.1	142.4	153.0	155.1	162.1	161.8	161.9	163.4	168.4
Jawar	134.7	130.6	129.2	129.5	127.7	128.5	133.1	127.4	119.5	120.4	123.3
Bajara	129.4	128.5	122.0	123.6	126.7	127.1	129.8	132.5	131.9	140.7	143.1
Pulses	198.3	198.0	204.8	214.4	215.6	219.0	224.3	222.3	224.1	230.0	237.3
Gram	191.0	183.5	188.2	202.0	203.9	210.0	220.9	216.0	214.6	216.8	216.5
Arhar	187.9	195.9	206.6	215.2	216.1	220.2	236.8	238.1	245.6	260.2	275.8
Moong	195.8	204.3	207.3	209.7	211.6	213.4	197.1	195.9	195.5	196.6	202.3

<i>Commodity/ Sub-Group</i>	<i>Jan. 1990</i>	<i>Feb. 1990</i>	<i>Mar. 1990</i>	<i>Apr. 1990</i>	<i>May 1990</i>	<i>June 1990</i>	<i>July 1990</i>	<i>Aug. 1990</i>	<i>Sept. 1990</i>	<i>Oct 1990</i>	<i>Nov. 1990</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
Masoor	182.8	176.7	181.0	185.8	186.6	186.4	198.1	190.8	195.5	206.2	219.8
Urad	245.0	242.0	250.9	262.5	261.6	259.6	259.5	256.6	258.5	263.8	276.0
Vegetables	157.7	154.8	161.8	194.6	226.9	241.4	248.0	248.7	246.5	265.6	265.8
Potatoes	16.4	119.8	136.6	176.5	232.0	240.6	243.9	244.8	248.2	263.9	278.6
Onions	112.2	90.6	101.3	104.6	109.4	133.5	168.1	183.3	214.0	243.8	317.7
Milk	194.3	194.6	202.2	200.0	206.4	208.4	205.3	209.1	210.7	210.5	203.7
Fish	163.8	170.1	179.4	179.7	180.4	185.6	191.1	194.7	210.6	216.6	221.7
Mutton	217.1	207.3	209.4	209.9	213.1	213.6	213.7	214.1	214.9	218.8	220.1
Chillies (Dry)	132.5	123.1	122.6	125.3	122.3	120.7	122.8	113.0	111.2	111.8	124.9
Tea	317.6	333.0	303.7	312.7	326.6	326.0	293.6	277.0	300.9	309.1	305.3
Oilseeds	157.6	163.1	164.2	170.1	170.9	181.3	188.1	192.6	189.1	192.9	201.0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Groundnut seed	166.9	170.0	172.7	182.2	184.4	194.3	193.4	201.5	196.6	205.4	216.9
Mustard seed	138.6	147.9	150.3	160.4	160.7	175.1	195.5	196.7	198.9	201.3	211.9
Coke	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2	162.2
Petrol	145.2	145.2	154.4	168.3	168.3	168.3	168.3	168.3	168.3	179.0	209.6
Kerosene	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	145.4	160.3
Atta	169.3	170.5	170.7	169.2	168.8	167.7	172.9	163.8	176.3	170.5	177.6
Sugar, Khandasari and Gur	143.8	141.1	144.6	149.2	146.9	153.3	158.4	158.6	159.2	161.0	154.8
Sugar	141.0	140.9	141.8	143.6	139.7	141.7	140.9	140.6	140.9	141.5	142.2
Gur	147.6	142.3	148.8	155.3	154.2	168.0	181.4	182.0	183.6	185.8	172.0
Salt	158.0	157.8	156.7	157.5	159.3	159.8	160.4	162.8	164.5	164.7	166.8
Edibles Oils	178.3	183.5	187.2	194.0	172.9	203.6	214.5	216.8	217.5	224.4	223.8

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
Vanaspati	189.7	190.7	200.0	208.8	207.9	215.6	226.8	229.0	240.6	243.3	244.3
Mustard Oil	142.0	142.8	145.0	156.9	155.6	173.6	201.2	199.4	198.0	207.5	218.4
Coconut Oil	175.1	183.0	180.4	180.2	178.4	183.3	194.0	202.6	217.4	217.9	234.0
Groundnut Oil	164.2	175.6	181.3	186.5	185.1	201.9	215.6	220.4	220.2	231.4	224.1
Cotton Cloth Mills	153.6	154.0	154.3	153.3	153.3	152.7	154.3	156.8	157.6	168.2	159.8
Laundry Shop	153.3	153.3	153.3	153.3	153.3	153.3	154.7	155.0	155.0	155.5	156.0
Toilet Soap	200.2	200.0	200.2	200.2	205.1	205.1	206.0	206.9	212.1	213.7	215.1
Safety March	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4
Cement	148.4	149.0	157.9	168.1	159.9	159.6	166.6	172.9	173.7	176.9	177.0
Iron & Steel	192.7	193.5	196.1	195.0	195.0	196.0	196.6	196.9	199.5	206.4	206.4

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
Linseed Oil	149.5	153.3	158.8	167.2	166.1	173.3	205.5	205.4	207.9	219.1	232.1
All Commodities	168.0	168.8	170.1	172.8	174.3	176.9	179.3	180.2	180.9	182.7	184.3

Source : Office of the Economic Adviser Ministry of Industry.

STATEMENT-II

Month-wise percentage variation of Wholesale Price Index numbers

Commodities	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990	June 1990	July 1990	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1990	Oct 1990	Nov. 1990
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cereals	-1.0	-1.5	-1.2	+1.3	+2.5	+1.6	+4.2	+0.7	-0.4	+1.0	+0.9
Rice	-1.7	+0.1	+0.2	+1.0	+0.5	+1.7	+4.1	-1.5	+0.1	+0.6	-0.3
Wheat	-0.1	-4.4	-3.3	+2.4	-7.4	+1.4	+4.5	-0.2	+0.1	+0.9	+3.1
Jowar	-5.3	-3.1	-1.1	+0.2	-1.4	+0.6	+3.6	-4.3	-6.2	+0.8	+2.4
Bajra	+0.5	-0.7	-5.1	+1.5	+2.3	+0.3	+2.1	+2.1	-0.5	+6.7	+1.7
Pulses	-2.9	-0.2	+3.4	+4.7	+0.5	+1.6	+2.6	-1.1	+0.8	+2.6	+3.2
Gram	-4.5	-3.9	+2.6	+7.4	+0.9	+3.0	+5.2	-2.2	-0.6	+1.0	-0.1
Arhar	-1.4	S	S	+4.2	+0.4	+1.9	+7.5	+0.5	+3.1	+5.9	+6.0
Moong	-1.3	+4.3	+1.5	+1.2	+0.9	+0.9	-7.6	-0.6	-2.	+2.6	+3.0

<i>Commodities</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov.</i>
	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Urad	-3.4	-1.3	+3.7	+4.6	-0.3	-0.8	S	-1.1	+0.7	+2.8	+4.6
Vegetables	-2.7	-1.8	+4.6	+20.3	+16.6	+6.4	+2.7	+0.3	-0.9	+7.7	+0.1
Potatoes	-16.3	+3.0	+13.9	+29.2	+21.4	+3.7	+1.4	0.4	1.4	+6.3	+5.6
Onions	-25.5	+0.0	+11.8	+3.3	+4.6	+22.0	25.9	9.0	+16.7	+13.9	+30.3
Milk	-1.6	+0.1	+3.9	-1.1	+3.2	+1.0	-1.5	+1.9	+0.8	-0.1	-3.3
Fish	-1.7	+3.8	+5.5	+0.2	+0.3	+2.9	+3.0	+1.9	+8.2	+2.8	+2.4
Mutton	+1.3	+0.1	+1.0	+0.2	+1.5	+0.2	+0.0	+0.2	+0.4	+1.8	+0.6
Chillies	-4.5	-7.1	-0.44	+2.2	-2.4	-1.3	-6.5	+0.2	-1.6	+0.5	+11.7
Tea	+12.1	+4.8	-8.8	+3.0	+4.4	-0.2	-9.9	-5.7	+8.6	+2.7	-1.2
Oil Seeds	+3.5	+3.5	+0.7	+3.6	+0.5	+6.1	+3.87	+2.4	-1.8	+2.0	+4.2
Groundnut seed	+6.0	+1.9	+1.6	+5.5	+1.0	-5.4	-0.5	+4.2	-2.4	+4.5	+5.6

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rape & Mustard seed	+2.3	+6.7	+1.6	+6.7	+0.2	+9.0	+12.2	+0.1	+1.1	+1.2	+5.3
Coke	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Petrol	S	S	S	+6.3	+9.0	S	S	S	S	+12.3	+10.9
Kerosene	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	+11.9	+10.6
Atta	-0.5	+0.7	+0.1	-0.9	-0.2	-0.7	+3.1	+0.5	+1.4	-3.3	+4.2
Sugar, Khandasari and Gur	-0.6	-1.9	+2.5	+3.2	-1.5	+4.4	+3.3	+0.1	+0.4	+1.1	-3.9
Sugar	-0.6	-0.1	+0.6	+1.3	-2.7	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.6
Gur	+0.2	-3.6	+4.6	+4.4	-0.8	+8.9	+8.0	+0.3	+0.9	+1.2	-7.3
Salt	+1.1	-0.1	-0.8	+0.5	+1.1	-0.1	+0.8	+1.5	+1.0	+0.1	+1.3
Edible Oils	+1.1	+2.2	+2.0	+3.7	-0.6	+5.5	+5.4	+1.1	+0.3	+3.2	-0.3

Commodities	Jan 1990	Feb 1990	Mar 1990	Apr 1990	May 1990	June 1990	July 1990	Aug 1990	Sept 1990	Oct 1990	Nov 1990
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Vanaspati	-2.3	+0.5	+4.9	+4.4	-0.2	+3.7	+5.2	+1.0	+5.1	+3.2	-0.4
Mustard Oil	-0.1	+0.6	+1.5	+8.3	-0.8	+11.6	+25.9	-0.9	-0.7	+4.8	+4.3
Coconut Oil	-0.4	+4.5	-1.4	-0.1	-1.0	+2.7	+5.8	+4.4	+7.3	+0.2	+7.4
Groundnut Oil	+4.1	+6.9	+3.2	+2.9	-0.8	+9.1	+6.8	+2.2	-0.1	+5.1	-3.2
Cotton Cloth (Mills)	+0.8	+0.3	+0.2	-0.7	+0.1	-0.4	+1.0	+1.7	+0.4	+0.4	+0.9
Laundry Soap	S	S	S	S	S	S	+0.9	+0.2	S	+0.3	+0.3
Toilet Soap	S	S	S	S	+2.4	S	+0.4	+0.4	+2.5	-0.8	+0.7
Safety Matches	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Cement	-0.7	+0.4	+6.0	+6.5	-4.9	-0.2	+4.4	+3.8	+0.5	+1.8	+0.1
Iron & Steel	+0.6	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	S	+0.5	+0.3	+0.2	+1.3	+3.5	S

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	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Linseed oil*	+2.4	+2.5	+3.6	+5.2	-0.7	+4.3	+18.6	S	+1.2	+5.4	+5.9
All Commodities	+0.8	+0.5	+0.8	+1.6	+0.9	+1.5	+1.4	+0.5	+0.4	+1.0	+0.9
S=Steady											

Note :-Wholesale Price Index Number are not being compiled by the office of the Economic Adviser in respect of Firewood