

**A SHORT LIST OF OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS
RELATING TO PRICE STATISTICS**

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Government of India Periodical Publications.

Indian Trade Journal. (Weekly Organ of the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics). Index published quarterly with one chart and graphs. 10.7" x 8.2". Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta. Weekly from April, 1906. Published every Thursday. Price As. 4.

The following Price Quotations are available:—

(1) Weekly "Prices and Trade Movements" of various commodities in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Karachi, and Rangoon and inland centres. Index Numbers of prices of cloth and yarn at Manchester. Prices in London.

(2) Graphs showing the trend of wholesale prices of different commodities in the chief Indian ports and in London.

(3) Fortnightly retail prices of salt at certain selected stations in India.

(4) Monthly Prices of various commodities in Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, Madras, Patna, Rangoon, Bangalore, Lahore and Hyderabad (Deccan).

(5) Monthly Index Numbers of Calcutta wholesale prices by groups of articles.

Monthly Survey of Business Conditions in India. Pp. 26. 10.5" x 8.5". The Manager, Government of India Press, New Delhi. Monthly. Published from September, 1933.

The following Price Quotations and Index Numbers of Prices (July, 1914=100) are published:—

(i) Price Quotations and Index Numbers of Cotton Manufactures.

(ii) Weekly Quotations of Raw Cotton M. G. F. C. Broach (Bombay), and Indian and American Cotton at Liverpool with parties (per cent. of Indian or American).

Price and Index Numbers of (iii) Jute, Manufactures; (iv) Jute, Raw; (v) Iron and Steel; (vi) Sugar; (vii) Coal; (viii) Tea.

Under the heading 'Commodity Prices' are published Index Numbers of Wholesale prices in Calcutta by groups of articles (July, 1914=100), reproduced from *Indian Trade Journal*; Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Bombay by groups of articles (July, 1914=100), reproduced from the *Bombay Labour Gazette*; and Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Karachi (July, 1914=100).

Under the heading 'Working Class Cost of Living Index Numbers for various centres in India' are published the Index Numbers (July, 1914=100) of the cost of living of working classes in Bombay, Ahmedabad, Sholapur (reproduced from the *Bombay Labour Gazette*), and the Index Numbers (1931=100) of the cost of living in Rangoon for all

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communities of labourers (reproduced from the Monthly Statements published by the Statistics and Labour Commissioner, Burma).

Wholesale and Retail (Fortnightly) Prices, Pp. 21. 13.3" x 8.5". Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta. As. 6. *Fortnightly*.¹

Return showing the wholesale and retail prices of certain staple commodities, such as cereals, pulses, oilseeds, sugar (raw), salt, etc., in India by districts for the fortnight under review.

Wholesale Prices of Certain Staple Articles of Trade at selected Stations in India, Pp. 9. 9.5" x 6.5". Government of India, Manager of Publications, Delhi. As. 5 (6d.). *Quarterly*.

Tables relating to wholesale prices of certain staple articles of trade at selected stations in India during the first week of each quarter in the year preceding the year under review and the three months of the year under review.

Index Numbers of Indian Prices, 1861-1931 Pp. 24 with Index. 13.3" x 8.5". Government of India, Manager of Publications, Delhi. 1933. Re. 1-2 (2s.). *Quinquennial*.

Charts showing (I) Index Numbers: all articles (ordinary method), (II) Index Numbers: all articles (ratio method), (III) Index Numbers: food-grains, (IV) Index Numbers: raw cotton, and manufactured cotton, (V) Index Numbers: raw jute, and manufactured jute and (VI) gold prices in India and foreign countries.

Preparatory note: summary tables relating to (I) Index Numbers of prices in India, (II) percentage of increase or decrease in the Index Numbers of prices in India for each year, compared with those for the preceding year, (III) Index Numbers of retail prices of food-grains in India, and (IV) percentage of increase or decrease in the Index Numbers of retail prices of food-grains for each year, compared with those for the preceding year; general tables showing, (V) average prices of each article, 1861-1931, (VI) Index Numbers of average prices of each article, 1861-1931, (VII) retail prices of food-grains in India, 1861-1931, (VIII) gold prices in India and foreign countries from 1890 to 1931 as compared with the level of prices prevailing in each country in the quinquennial period 1890-94, and (IX) prices of bar silver at Bombay, and rates of exchange.

Appendices containing (A) list of articles included in the Index Numbers with the year from which the quotations begin, (B) sources of the price quotations, and (C) weighted Index Numbers of prices in India.

Prices and Wages in India. Pp. vi + 246, with Index. 13.3" x 8.5". Superintendent, Government Printing (Government of India), Calcutta. Rs. 2. Annual. Thirty-seventh issue, 1923.²

Charts illustrating Index Numbers of (I) average wholesale (rupee) prices of rice in Calcutta, and retail (rupee) price of wheat in Karachi, and (II) average wholesale (rupee) price of cotton in Bombay and of jute in Calcutta. Indian weights and measures with their British and metrical equivalents; introductory note.

¹ The publication was discontinued from June, 1926.

² The volume was discontinued from 1924. Information relating to prices hitherto shown in this volume is now being published in a concise form in the "Statistical Abstract for British India."

Part I. Wholesale Prices. (1) Summary table showing the prices of food-grains and other articles of country-produce and of live-stock in 1913 (the pre-War year) and 1919 to 1921 with Index Number, tables showing (2) average annual prices of food-grains and other articles from 1902 to 1921; (3) wholesale prices of certain staple articles in Calcutta in January of each year in 1873 and from 1897 to 1922; (4) variations in the prices in table No. 3, the prices for 1873 being taken as 100; (5) prices of staple articles of import in 1873 and from 1897 to 1922 at Calcutta and Bombay; (6) variations in the prices in table No. 5, the prices for March, 1873, being taken as 100, (7) prices of staple articles of export in 1873 and from 1897 to 1922 at Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, Madras and Rangoon; (8) variations in the prices in table No. 7, the prices for March, 1873, being taken as 100; (9) comparison of average prices in India and in the United Kingdom of certain staple trade commodities in 1873 and from 1897 to 1921; (10) average prices in London of certain staple trade commodities in 1873 and from 1897 to 1921; (11) variations in the prices in table No. 10, the prices for 1873 being taken as 100; (12) variations in silver prices in table No. 10, the prices for 1873 being taken as 100; (13) annual average prices (per 100 lbs.) paid by the Supply and Transport Corps, for articles for consumption by troops in 1882-83 and from 1896-97 to 1920-21 at certain head-quarters; and (14) variations in the prices in table No. 13, the prices for 1882-83 being taken as 100.

Part II. Retail Prices. (15) Summary table showing the prices of food-grains and salt in 1913 (the pre-War year) and 1919 to 1921 with Index Numbers; tables showing (16) average annual prices of food-grains and salt in 1873 and from 1897 to 1921; (17) average annual prices of certain food-grains at selected stations in 1873 and from 1897 to 1921; and (18) variations in the prices in table No. 17, the prices for 1873 being taken as 100.

Part III. Wages. Tables showing (19) average monthly wages of skilled and unskilled labour in Baluchistan and certain Indian States for the half-year ending December, 1873 and for the same period for the years 1909 to 1921; (20) rates of wages prevailing in the Central Provinces and Berar during the years 1910-11 to 1920-21 in (i) urban and (ii) rural areas; (21) rates of wages as taken in the quinquennial Wage Census held in 1911 and 1916 in (i) urban and (ii) rural areas and in the case of Delhi urban and rural wages in 1916; (22) rates of wages paid in certain State and Railway Establishments; and (23) change in wages in selected industries.

Appendices containing statements showing (A) the average price of rice, wheat, cotton, and jute with their Index Numbers; (B) list of articles for which wholesale prices are reported, and the number and names of marts in each reporting province; (C) summary of the seasonal or other conditions affecting prices of food-grains, etc., in each quinquennium from 1861-65; and (1) the total area and export of certain principal crops in India with their seasonal conditions in each province since 1900-01.

Provincial Periodical Publications.

Labour Gazette (Bombay). Pp. x+80. 9.5" x 6.5". The Government Central Press, Bombay. Re. 1. Monthly.

Charts showing (1) cost of living in Bombay, (2) cost of living in Ahmedabad, (3) wholesale price Index Numbers in Bombay, (4) comparison with wholesale price Index Numbers in other countries, (5) unweighted retail prices food Index Numbers (17 articles) in five centres of the Bombay Presidency, (6) average percentage absenteeism in the Cotton Mill

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Industry in the Presidency, (7) growth of Trade Union membership in the Bombay Presidency, and (8) percentage distribution of Trade Union membership in the Bombay Presidency. The method of collection and of construction was described in the issue for April, 1929. The contents for July, 1934, are summarised below.

The month in brief, the Bombay Working Class Cost of Living Index for the month under review; Bombay Working Class Cost of Living Index:—Table; the Ahmedabad Working Class Cost of Living for the previous month; Working Class Cost of Living Index Numbers for Ahmedabad:—Table; the Sholapur Working Class Cost of Living for the previous month; Working Class Cost of Living Index Numbers for Sholapur:—Table; Cost of Living Index Numbers for industrial workers in India and Burma; Wholesale and Retail Prices: wholesale prices in Bombay, comparison with wholesale price Index Numbers in other countries' retail prices of food in Bombay; Labour Intelligence—Indian and Foreign; Industrial disputes in the Presidency.

Employment situation in June; Night shift in Cotton Mills; Workmen's Compensation Act—details of proceedings, extension of the Act, annual report for Bombay, 1933, actual prosecutions in June; the Indian Mines Act, 1923—new regulations; standardization of wages in the Bombay Textile Industry, millowners' schedule of rates, hours of work in Great Britain, Australia and the United States, wages in Australia and in Denmark, 1928-1933, increase of wages in the Soviet Union; Industrial Disputes Bill in the United States; Committee on the Two-shifts system in the U. K.; Japan and the Conventions; Greek Labour Council; Industrial development in Turkey. Special articles on Trade Unions in the Bombay Presidency—returns for the first quarter, 1934; Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in foreign countries, variations during 1933; Cost of Living Index Numbers in foreign countries—variations during 1933; Factories in the Bombay Presidency—annual report for 1933; Industrial Disputes in India—statistics for the quarter ended 31st March, 1934. Current Notes from abroad. Current Periodicals. Miscellaneous Tables relating to (1) Industrial Disputes in progress in June, 1934, (2) Wholesale market prices in Bombay, (3) Wholesale market prices in Karachi, (4) Cost of Living Index Numbers for India and foreign countries, (5) Index Numbers of wholesale prices in India and foreign countries, (6) Retail prices of articles of food in May and June, 1934, and (7) Working Class Cost of Living Index Numbers in Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sholapur by groups.

Special Reports and Publications.

Report on the Enquiry into the Rise of Prices in India. By K. L. DATTA, M.A., F.S.S. 13.3" x 8.5". Superintendent, Government Printing, Calcutta. 1913. Special Publication.

It consists of five volumes which contain valuable information and statistics regarding the rise of prices in India during the period 1890-1912.

War Prices and House Rents. Pp. 39 with Index. 13.3" x 8.5". Superintendent, Government Printing (Government of India), Calcutta. 1918. Re. 1-4 (2s.). Special Publication.

Charts showing (I) general average of wholesale prices in Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, Madras and Rangoon; (II) average wholesale prices of cotton piecegoods, (III) general average of retail prices, (IV) average retail prices of salt, (V) average retail prices of food-

grains in the centres mentioned in Chart I; and (VI) general average of house-rents in Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi and Madras.

Introductory note: scope of statistics; sources; method of compilation; wholesale prices in Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, Madras and Rangoon; wholesale prices of wheat at principal markets in India; wholesale prices in provinces; retail prices in ports of food-grains, salt and other articles; freights; house-rents in Karachi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta; general summary and conclusions.

Tables showing (1) wholesale prices in Calcutta with Index Numbers; (2) wholesale prices in Bombay with Index Numbers; (3) wholesale prices in Karachi with Index Numbers; (4) wholesale prices in Madras with Index Numbers; (5) wholesale prices in Rangoon with Index Numbers; (6) wholesale prices of wheat at principal markets in India, (7) wholesale prices of cereals, pulses, ghee, sugar (raw) and salt in the several provinces in India, (8) retail prices in Calcutta, (9) Bombay, (10) Karachi, (11) Madras, and (12) Rangoon, (13) retail prices of wheat at principal markets in India, (14) statistics of maritime freights from Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi and Madras, (15) percentage fluctuations in house rents in Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi and Madras, (16) statistics of house-rents in Calcutta, (17) Bombay, (18) Karachi, and (19) Madras.

Sixty Years of Punjab Food Prices, 1861-1920. By W. H. MYLES, M.A., Professor of Economics, University of the Punjab. Pp. 52. 9.5" x 6.5". Published by the Board of Economic Enquiry, Punjab. Rural Section Publication, 1925. As. 10. Special Publication.

Diagrams showing (I) prices of food-grains in the Punjab expressed as percentages of their average price from 1873-82, (II) deviation from the mean, (III) logarithmic curves of percentage prices, (IV) the price of wheat in each of the six groups of districts in the Punjab, (V) and (VI) (A) smoothed curves of food prices, (B) (I) total amount of currency in circulation, and (II) smoothed curve of same, (C) smoothed curve of food prices plotted with a five years' lag, and (VII) average percentage price when digit is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 0.

A statistical survey; tables relating to (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII) retail wheat prices in the Punjab, (VIII) the writer's second Index Numbers of prices in India as compared with the Index Numbers of U. K., France, Germany, U. S. A., and India, (IX) average annual prices in the Punjab expressed in rupees and decimals of a rupee per maund, (X) prices of food-grains in the Punjab expressed as a percentage of the price in the decennium 1873-82, (XI) the yearly prices of rice, barley, *bajra*, *jowar* and gram expressed as a percentage of the price of wheat in that year, (XII) Punjab food-grain prices with three-, five-, seven-, ten-yearly averages, (XIII) percentage when digit is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, and (XIV) figures of table (XIII) adjusted, so that each line totals 1,000.

Report of an Enquiry into the Standard and Cost of Living of the Working Classes in Rangoon. By J. J. BRNNISON, B.A., I.C.S., Officer-in-charge, Labour Statistics Bureau, Burma. Pp. 221. 9.5" x 6.5". Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Rangoon, Burma. Rs. 3 (4r. 6d.), 1928. Special Publication.²

² Monthly statements of Cost of Living Index Numbers, and Weekly statements of Wholesale and Retail Prices in Rangoon are now being published on two separate foolscap sheets by the Director of Statistics and Labour Commissioner, Burma. No prices mentioned.

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Charts showing (A) the relation between the total income and the percentage expenditure on food, (B) the percentage expenditure on the different groups for families with an income of Rs. 60 but of different size, (C) the percentage expenditure on the different groups for families of the same size (303 units) but with different incomes, (D) the relation between the percentage expenditure on the different groups and the income per unit, (E) the change in the cost of living of the working classes in Rangoon, and (F) the variations in the values of the exports from British India of (I) jute, raw and manufactures, and (II) metals and ores.

Part I. The Standard of Living in Rangoon:—main budget enquiry (section A); supplementary Burmese enquiry (section B). Part II. The Cost of Living in Rangoon:—price Index Numbers in general (section A); cost of living Index Numbers for Rangoon (section B). Part III. Conditions of Labour in Rangoon.

Statistical tables relating to (A) Burmese Family budgets (Tables I—X), (B) Indian Single budgets (Tables XI—XVII), (C) Tamil and Telugu Family budgets (Tables XVIII—XXI), (D) Indian Occupational budgets, single men's (Tables XXII—XLI), and (E) Cost of Living (Tables XLII—XLIV).

Appendices containing (A) budget form, (B) note about scales, (C) the nutritive value (as expressed in calories) of some of the more important articles of food, (D) daily allowances for Asiatic prisoners, and (E) statement showing the number of Deck Passengers between the Port of Rangoon and India for the five years 1921-25 inclusive.

Index Numbers showing the Changes in the Cost of Living of Industrial Workers at Nagpur and Jubbulpore. Bulletin No. 3. Pp. 77. 9.5" x 6.5". The Government Press, Nagpur. Re. 1. 1929. Special Publication.⁴

Index Numbers and their use, methods, scope, collection of budgets, selection of commodities, percentage expenditure, quantities, weights, base period, prices, and other information.

Tables containing (I) percentage expenditure at Nagpur and Jubbulpore; (II) average annual consumption of selected items per family at Nagpur and Jubbulpore, (III) cost of living and group Index Numbers (with January, 1927=100) for Nagpur, (IV) cost of living and group Index Numbers (with January, 1927=100) for Jubbulpore, (V) cost of living and group Index Numbers (with July, 1914=100) for Nagpur, (VI) cost of living and group Index Numbers (with July, 1914=100) for Jubbulpore, (VII) cost of living Index Numbers for different countries, (VIII) working sheets for cost of living Index Numbers from February, 1927 onwards (with January, 1927=100) for Nagpur, (IX) working sheets for cost of living Index Numbers from February, 1927 onwards (with January, 1927=100) for Jubbulpore, (X) working sheets for cost of living Index Numbers (with July, 1914=100) for Nagpur, (XI) working sheets for cost of living Index Numbers (with July, 1914=100) for Jubbulpore. Appendix containing miscellaneous information.

Index Numbers showing the Rise and Fall in the Cost of Living in Bihar and Orissa during 1931-32. Bulletin No. 10. L.S. Pp. 7. 9.5" x 6.5". Superintendent, Government Printing, Bihar and Orissa, Patna. 1933. Rs. 3-2. Special Publication.

⁴ Monthly statements of Index Numbers of Cost of Living at Nagpur and Jubbulpore on foolscap sheets are available since the issue of this Bulletin, published by the Director of Industries, Central Provinces and Berar.

Charts illustrating Index Numbers showing the changes in the cost of living at Patna of the working classes as compared with the pre-War normal period ending 1914 which has been taken as 100, where (1) food-grains include rice, wheat, flour, maize, barley gram and pulses; and (2) other articles of food including sugar, salt, fish, meat, milk, ghee, spices, vegetables and food oil; (Table No. 1, sheet No. 1); similar charts illustrating Index Numbers showing the changes in the cost of living at Muzaffarpur (Table 1, Sheet No. 2); at Monghyr (Table 1, Sheet No. 3); at Janshedpur (Table 1, Sheet No. 4); at Jharia (Table 1, Sheet No. 5); at Cuttack (Table 1, Sheet No. 6); at Ranchi (Table 1, Sheet No. 7); and charts showing comparative cost of living at different centres taking Patna in the pre-War normal period as 100. (Table 2).

Explanation of Index Numbers; the collection of retail prices; the cost of living in 1931-32; comparative cost of living at different centres in 1931-32. The method of collection and of construction was fully described in the issue for 1923. (Bulletin No. 7).

Tables relating to (I) Index Numbers showing the rise and fall in the cost of living of the working classes at the following centres in Bihar and Orissa as compared with the pre-War normal period ending 1914 which has been taken as 100, and (II) comparative cost of living at those centres taking Patna in the normal period (pre-War) as 100:—Patna; Muzaffarpur; Monghyr; Janshedpur; Jharia; Cuttack; and Ranchi.

Agricultural Prices in the United Provinces. By RAJ BAHADUR GUPTA, M.A., Ph.D. (*Econ.*), Statistician, Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research, United Provinces. Bulletin No. 1 Pp. 58. 9.5" x 6.5". The Superintendent, Printing and Stationery, Allahabad, U. P. 1933. Re. 1-10-0. Special Publication.

Graphs showing (I) retail prices, (II) wholesale prices, (III) prices, rainfall and cultivated area, (IV) prices, rents, land revenue, population and wages in U. P., and (V) decennial averages of prices, rents and land revenue in U. P.

Agricultural price statements giving (I) annual average retail prices, (I.a) Index Numbers of annual average retail prices (I.b) Index Numbers of retail prices, (new series), (II) annual average wholesale prices (Cawnpore), (II.a) Index Numbers of wholesale prices, (II.b) Index Numbers of wholesale prices (new series), (III) rents, revenue, area, population, wages and rainfall, (III.a) Index Numbers of prices, rents, revenue, area, population, wages, and rainfall, (IV) decennial moving average Index Numbers of prices, rents and land revenue in U. P., (V) annual average wholesale prices of agricultural products in Cawnpore, (VI) annual average wholesale prices of agricultural products in Lucknow, (VI.a) Index Numbers of wholesale prices in Lucknow, (VII) annual average wholesale prices of agricultural products in Benares, (VII.a) Index Numbers of wholesale prices in Benares, (VIII) annual average wholesale prices of agricultural products in Agra, and (VIII.a) Index Numbers of wholesale prices in Agra.

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