

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) For the current year the World Bank have committed assistance of \$ 2 billion out of which \$ 1600 million will be provided by the International Development Association and the remaining \$ 400 million by the World Bank. Discussions are in Progress with the World Bank to explore the possibility of securing further loans under the new World Bank facility with structural adjustment lending or otherwise.

(b) As the discussions are still at a preliminary stage it is not possible to furnish any details.

(c) The particulars of loan assistance received by Government of India from the World Bank, repayments made and debt outstanding as on 30-9-1980 are indicated below: —

(In crores of Rupees)

	IBRD Loans	IDA Credits
(i) Amount of loan assistance received	398.18	3605.91
(ii) Amount repaid	381.62	56.47
(iii) Debt outstanding	350.60	3546.24

Footnote: The loans from IBRD carry interest at varying rates, ranging between 3.5 per cent per annum to 8.35 per cent per annum. The credits from IDA do not carry any interest, but only a service charge of 3¼% of one per cent per annum is payable to meet the administrative costs.

Rise in the prices of essential commodities

225. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:
SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of the essential commodities have gone up since August 1980; and

(b) if so, what are the commodity-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) There has been a mixed trend in the prices of essential commodities between August, 1980 and October, 1980 in as much as the wholesale price indices of some commodities have moved up, some have remained steady and some others have declined.

(b) The commodity-wise wholesale price index numbers for the months of August, 1980 and October, 1980 are given in the annexure.

ANNEXURE

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices

(Base : 1970-71-100)

Commodities	Index Numbers	
	August, 1980	October, 1980
1	2	3
Rice	206.2	206.7
Wheat	164.8	173.66
Jowar	196.1	187.9
Bajra	197.3	177.9
Barley	217.7	212.1
Maize	213.5	182.5
Ragi	170.8	192.3
Gram	338.5	415.6
Arhar	241.0	273.6
Moong	313.8	297.4
Masoor	327.7	431.0
Urad	237.4	243.4
Potatoes	223.9	233.8
Onions	144.2	182.7
Bananas	208.8	220.7

Commodities	Index Numbers	
	August, 1980	October, 1980
Milk	181.6	185.7
Eggs	155.9	150.9
Fish	264.0	262.2
Meat	301.2	297.1
Chillies	106.7	109.3
Turmeric	66.0	91.1
Tea	220.8	215.0
Coffee	117.6	119.2
Coal	335.5	335.5
Coke	278.7	278.7
Kerosene	272.8	272.8
Diesel oil (Highspeed)	285.7	265.7
Petrol	434.0	434.6
Biscuits	188.5	196.4
Bread	171.4	186.3
Sugar	248.5	251.0
Khandsari	399.1	473.4
Gur	522.8	565.9
Vanaspatti	206.8	203.5
Groundnut oil	221.8	210.4
Mustard oil	251.5	264.7
Coconut oil	224.2	238.2
Gingelly oil	255.8	220.6
Kardi oil	23.8	221.1
Cottonseed oil	210.2	190.2
Cotton cloth (Mills)	205.1	209.0
Khadi cloth	179.2	174.2
Handloom & Powerloom cloth	199.1	200.6
Paper	231.1	232.5
Footwear	253.7	253.7
Tyres	252.1	259.0

Commodities	Index Numbers	
	August, 1980	October, 1980
Tubes	268.4	272.2
Rubber & Plastic shoes	158.4	158.4
Caustic soda	381.0	376.4
Soda ash	348.8	276.0
Soap	233.0	227.8
Drugs & Medicines	135.2	133.2
Synthetic Detergents	274.2	274.2
Tooth powder	222.2	222.2
Tooth paste	157.0	152.6
Matches	133.6	133.6
Cement	233.0	231.7
Dry cells	188.6	188.6
Electric lamps	199.5	203.2
Razor blades	119.9	119.9
Salt	220.0	224.1
Bidi	196.4	197.3
Cigaretts	240.5	237.8

**Monetary assistance to the consumer co-
operatives in the rural areas**

226. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: SHRI
SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to step up
the monetary assistance to the consumer co-
operatives in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI
BRAJA MOHAN MOHAN-(aj Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Cooperative
Development Corporation has a