

Computation of consumer price index

194. SHRI NIREN GHOSH :
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the findings of many expert bodies, the present method of computation of the consumer price index for the working class is defective ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to bring radical changes in the method as recommended by the Expert Committee appointed by West Bengal Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The West Bengal Expert Committee has mainly recommended the revision of linking factor between August 1939 and 1944 based series of indices for Calcutta centre compiled and published by the Government of West Bengal. These matters fall within the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Third Wage Board for Working Journalists

195. SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO :
SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to constitute a Third Wage Board for working journalists ;

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference ; and

(c) the names of the personnel of the Wage Board and the steps taken by Government to give representation to the National Union of Journalists in the Board ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The terms of reference and the personnel of the Wage Board are in the process of being finalized

Revision of pay scales of the staff of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation

196. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN :
SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision regarding the revision of pay scales etc. of the staff of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes, except for the post of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner.

(b) A statement giving the details of the revised scales of pay is placed on the table of the Sabha.

Statement*I. Scales of pay*

S. No.	Name of the post	Existing scale	Revised scale
1.	Central Provident Fund Commissioner	Rs. 1800-100-2000	To be revised.
2.	Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner.	Rs. 1600-100-1800	Rs. 1800-100-2000
3.	Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer.	Rs. 1300-60-1600-100-1800	Rs. 1500-60-1800-100-2000
4.	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Special Grade)	Rs. 1300-60-1600	Rs. 1500-60-1800
5.	Deputy Provident Fund Commissioner/ Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr.I)	Rs. 1100-50-1400	Rs. 1300-50-1700
6.	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr. II)/ Officer on Special Duty.	Rs. 900-40-1000-50/2 1250	Rs. 1200-50-1600
7.	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr. III)/ Deputy R.P.F.C./ Construction Engineer.	Rs. 700-40-1100-50/2-1150	Rs. 1100-50-1600
8.	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr. IV)/ Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr. I)	Rs. 400-400-450-30-600-35-670-EB-35-950	Rs. 700-40-900-E.B.-40-1100-50-1300
9.	Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (Gr. II)	Rs. 350-25-500-30-590-EB-30-800-EB 30-830-35-900	Rs. 650-30-740-35-810-EB-35-880-40-1000-EB-40-1200
10.	Accounts Officer/ Internal Audit Officer	Rs. 350-24-500-30-590-EB-30-800-EB 30-830-35-900.	—do—
11.	Provident Fund Inspector (Gr. I) Reception Officer	Rs. 350-25-500-30-590-EB-30-800	—do—
12.	Superintendent	Rs. 350-20-450-EB-25-475	Rs. 550-20-650-25-750
13.	Special Assistant	—do—	—do—
14.	Provident Fund Inspector (Gr. II)/ Reception Officer	Rs. 230-10-290-15-320-EB-15-425	Rs. 425-15-500-EB-15-560-20-700
15.	Head Clerk/Reception Officer/Caretaker	Rs. 210-10-290-15-320-EB-15-524	—do—
16.	Divisional Accountant	Rs. 180-10-290-EB-15-380-EB-15-440	—do—
			*Proposed to be revised again.
17.	Machine Operator	Rs. 210-10-290-15-320-EB-15-425	—do—
18.	Stenographer (Senior)	—do—	—do—
19.	Junior Technical Assistant	—do—	Rs. 425-15-500-EB-15-560-20-640
20.	Assistant	Rs. 210-10-290-15-320-EB-15-380	—do—

S. No.	Name of the post	Existing scale	Revised scale
21.	Upper Division Clerk-in-charge	Rs. 130-5-160-8-200-EB-8-256-EB-8-280-10-300-(plus Rs. 20/- as charge allowance	Rs. 425-15-530-EB-15-560-20-600
22.	Upper Division Clerk/Caretaker	Rs. 130-5-160-8-200-EB-8-256-EB-8-280-10-300	Rs. 330-10-380-EB-12-500-EB-15-560
23.	Stenographer (Jr.)	—do—	—do—
24.	Lower Division Clerk	Rs. 110-3-131-4-155-EB-4-175-5-180	Rs. 260-6-290-EB-6-326-8-366-EB-8-390-10-400
25.	Telephone Operator	Rs. 110-3-131-4-155-EB-4-175-5-180 (Plus special pay of Rs. 20)	Rs. 260-6-290-EB-6-326-8-366-EB-8-390-10-400 (Plus special pay of Rs.20)
26.	Telex Operator	—do—	—do—
27.	Plumber/Electrician	Rs. 110-3-131-EB-4-155	Rs. 260-6-326-EB-8-350
28.	Staff Car Driver	Rs. 110-3-131-4-139	—do—
29.	Gestetner Operator (Senior)	Rs. 110-3-131	—do—
30.	Gestetner Operator (Junior)	Rs. 80-1-85-2-95-EB-3-110	Rs. 210-4-250-EB-5-270
31.	Lift Operator	Rs. 75-1-85-EB-2-95-3-110-1-EB-3-110	—do—
32.	Jamadar	Rs. 75-1-85-2-95	Rs. 200-3-206-4-234-EB-4-250
33.	Daftary	Rs. 75-1-85-2-95	Rs. 200-3-206-4-234-EB-4-250
34.	Peon	Rs. 70-1-80-EB-1-85	Rs. 196-3-220-EB-3-232
35.	Chowkidar	—do—	—do—
36.	Sweeper	—do—	—do—
37.	Mail	—do—	—do—
38.	Water-Carrier	—do—	—do—

II Formula for the fixation of pay

The pay is to be fixed in the revised pay scales in accordance with the following formula :—

(a) Total existing emoluments will first be determined—"existing emoluments" meaning the total of present pay in the existing scale, dearness pay, dearness allowance and interim relief as on 31-12-1972.

(b) The amount of existing emoluments will be increased by 10 per cent and pay will be fixed in the revised scale at the same stage, if there is one, or at the next higher stage.

(c) In case the pay fixation as in (a) and (b) above results in the pay being fixed in the revised scale at a stage which represents an increase in pay of less than Rs. 10/- when compared to the pay that the employee would have

been entitled to if it were fixed under the Third Pay Commission's formula as accepted by the Government, the pay will be raised further so that the increase is Rs. 10/-, provided that if there is no stage in the time scale where pay can be fixed with such increase, the pay will be fixed at the next higher stage.

III. Date of effect

The revised scales of pay will come into force with retrospective effect from 1-1-1973.

Confirmation of Staff in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation

197. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN :

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that staff confirmation has not been done in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation for the year 1973-74 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter ; and

(c) the region-wise details of the staff confirmation yet to be done ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the Employees' Provident Fund authorities and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

198. [Transferred to the 26th November, 1974.]

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Production in Rourkela Steel Plant

200. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rourkela Steel Plant has suffered a loss of Rs. 20 crores in production as a result of power shortage ;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to minimise the loss ;

(c) whether any captive power plants have been planned to be set up for the steel plant to avoid such losses in future ; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Rourkela Steel Plant has suffered an estimated loss in sales turn-over of about Rs. 20 crores due to shortfall in production on account of power shortage during the period 1-4-1972 to 31-8-1974.

(b) Rourkela Steel Plant has five generators of 25 MW each, of which one is a standby generator. The Plant meets its power requirements by purchases from Orissa State Electricity Board over and above its own generation. While measures have been taken to optimise the generation of power at the captive power plant at Rourkela, constant liaison is being maintained with CWPC (Central Water & Power Commission) as well as Orissa State Electricity Board and other power supply grids in the Eastern Region with a view to securing power for RSP on priority.

(c) and (d) A proposal to augment the captive power generation capacity in Rourkela by 120 MW as a long term measure is being examined.

Unlifted Stocks of non-ferrous Metals

201. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI :

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 201 on 15th November, 1974 ?