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Index numbers showing the rise and fall in the cost of living of the working classes at Cuttack Centre in Orissa during June 1936.

The principles on which these numbers are compiled are explained in detail in Bulletin No. 7 of the Department of Industries, Bihar and Orissa, which can be obtained from the Superintendent, Government Printing, Bihar, P. O. Gulzarbagh. The figures given are for the Cuttack Centre. Table I shows the rise and fall in the cost of living of the Centre. Table II shows the comparative cost of living of this Centre. In the first table, 100 represents the cost of living of the Centre for the average of 5 years ending 1914, which has been taken as the pre-war normal period. In Table II, 100 represents the cost of living at Cuttack during June 1935 and all the numbers in that table are a percentage of this figure. The articles included in the index are food grains, other articles of food, fuel, lighting and clothing. They have been given the relative importance which they individually bear to the total aggregate expenditure. No allowance has been made for any change in the standard of living since the pre-war normal period.

In the month of June 1936 the cost of living recorded a rise of 15 points. The rise was due to the rise in prices of rice, gram and pulse, fish and meat, spices, vegetables and clothing. As compared with the corresponding month of the previous year the cost of living was higher by 18 points. The rise of 18 points was due to the combined rise in prices of rice, gram and pulse, sugar (gur), fish and meat, vegetables and kerosene oil.

CUTTACK :
The 14th August 1936. }

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TABLE No. I.

Statement showing the rise and fall in the cost of living of the working classes at Cuttack in Orissa.

(100= average for 5 years preceding 1914.)

Commodities.	Cuttack.		Remarks.
(a) Food grains—			
(1) Rice (coarse)	..	{ June 1935 .. 66. May 1936 .. 66. June 1936 .. 80.	
(2) Gram and pulse	..	{ June 1935 .. 121. May 1936 .. 138. June 1936 .. 150.	
Total food grains	..	{ June 1935 .. 76. May 1936 .. 79. June 1936 .. 92.	
(b)* Other articles of food—		{ June 1935 .. 128 May 1936 .. 116 June 1936 .. 151	* This includes sugar (gur), salt, fish and meat, vegetables, spices and food oil.
(c) Lighting and fuel—		{ June 1935 .. 107. May 1936 .. 115. June 1936 .. 115.	
(d) Clothing—		{ June 1935 .. 130. May 1936 .. 120. June 1936 .. 130.	
General average or Total cost of living.		{ June 1935 .. 86. May 1936 .. 89. June 1936 .. 104.	

TABLE No. II.

Statement showing the rise and fall in the cost of living at Cuttack Centre in Orissa.

(100= average cost of living for June 1935.)

June 1935	..	100.
May 1936	..	103.
June 1936	..	121.

Vital statistics of towns having a population of 20,000 and over in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 1st August 1936.

District.	Number.	Municipality.	Population according to the Census of 1931.			Births excluding still-births.			Deaths from												Ratio per 1,000 per annum.				
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Still-born.	CHOLERA.	SMALL-POX.		PLAGUE.		Fever.	Dysentery and Diarrhoea.	Respiratory diseases.	Injures including suicide.	Other causes.	Male	Female.	Total	Births.	Deaths.	
1	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Ganjam	1	Berhampur	18,490	19,260	37,750	22	13	35	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	7	..	14	18	7	25	48.0	34.4
Koraput	2	Parlakimedi	9,582	10,466	20,048	11	7	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	3	4	7	46.7	18.2
Cuttack	3	Cuttack	36,357	28,906	65,263	13	22	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5	5	..	8	13	11	24	27.9	19.1
Puri	4	Puri	20,703	16,865	37,568	7	6	13	3	3	17	2	9	..	14	22	20	42	18.0	58.1
		Total	85,132	75,497	160,629	53	48	101	7	3	..	1	25	13	21	..	39	56	42	98	32.7	31.7

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The 14th August 1936.

Director of Health and Prisons Services, Orissa.

Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the province of Orissa during the week ending the 1st August 1936.

District excluding towns.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.		Remarks.
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cuttack	77	37	75	7	..	..	..	..	* Old occurrences not reported previously.
Sambalpur	123	78	24	4	..	..	..	..
Balasure	25	6	15	2	..	..	..	..
Puri	3	1	7	2	..	..	..	..
Ganjam (Plain)	1	..	11	8	..	..	..	..
	..	..	*7	..	..	..	..	..
Khondmals .. ..	..	..	13	1	..	..	..	..
Koraput .. ..	..	..	11	2	..	..	..	..
Total	229	122	156	26	..	..	..	..
	..	..	+7	..	..	..	..	..
In towns having a population over 50,000—									
Cuttack .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
In other affected towns—									
Sambalpur	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puri	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
†Balasure .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Berhampur .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total of all towns	10	4	1	
†Balasure Sub-Jail..	Cerebrospinal meningitis.				
					Attacks.	Deaths.			
					4	3			

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Weather and Crop Report of Orissa for the week ending the 17th August 1936.

No.	Name of district.	Rainfall at Sadr Station.	Price of common rice in seers, per rupee.		Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, etc. (The rainfall figures in this column are for the week ending Saturday, the 15th August 1936.)
			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	CUTTACK ..	Inches. 4.52	13 1/8	13 1/8	Rainfall at Jajpur 2.31, at Kendrapara 1.09 and at Angul 1.78 inches. Weather seasonable, its effect on agricultural operations favourable and on crops beneficial. Flood came in Mahanadi and Kathjuri and subsided. Transplantation and weeding of <i>saradh</i> paddy still continue. <i>Biali</i> paddy in ears and flowers at places and ripening at some places. Harvesting of jute has commenced. Sugarcane, <i>arhar</i> , <i>til</i> and cotton thriving. Vegetables doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease reported from Jagatsingpur and Tirtol police-stations. Common rice selling at 13 1/8 seers at Jajpur, 14 7/16 seers at Kendrapara and 15 3/16 seers at Angul. Weather for jute favourable. Plants improving. No damages by flood. Harvesting just commenced. Height of river lower than last year.
2	BALASORE ..	2.55	12	12	Rainfall at Bhadrak 2.82 inches. Weather seasonable. Transplantation and weeding in progress. Condition of jute fair. Weather not favourable for jute. Average height 5'. Vegetables thriving well. Cattle disease reported from Sadr police-station. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling at 13 seers a rupee at Bhadrak.
3	PURI ..	0.90	13 1/8	13 1/8	Rainfall at Khurda 1.25 inches. Weather seasonable. Weeding and transplantation of <i>saradh</i> paddy in progress. <i>Biali</i> paddy, <i>mandua</i> and maize in ears and flowers, <i>til</i> in fruits. Sugarcane, <i>arhar</i> and cotton thriving. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease reported from Begunia and Bolgarh police-stations. Common rice selling at 14 7/16 seers a rupee at Khurda.

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4	SAMBALPUR ..	Inches. 3.77	13½	13½	Rainfall at Bargarh 2.07 inches. Weather cloudy. Transplantation and weeding operations continue. Cattle disease reported from Bheram and Jagdalpur. Common rice selling at 13½ seers a rupee at Bargarh. Report from Nawapara not received.
5	GANJAM	Rainfall at Balliguda 1.79, at G. Udayagiri 0.70, Phulbani 2.62, at Phiringia 2.02, at Khejuripara 1.50, at Balandapara 5.82, at Russelkonda 1.17, at Surada 1.55, at Aska 0.03, at Kudala 3.38, at Posara 3.30, at Daringabadi 0.78, at Purushottapur 1.66, at Berhampur 0.86, and at Gopalpur 0.16 inch. Agency paddy first sort 1.57, second sort 1.60, boiled rice 3.27, raw rice 4.73, <i>ragi</i> 1.58, horsegram 3.06 and salt 3.39. Littoral paddy first sort 1.93, second sort 1.73, boiled rice 2.97, raw rice 3.83, <i>ragi</i> 2.12, horsegram 2.08 and salt 2.42. (Prices in rupees and decimals of a rupee to two places per Imperial Maund of 3,200 tolas). Common rice selling at 12 seers a rupee at Khondmals. Water supply sufficient for drinking and agricultural operations in the districts. Transplantation of paddy continues in G. Udayagiri, Aska, Chatrapur and Berhampur taluks; Transplantation of <i>ragi</i> proceeding in Berhampur taluk. <i>Kuhuri</i> , <i>ragi</i> , maize, redgram and paddy in Bāliguda taluk; <i>samai</i> , maize, paddy in G. Udayagiri, gingelly, paddy, <i>ragi</i> , and sugarcane in Ghumsur; gingelly, <i>sua</i> and redgram in Surada, sugarcane, <i>gingelly</i> , elephantyam and <i>ragi</i> in Aska; paddy and <i>ragi</i> in Kudala; <i>gingelly</i> , ground-nut, <i>ragi</i> and sugarcane in Chatrapur; <i>jonna</i> , <i>gingelly</i> , <i>kangu</i> , <i>ragi</i> and groundnut in Berhampur taluk—entents normal and condition fair. Sugarcane in Khondmals—progressing. Condition fair. Harvest of <i>ragi</i> proceeding in Berhampur, outturn 10 annas. <i>Ragi</i> in Aska taluk, outturn 6 annas. Elephantyam in Aska taluk, outturn 8 annas. <i>Samai</i> in Ghusur taluk, outturn 4 annas. Pasture available, fodder sufficient. Condition of men and cattle generally fair. Stock of food grains sufficient. Labour available; prospects fair. Reservoir at Russelkonda 46.00 feet and at Surada 28.00 feet.

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6	KORAPUT ..	Inches. 3.11	Rainfall at Nowrangapur 1.72 and at Rayaghada 1.86 inches. Weather fair, occasionally cloudy, favourable to agricultural operations. Transplantation of paddy proceeding in three taluks, completed in two taluks. Ragi sown in wet lands in Parlakimedi taluk. Sugarcane, paddy, <i>ragi</i> , <i>sua</i> , groundnut thriving generally. Water sufficient. Fodder available. Cattle disease—rienderpest in Malkanagiri taluk. Foot and mouth disease in Jeypore taluk. Stock of food grains sufficient. Prospects normal. Jeypore exporting rice. Common rice selling at 13 seers a rupee at Jeypore and 10 seers at Gunupur and Parlakimedi.

GENERAL SUMMARY.—During the week under report rain fell in all the districts of the province. The fall was heavy in parts of Ganjam district and light to moderate elsewhere. Weeding and transplantation of *saradh* paddy are in progress. *Biali* paddy and *mandua* are in ears in Cuttack and Puri districts. Transplantation of *ragi* is proceeding in parts of Ganjam district and it is being sown on wet lands in Parlakimedi taluk of Koraput district. Harvesting of jute has commenced in Cuttack district. Sugarcane is thriving. Supply of fodder and water is reported to be sufficient. The average price of local common rice at headquarters markets is 12.95 seers a rupee. Cattle disease is reported from parts of Cuttack, Balasore, Sambalpur, Puri and Koraput districts.

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CUTTACK: }
The 18th August 1936.