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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 April 1936.**

The principles on which these numbers are compiled are explained in detail bulletin no. 7 of the Department of Industries, Bihar and Orissa, which can be obtained from the Superintendent of Government Printing, Bihar, P. O. Gulzarbagh. The figures given are for the Cuttack Centre. Table no. I shows the rise and fall in the cost of living of the centre. Table no. 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 no. II, 100 represents the cost of living at Cuttack during April 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 April 1936 the cost of living recorded a fall of 1 point. The fall was due to the fall in prices of gram and pulse and clothing. As compared with the corresponding month of the previous year the cost of living was higher by 3 points. The rise of 3 points was due to the combined rise in the prices of rice, sugar, spices and Kerosene oil. The percentage of fall below the pre-war normal level was 14 points.

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TABLE 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.
(a) Food-grains—	
1. Rice (coarse) ...	
... April 1935	61
... March 1936	66
2. Grams and pulse	
... April 1935	66
... April 1936	121
... March 1936	138
... April 1936	121
Total food-grains	
... April 1935	72
... March 1936	79
... April 1936	76
(b) *Other articles of food	
... April 1935	108
... March 1936	109
... April 1936	115
(c) Lighting and fuel	
... April 1935	170
... March 1936	120
... April 1936	120
(d) Clothing	
... April 1935	130
... March 1936	120
... April 1936	110
General average or total cost of living	
... April 1935	83
... March 1936	87
... April 1936	86

\* This includes sugar, salt, fish and meat, vegetables, spices and food oil.

TABLE II.

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

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

April 1935	...	...	...	100
March 1936	...	...	...	105
April 1936	...	...	...	104

Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the Province of Orissa during the week ending the 18th April 1936.

Serial no.	District excluding towns.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.	
		Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Cuttack ... ..	15	9	107	14	...	...	...	...
2	Angul ... ..	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Sambalpur ... ..	...	...	185	14	...	...	...	...
4	Balasore ... ..	82	43	112	10	...	...	...	...
5	Puri ... ..	12	8	42	5	...	...	...	...
6	Ganjam ... ..	2	...	16	5	...	...	...	...
7	Korapat ... ..	30	10	27	4	...	...	...	...
Total ... ..		143	72	489	52	...	...	...	...
In towns having a population over 50,000—									
Cuttack ... ..		...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
In other affected towns—									
Puri ... ..		1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of all towns ... ..		1	...	9	...	...	...	...	...

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Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the Province of Orissa during the week ending the 25th April 1936.

Serial no.	District excluding towns.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.	
		Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Cuttack ... ..	24	9	287	32	...	...	...	...
2	Angul ... ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Sambalpur ... ..	9	5	109	16	...	...	...	...
4	Balasore ... ..	228	142	159	11	...	...	...	...
5	Puri ... ..	4	3	64	3	...	...	...	...
6	Ganjam ... ..	...	...	29	4	...	...	...	...
7	Koraput ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ... ..	286	160	649	66	...	...	...	...
In towns having a population over 50,000—									
	Cuttack ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
In other affected towns—									
	Sambalpur ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Total of all towns ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...

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Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the Province of Orissa during the week ending the 2nd May 1936.

District excluding LOWES.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.	
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cuttack ...	28	18	106	19	...	...	...	...
Angul ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	30	18	91	9	...	...	...	...
Balasure ...	220	205	139	27	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	3	2	46	8	...	...	...	...
Ganjam ..	...	...	25	4	...	...	...	...
Korapur ...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
In towns having a population over 50,000—								
Cuttack ..	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
In other affected towns—								
Sambalpur ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total of all towns ...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

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Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the Province of Orissa, during the week ending the 9th May 1936.

District excluding towns.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.	
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cuttack ...	20	12	191	17	...	...	...	...
Angal ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	125	11	74	13	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	211	182	72	14	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	2	2	53	3	...	...	...	...
Garjam ...	...	...	26	6	...	...	...	...
Koraput ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
In towns having a population over 50,000—								
Cuttack ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
In other affected towns—								
Sambalpur ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total of all towns ...</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

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Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the province of Orissa during the week ending the 16th May 1936.

District excluding towns.	Cholera.		Small-pox.		Plague.		Influenza.	
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cuttack ...	36	22	280	11	...	...	...	...
Angul ...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	188	142	197	18	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	257	239	93	10	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	20	12	16	1	...	...	...	...
Ganjam ...	...	...	38	3	...	...	...	...
Koraput ...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>In towns having a population over 50,000—</b>								
Cuttack ...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...
<b>In other affected towns—</b>								
Sambalpur ...	7	7	2	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total of all towns...</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

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Vital Statistics of towns having a population of 20,000 and over in the Province of Orissa for the week ending the 18th April 1936.

District.	Num-ber.	Municipality	Population according to Census of 1931.			Births (excluding still-births).		MILL-BOYS.	Deaths from—				Infants including suicides.	Other causes.	Total deaths from all causes.		Total.	Births.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Dates.										
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.		Total.	CHOLERA.	SMALL-POX.	PLAGUE.			Fever.	Respiratory diseases.					Measles, diphtheria, and scarlet fever.	Male.	Female.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Ganjam	...	...	18,400	10,260	37,760	16	13	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	6	8	0	14	30.9	10.2	...	...	...	
Koraput	...	...	9,682	30,466	20,048	8	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	5	7	2	0	25.5	23.3	...	...	...	
Cuttack	...	...	30,387	28,006	65,263	6	6	12	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	3	8	0	3	12	11.2	9.0	...	...	...	
Puri	...	...	20,703	10,803	37,506	8	8	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	10	8	7	16	22.1	16.7	...	...	...	
		Total ...	85,192	75,407	160,629	40	30	70	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	8	8	6	4	26	32	18	50	22.6	16.2	...	...	...	...	...

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Vital statistics of towns having a population of 20,000 and over in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 25th April 1936.

District.	Number.	Municipality.	Population according to Census of 1931.			Births (excluding still-births).		Still-born.	Deaths from—						Total deaths from all causes.			Ratio per 1,000 per annum.							
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.		Dysentery and Diarrhoea.	Respiratory disease.	Injuries including suicide.	Other causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.										
																CHOLERA.			SMALL-POX.		PLAGUE.		Fever.		
			Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.							
1	2	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	...	Berhampur	18,400	19,300	37,750	13	10	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	5	0	4	18	31.7	17.9
Koraput	...	Parlatimedi	9,582	10,469	20,048	3	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	7	0	1	11	18.1	28.5
Cuttack	...	Cuttack	30,377	28,806	65,263	11	6	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	7	7	5	13	13.5	9.8
Puri	...	Puri	20,773	18,566	37,568	10	11	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	6	8	6	13	39.1	19.0
		Total	86,132	75,407	160,620	37	31	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	6	...	26	34	16	49	22.0	16.8

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## Weather and Crop Report of Orissa for the week ending the 15th June 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 13th June 1936.)
			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
1	CUTTACK ..	12.94	14 $\frac{7}{16}$	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	Rainfall at Jajpur 15.11, at Angul 6.56 and at Kendrapara 19.86 inches. Weather cloudy. Agricultural operations totally stopped owing to heavy rainfall. The effect of weather not favourable to standing crops. The rivers Mahanadi, Kathjori, Brahmani and Baitarani are in floods. Paddy fields are under water at many places. Sowing of paddy have been stopped owing to heavy rainfall. Jute, sugarcane and <i>biali</i> thriving. Vegetables doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Jagatsingpur and Mahakalpara police stations. Common rice selling at 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ seers a rupee at Jajpur and 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ seers at Kendrapara and Angul.
2	BALASORE ..	6.85	12	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rainfall at Bhadrak 6.56 inches. Weather cloudy. Paddy sowing and jute cultivation stopped at places due to heavy rain. Vegetables and sugarcane thriving well. No cattle-disease is reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling at 13 seers a rupee at Bhadrak.
3	PURI ..	12.26	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{16}$	Rainfall at Khurda 10.70 inches. Weather cloudy. Lands being ploughed for paddy crop. Sowing of <i>saradh</i> and <i>biali</i> paddy in progress though retarded to a great extent owing to heavy rains. Sugarcane thriving. <i>Dalua</i> paddy ripening and being harvested at places. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease is reported from Bolgarh police station. Common rice selling at 15 $\frac{1}{16}$ seers a rupee at Khurda.

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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
4	SAMBALPUR ..	9.57	13	13	Rainfall at Bargarh 3.36 inches and at Nawapara 0.53 inch. Sowing of paddy commenced. Cattle-disease is reported from Melchhamunda, Jagdalpur and Nawapara thanas. Common rice selling at 13½ seers a rupee at Bargarh and 13 seers at Nawapara.
5	GANJAM ..	5.25	..	..	Rainfall at Baliguda 3.57, at G. Udaigiri 2.30, at Phulbani 1.75, at Khejuripara 0.04, at Phiringia 0.18, at Balandapara 2.20, at Russellkonda 5.65, at Aska 4.46, at Kodala 5.46, at Mohana 0.80, at Posara 2.16, at Gopalpur 7.20, at Surada 3.22, at Berhampur 3.88, at Purushottapur 3.45 and at Rambha 5.92 inches. Agency paddy first sort 1.57, second sort 1.50; boiled rice 3.15, raw rice 4.73; <i>ragi</i> 1.49; horse gram 3.06; salt 3.48. Littoral paddy first sort 2.03, second sort 1.77; boiled rice 3.08, raw rice 3.91; <i>ragi</i> 2.22; horse gram 2.16; salt 2.40. (Prices in rupees and decimals of a rupee to two places per imperial maund of 3,200 totas.) Common rice, <i>ragi</i> and salt selling at 12, 15 and 8 seers a rupee, respectively, at Khondmals. Water-supply sufficient for drinking and agricultural operations in all taluks. Ploughing of lands in Khondmals and sowing of paddy in Baliguda, Ghumsur, Aska and Chatrapur taluks; of light paddy and <i>Samai</i> in G. Udaigiri; of Gingelly in Ghumsur, <i>ragi</i> in Baliguda and Ghumsur taluks and of <i>kuhuri</i> in Baliguda taluk and sugarcane in Ghumsur and Aska taluks. Standing crops, sugarcane in Khondmals and Gingelly and Sua in Surada taluk, extent inappreciable, condition fair. Pasture available. Fodder sufficient. Condition of men and cattle generally good. Labour available. Stock of food-grains sufficient. Prospects fair. Reservoir at Russellkonda 30.00 feet and at Surada 20.00 feet.



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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
6	KORAPUT	Inches. 8.42	..	..	Rainfall at Nowrangpur 4.53 and at Rayaghada 3.45 inches. Weather rainy. Ploughing generally in progress. Paddy sowing proceeding in Jeypore, Gunupur, Nowrangapur, Malkanagiri taluks, thriving in Jeypur, Koraput taluks. Sowing of <i>sama ragi</i> in Pottanghi, Gunupur, Malkanagiri taluks, Gunupur taluk proceeding. Standing crop sugarcane thriving in Rayaghada, Nowrangapur, Koraput, Parlakimedi and Gunupur taluks, not thriving in Bissenkatak taluk. Water and fodder sufficient. Cattle-disease in parts of Nowrangpur taluk. Public health, wages and prospects normal. Labour available. Stock of food-grains sufficient. Common rice selling at 14 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 Cuttack, Balasore, Puri, in parts of Sambalpur, Ganjam and Koraput and light to moderate elsewhere. The rivers Mahanadi, Kathjori, Brahmni and Baitarani are in floods. Agricultural operations stopped at many places in Cuttack, Balasore and Puri districts owing to heavy rain. *Dalua* paddy is ripening and being harvested at places in Puri. Jute is thriving in Cuttack and its cultivation stopped at many places in Balasore due to heavy rain. Sowing of *saradh* and *biali* paddy is in progress. Sowing of *bhadoi* crops is commencing in Ganjam and Koraput districts. Sugarcane is thriving in Cuttack, Balasore, Puri, Ganjam and in parts of Koraput districts. The average price of local common rice at headquarters markets was 13.80 seers a rupee. Supply of fodder and water is reported to be sufficient. Cattle-disease is reported from parts of Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur and Koraput districts.

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For Revenue Commissioner, Orissa.