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**Index numbers showing the rise and fall in the cost of living of the working classes at the Cuttack Centre in Orissa during January 1937.**

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. In table I, 100 represents the average cost of living at the centre for the 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 January 1936 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.

In the month of January 1937 the cost of living recorded a fall of 2 points from that in December 1936 which was due to the fall in price of articles of food other than food-grains. Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, the cost of living was lower by 1 point. This was due to the fall in the prices of rice and other articles of food.

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TABLE I.

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

(100=average for 5 years preceding 1914.)

Commodities.	Months.	Index numbers.	Remarks.
(a) Food-grains—			
1. Rice (coarse)	... { January	1936 ... 72.	
	... { December	1936 ... 61.	
	... { January	1937 ... 61.	
2. Gram and pulse	... { January	1936 ... 122.	
	... { December	1936 ... 155.	
	... { January	1937 ... 155.	
Total food-grains	... { January	1936 ... 81.	
	... { December	1936 ... 78.	
	... { January	1937 ... 78.	
(b) * Other articles of food	... { January	1936 ... 106.	
	... { December	1936 ... 121.	*This includes sugar (gur), salt, fish and meat, vegetables, spices and food oil.
	... { January	1937 ... 101.	
(c) Lighting and fuel	... { January	1936 ... 120.	
	... { December	1936 ... 123.	
	... { January	1937 ... 135.	
(d) Clothing	... { January	1936 ... 120.	
	... { December	1936 ... 130.	
	... { January	1937 ... 130.	
General average or total cost of living.	... { January	1936 ... 89.	
	... { December	1936 ... 90.	
	... { January	1937 ... 88.	

TABLE II.

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

(100=average cost of living in January 1936.)

January	1936	... 100.
December	1936	... 101.
January	1937	... 99.

Vital statistics of towns having a population of 20,000 and over in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 20th February 1937.

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.	CHOLERA.		SMALLPOX.		FLAGR.		Typhoid.	Dysentery and diarrhoea.	Respiratory diseases.	Injuries including suicide.	Other causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Births.	Deaths.	
									Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.											Attacks.
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 ...	1	Berhampur	18,490	10,260	37,750	17	21	38	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	2	...	6	11	8	19	52.5	26.2
		Parlakimedi	9,582	10,466	20,048	13	8	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	5	3	8	54.6	20.8
Cutack ...	3	Cuttack ...	36,357	28,906	65,263	20	12	32	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	4	2	...	11	15	10	25	25.6	20.0
		Puri ...	20,703	16,865	37,568	7	14	21	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	1	...	16	14	17	31	29.1	43.0
Total ...			81,132	75,497	1,60,629	57	55	112	3	...	2	...	...	...	24	12	5	...	40	45	38	83	36.4	26.9	

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Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 20th February 1937.

Districts excluding towns.	Cholera.		Smallpox.		Plague.		Influenza.		Remarks.
	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Attacks.	Deaths.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cuttack .. ..	62	34	45	7	..	..	..	..	
Sambalpur .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Balasore .. ..	54	26	6	1	..	..	..	..	
Puri .. ..	17	8	33	1	..	..	..	..	
Ganjam Plains .. ..	..	..	120	14	..	..	..	..	
Ganjam Agency .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	
Khondmals .. ..	..	..	35	2	..	..	..	..	
Koraput .. ..	..	..	15	4	..	..	..	..	
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	
In towns having a population over 50,000—									
Cuttack .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
In other affected towns—									
Puri .. ..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	

CUTTACK:

The 6th March 1937.

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Weather and Crop Report of Orissa for the week ending the 8th March 1937.

Sl. no.	Name of districts and subdivisional headquarters.	Rainfall (subdivisional figures are for the week ending Saturday only).	Price of common rice in seers (of 80 tolas each) per rupee.		Character of the weather, state and prospects of crops, etc.
			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
1	CUTTACK ..	Nil.	14 7/16	15 3/4	Weather seasonable. Pressing of sugarcane continues. <i>Dalua</i> paddy, wheat, tobacco, <i>jhain mung</i> and sugarcane thriving. Lands are being ploughed at places for next year's crop. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease is reported from Kendrapara police-station. Vegetables growing well.
2	JAJPUR ..	0.55	17 1/16	17 1/16	
3	KENDRAPARA ..	Nil.	15 3/4	17 1/16	
4	ANGUL ..	(Not received.)	..	19 15/16	
5	BALASORE ..	Nil.	16	16	Weather seasonable. Threshing of paddy, ploughing of paddy fields and pressing of sugarcane going on. Vegetables doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease is reported from Bhandaripokhari police-station.
6	BHADRAK ..	0.02	19	19	
7	PURI ..	Nil.	14 7/16	14 7/16	Weather seasonable. <i>Saradh</i> paddy being threshed. Pressing of sugarcane continues. <i>Kulthi</i> and <i>biri</i> being harvested. <i>Mung</i> and linseeds are in pods. <i>Mandua</i> and <i>china</i> are in flowers and pods. <i>Dalua</i> paddy and tobacco thriving. Til is being sown. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle disease is reported.
8	KHURDA ..	0.10	17 1/16	17 1/16	

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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
9	SAMBALPUR..	Nil.	18	18	Weather occasionally cloudy. Planting of sugarcane proceeding. Ploughing of fields for next crop continues. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease is reported from Paikmal and Ambabhona police-stations.
10	BARGARH ..	Nil.	19 1/8	21	
11	NAWAPARA ..	0.20	22	22	
12	CHATRAPUR ..	0.15	9 9/16	9 9/16	Standing crops—turmeric, sugarcane, greengram, ragi, castor, redgram and horsegram—condition fair. Harvesting of sugarcane continues in Gumsur, Kudala, Parlakimedi, Surada Aska, Chatrapur, and in Berhampur taluks. Outturn 8 annas in Surada, 10 annas in Aska, 3-7 annas in Chatrapur and 12 annas in Berhampur taluk. Outturn not reported in other taluks. Harvesting of greengram is proceeding in Kudala, Parlakimedi and in Berhampur taluks. Outturn 10 annas in Berhampur taluk and not reported in other taluks. Sowing of gingelly is in progress in parts of Ghumsur and Chatrapur taluks. Pasture available, fodder sufficient. Condition of men and cattle generally good. Labour available. Water supply sufficient for drinking and agricultural operations. Stock of food grains sufficient. Prospects fair.
13	BERHAMPUR ..	0.32	10	10	
14	RUSSELLKONDA ..	0.51	10 7/16	10 7/16	
15	PHULBANI ..	(Not received)	..	19 1/2	

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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
16	KORAPUT ...	Nil	13 4/5	13 4/5	Standing crops:—Sugarcane, redgram, Bengal gram, castor thriving. Harvesting of sugarcane is concluding in some parts. Outturn good. Fodder available. Water sufficient. Weather favourable to agricultural operations.
17	NOWRANGAPUR	0.77	18	18	
18	RAYAGHADA	0.40	10	10	

Note.—Prices in North Orissa refer to boiled rice and in South Orissa to raw rice.

GENERAL SUMMARY.—During the week under report light rain fell in parts of all districts of the Province. The threshing of saradh paddy continues in the Balasore and Puri districts. *Dalua* paddy is thriving in the Cuttack and Puri districts. The pressing of sugarcane is in progress. *Mung*, linseed, *mandua* and *china* are in pods in the Puri district. Til is being sown in the Ganjam and Puri districts. The preparation of fields for next year's crop has commenced in the Cuttack, Balasore and Sambalpur districts. The condition of wheat, tobacco, turmeric, ragi, redgram and castor is fair. The supply of fodder and water is reported to be sufficient. The average price of local common rice was 17.53 seers a rupee against 17.94 seers in the preceding week in North Orissa and remained stationary at 13.05 seers a in South Orissa. The figures for North and South Orissa for the corresponding period of the last year are respectively 16.13 and 12.27 seers. Cattle disease is reported from parts of the Cuttack, Balasore and Ganjam districts.

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