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**Index numbers showing the rise and fall in the cost of living of the working classes at Cuttack in Orissa during October 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 town of Cuttack. In table I, 100 represents the average cost of living in the town 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 in the town during October 1936 and all the numbers in that table are in 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 October 1937 the cost of living recorded a rise of 4 points from that of September 1937, which was due to the rise in prices of all articles except rice and clothing. Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year the cost of living was lower by 4 points. This was due to fall in prices of all articles except lighting and fuel and clothing.

PURI:

*The 26th November 1937.*

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*Director of Development, Orissa.*

TABLE No. 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) 1. Rice	October 1936	... 69.	
	September 1937	... 67.	
	October 1937	... 66.	
2. Gram and pulse	October 1936	... 160.	
	September 1937	... 129.	
	October 1937	... 138.	
Total food-grains	October 1936	... 86.	
	September 1937	... 78.	
	October 1937	... 79.	
(b) * Other articles of food	October 1936	... 134.	
	September 1937	... 104.	*This includes sugar (gur), salt, fish and meat, vegetables, spices and food oil.
	October 1937	... 129.	
(c) Lighting and fuel	October 1936	... 120.	
	September 1937	... 150.	
	October 1937	... 160.	
(d) Clothing	October 1936	... 130.	
	September 1937	... 120.	
	October 1937	... 120.	
General average or total cost of living.	October 1936	... 97.	
	September 1937	... 89.	
	October 1937	... 93.	

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 October 1936.)

October 1936	... 100.
September 1937	... 92.
October 1937	... 96.

Statement showing the seizures and deaths of epidemic diseases in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 13th November 1937.

Districts excluding towns.	Cholera.		Smallpox.		Plague.		Influenza.		Remarks.
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cuttack .. ..	3	2	14	3	..	..	..	..	
Balasore .. ..	15	24	37	..	..	..	..	..	
Puri .. ..	17	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Sambalpur .. ..	7	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Angul .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Khondmals .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ganjam Plains .. ..	..	..	12	4	..	..	..	..	
Ganjam Agency .. ..	..	..	18	1	..	..	..	..	
Keraput .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Total .. ..	42	45	81	9	..	..	..	..	
In towns having a population over 50,000—									
Cuttack .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
In other affected towns—									
Puri .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total of all towns ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

CUTTACK:

The 24th/25th November 1937.

G. VERGHESE, LT.-COL., I.M.S.,

Director of Health and Prisons Services, Orissa.

Statement showing births and deaths from principal diseases in towns, with a population of 30,000 and over, in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 13th November 1937.

Name of town.	Population.	Births.	Birth rate(annual)	Cholera.	Smallpox.	Plague.	Fever.	Dysentery and diarrhoea.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total deaths.	Death rate(annual).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Berhampur	37,750	29	40.1	1	...	...	2	2	2	5	12	16.6
Cuttack ...	65,263	43	34.4	...	...	...	9	3	7	7	26	20.8
Puri ...	37,568	29	40.3	...	...	...	7	9	2	11	29	40.3
Total ...	140,581	101	37.5	1	...	...	18	14	11	23	67	24.9

CUTTACK:

The 24th November 1937. }

G. VERGHESE, Lt.-COL., I.M.S.,

Director of Health and Prisons Services, Orissa.

Weather and Crop Report of Orissa for the week ending the 29th November 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	15½	14 7/16	Weather seasonable. Harvesting of <i>laghu saradh</i> and <i>guru saradh</i> paddy in progress. <i>Biri</i> , <i>kulthi</i> , gram, <i>arhar</i> , <i>til</i> , cotton and sugarcane thriving. Mustard in flower. Vegetables doing well. Cattle disease reported from Angul police-station. Gratuitous relief was given to 1,116 persons during the week against 1,531 in the previous week.
2	JAJPUR ..	Nil	15½	14½	
3	KENDRAPABA ..	Nil	14 7/16	15½	
4	ANGUL ..	Nil	23 1/8 (new)	23 5/8 (new)	
5	BALASORE ..	Nil	16	16	Harvesting of <i>saradh</i> paddy in progress. Sugarcane thriving. <i>Rabi</i> crops and vegetables doing well. Fodder and water sufficient.
6	BHADRAK ..	Nil	20	20	
7	FURI ..	Nil	13½	13½	Weather seasonable. <i>Laghu</i> and <i>guru saradh</i> paddy being harvested. <i>Arhar</i> and cotton in flower and pod. Pressing of sugarcane has commenced at places. <i>Kulthi</i> and mustard thriving. <i>Biri</i> , <i>mung</i> and linseed germinating. Sowing of <i>dalua</i> paddy in progress. Fodder and water available. Cattle disease reported from Bolgarh police-station. During the week 1,367 persons were given gratuitous relief against 2,261 in the preceding week.
8	KEURDA ..	Nil	15½	15½	

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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
9	SAMBALPUR..	...	...	23 5/8	
10	BARGARH ..	...	...	24 1/4	
11	NAWAPARA ..	...	...	20	
12	CHATRAPUR..	Nil	9 5/8	9 5/8	Weather seasonable. Sowing of greengram and blackgram proceeding in Berhampur division. Sugarcane and vegetables thriving. Harvesting of paddy in progress in Berhampur, Chatrapur and Ghumsur divisions. Pasture available. Fodder sufficient. Water insufficient for agricultural operations in Chatrapur division. Cattle disease reported from parts of Ghumsur taluk.
13	BERHAMPUR ..	Nil	11	11	
14	RUSSELLKONDA ..	Nil	13 1/4	13 1/4	
15	PHULBANI ..	Nil	24	24	

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		Inches.			
16	KORAPUT ...	Nil	13½	13½	Weather seasonable. Sugarcane, gingelly, niger, sama and tobacco thriving. Harvesting of paddy proceeding. Transplantation of tobacco in progress in Rayaghada division. Water sufficient. Fodder available. Cattle disease reported from Bisamcuttack taluk.
17	NOWRANGAPUR	Nil	16½	16½	
18	RAYAGHADA ...	Nil	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, there was no rain in the province. The harvesting of *saradh* paddy is in progress throughout the province. The pressing of sugarcane has commenced in the Puri district. Mustard is in flower in the Cuttack district and *arhar* and cotton in the Puri district. Greengram and blackgram are being sown in the Ganjam district and *dalua* paddy in the Puri district. Transplantation of tobacco is proceeding in the Koraput district. The condition of *til*, niger, *sama* and vegetables is good. Fodder is reported to be sufficient. The average price of local common rice was 18.45 seers a rupee against 18.49 seers in the preceding week in North Orissa and was stationary at 13.98 seers a rupee in South Orissa. The figures for North and South Orissa for the corresponding period of last year are respectively 18.60 and 14.64 seers. Cattle disease is reported from parts of the Cuttack, Puri, Ganjam and Koraput districts.

CUTTACK :

The 2nd December 1937.

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