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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 December 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. 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 December 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 December 1936 the cost of living recorded a fall of 8 points from that in November which was due to the fall in the articles of food. Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year the cost of living was lower by 1 point. This fall was due to the fall in the price of rice.

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The 14th February 1937.

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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) ...	December 1935	... 72.	
	November 1936	... 67.	
	December 1936	... 61.	
(2) Gram and pulse ...	December 1935	... 124.	
	November 1936	... 166.	
	December 1936	... 155.	
Total food-grains ...	December 1935	... 82.	
	November 1936	... 85.	
	December 1936	... 78.	
(b) * Other articles of food ...	December 1935	... 114.	
	November 1936	... 149.	*This includes sugar, (gur), salt, fish and meat, vegetables, spices and food oil.
	December 1936	... 121.	
(c) Lighting and fuel ...	December 1935	... 120.	
	November 1936	... 120.	
	December 1936	... 123.	
(d) Clothing ...	December 1935	... 120.	
	November 1936	... 130.	
	December 1936	... 130.	
General average or total cost of living.	December 1935	... 91.	
	November 1936	... 98.	
	December 1936	... 90.	

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 December 1935.)

December 1935 ... 100.

November 1936 ... 108.

December 1936 ... 99.

Vital statistics of towns having a population of 20,000 and over in the province of Orissa for the week ending the 30th January 1937.

District.	Number.	Municipality.	Population according to the census of 1931.			Births excluding still-births.			Deaths from														Total deaths from all causes.			Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Still-born.	CHOLERA.		SMALLPOX.		FLAGUE.		Rever.	Dysentery and diarrhoea.	Respiratory diseases.	Injuries including suicide.	Other causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Deaths.	Births.	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	{	Borhampur	18,490	19,260	37,750	21	22	43	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	4	...	9	12	7	19	59.3	26.2		
		Parlakimedi	9,582	10,466	20,048	8	9	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	2	2	4	44.2	10.4	
Cuttack	3	Cuttack	36,357	28,906	65,263	32	21	53	1	5	5	...	...	...	...	12	6	3	1	22	32	17	49	42.3	38.7		
Puri	4	Puri	20,703	16,865	37,568	11	9	20	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	20	5	1	...	8	21	16	37	27.7	51.3		
		Total	85,132	75,497	1,60,629	72	61	133	4	5	7	...	1	...	...	36	18	9	1	42	67	42	109	43.1	35.3		

CUTTACK:

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The 13th February 1937.

Weather and Crop Report of Orissa for the week ending the 15th February 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 ..	0.50	15½	15½	Weather seasonable, but at time cloudy. Threshing of <i>guru saradh</i> paddy and pressing of sugarcane continue. The harvesting of <i>biri</i> , <i>kulthi</i> and mustard nearing completion. <i>Jhain mung</i> being sown and thriving at places. <i>Dalua</i> paddy, tobacco, sugarcane and wheat are thriving. Mango is in flowers. Vegetables are doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle disease is reported. Jajpur report is not received.
2	JAJPUR ..	Not received.	...	17 1/16	
3	KENDRAPARA ..	0.13	17 1/16	17 1/16	
4	ANGUL ..	0.19	19 3/8	21	
5	BALASORE ..	3.44	16	17	Weather seasonable. The threshing of paddy and pressing of sugarcane in progress. Harvesting of rabi crops going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Vegetables doing well.
6	BHADRAK ..	0.61	19	19	
7	PURI ..	0.97	17 1/16	17 1/16	Weather seasonable. <i>Saradh</i> paddy being threshed. Sugarcane being pressed. <i>Kulthi</i> , mustard, <i>arhar</i> and <i>biri</i> in pods and being harvested at places. <i>Mung</i> , <i>Mandua</i> , <i>china</i> , <i>dalua</i> paddy, linseed and tobacco thriving. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle disease reported from Krishnaprashad police-station.
8	KHURDA ..	0.93	18 3/8	18 3/8	

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			This week.	Previous week.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Inches.			
9	SAMBALPUR..	0.50	18	18	Weather occasionally cloudy. Threshing of paddy and pressing of sugarcane continue. Fields being ploughed for next crops. Cattle disease reported from Padampur police-station.
10	BARGARH ..	1.24	21 15/16	20	
11	NAWAPARA ..	0.14	22	22	
12	CHATRAPUR	Nil	9 9/16	9 9/16	Standing crops—turmeric, castor, sugarcane, redgram, horsegram, greengram, ragi and gingelly—conditions fair. Harvesting of sugarcane proceeding in Surada, Aska, Chatrapur, Parlakimedi, Ghumsur and Kudala taluks. Outturn 8 annas in Surada taluk, 10 annas in Aska taluk and 3-7 annas in Chatrapur taluk. Outturn not reported in other taluks. Water-supply sufficient for drinking and agricultural operations. Pasture available. Fodder sufficient. Condition of men and cattle generally good. Labour available. No locusts.
13	BERHAMPUR ..	Nil	11	11	
14	RUSSELLKONDA ..	Nil	10 7/16	10 7/16	
15	PHULBANI ..	Nil	19½	19½	

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		Inches.			
16	KORAPUT ...	0.56	13 4/5	13 4/5	Standing crops—sugarcane, tobacco, redgram, thriving well. Harvesting of sugarcane, redgram, tobacco concluding. Outturn good. Fodder available. Water sufficient. Weather seasonable to agricultural operations. Prospects normal. Cattle disease reported from certain parts of Bissemkatak and Pottangi taluks.
17	NOWRANGAPUR	Nil.	21	21	
18	BAYAGHATA	0.11	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 rain fell in the Cuttack, Balasore, Puri, Sambalpur and in parts of the Ganjam and Koraput districts. The fall was heavy in parts of Balasore and light to moderate elsewhere. The threshing of saradh paddy still continues in the districts of North Orissa. Dalua paddy is thriving in the Cuttack and Puri districts. The harvesting and pressing of sugarcane are in progress, so is the harvesting of rabi crops. Tobacco is thriving in the Cuttack and Puri districts and its harvesting continues in the Koraput district. Sowing of jhain mung is still in progress in the Cuttack district. Mango is in flowers. Vegetables are doing well. The supply of fodder and water is reported to be sufficient. The average price of local common rice was 18.46 seers a rupee against 18.38 seers in the preceding week in North Orissa and remained stationary at 13.63 seers a rupee in South Orissa. The figures for North and South Orissa for the corresponding period of last year are respectively, 15.76 and 11.87 seers a rupee. Cattle disease is reported from parts of Puri, Sambalpur and Koraput districts.

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