

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI  
RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir; a  
Committee has been set up already.

(b) and (c). The terms of reference  
of the Committee are:—

(i) To review the various aspects of  
the Consumer Price Index Numbers  
for industrial workers including the  
criteria and the methodology for deriv-  
ing the weighting diagram, the linking  
factor methods of compilation of the  
index and the price collection system;

(ii) To study and report on—

(a) the existing price collection pro-  
cedures and machinery;

(b) the desirability and mode of as-  
sociating the representatives of the  
trade unions and employers with the  
processes of price collection work; and

(iii) To make recommendations on  
the above matters

The members of the Committee  
are:—

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| 1. Shri Neelakanth Gokhale                      | Rath. Prof. of Politics & Economics, Poona | .. Chairman |
| 2. Smt. Maniben Kara                            |  | .. Member   |
| 3. Smt. Parvathi Krishnan,                      | M.P.                                       | Member      |
| 4. Smt. Renuka Devi,                            | M.P.                                       | .. Member   |
| 5. Shri Prasannabhai Mehta,                     | M. P.                                      | .. Member   |
| 6. Shri B. N. Sathaye                           |  | .. Member   |
| 7. Dr. M. K. Pandhe                             |  | .. Member   |
| 8. Shri Kanti Mehta                             |  | .. Member   |
| 9. Shri M. T. Shukla                            |  | .. Member   |
| 10. Shri V. I. Chacko                           |  | .. Member   |
| 11. Shri R. L. N. Vijay-nagar                   |  | .. Member   |
| 12. Director, Central Statistical Organisa-tion |  | .. Member   |
| 13. Director, Labour Bureau                     |  | .. Member   |

14. Shri R. S. Deshpande, Deputy Secretary, Minister of Labour, .. Member-Secy.

The Committee has been requested to submit its report within 2 months.

#### Manipulation in Consumers Price Index during Emergency

2252. SHRI BHAGAT RAM: Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Govern-  
ment has been drawn to the com-  
plaint about the manipulation in the  
Consumer Price Index during the  
emergency; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Govern-  
ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR  
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)  
Yes, Sir.

(b): A Committee has since been con-  
stituted to review the procedure and  
machinery of price collection and vari-  
ous other aspects of the Index num-  
bers.

सूदखोरों द्वारा खान मजदूरों को बन्धक  
बनाया जाना

2253. श्री सत्यदेव सिंह : क्या संसदीय  
कार्य तथा श्रममंत्री यह बताने की कृपा  
करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस  
समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि देश  
भर में सूदखोर खान मजदूरों को फिर  
से बन्धक बना रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक राज्य में  
ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है जो  
सरकार के ध्यान में आई हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे मामलों को  
रोकने के लिए कुछ ठोस कदम उठाने पर  
विचार कर रही है ; और