

various from State to State depending upon the local situations. However, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are being impressed upon during the discussions on their Special Component Plans to constitute review committees at the State and District level if not already done.

[English]

Pre-Budget Hikes

7537. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of instances when Government resorted to pre-budget hikes through Gazette notification since 1984;

(b) the reasons for such hikes; and

(c) the steps contemplated, if any, to avoid such pre-budget hikes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). Revisions in administered prices of important commodities produced by the public sector enterprises are effected by the Government as needed on the basis of commercial/economic considerations. They generally reflect the impact of cost escalations and are intended to maintain the viability of the production units. Since, such price revisions cannot be regarded as revenue measures they do not form part of the budget exercises. The adjustment in the prices of some important items such as coal, fertilizer, steel, cement and petroleum products since 1984 are given in the statement given below.

Statement

A. Coal

Date of Revision	Average pit-head price (per tonne) of coal produced by	
	Coal India Ltd.	Singareni Collieries Co Ltd.
27.5.1982	Rs. 145.90	Rs. 154.75
8.1.1984	Rs. 183.00	Rs. 192.00
9.1.1986	Rs. 210.00	Rs. 219.00

Source : Department of Coal.

B. Steel

Prices (for) of Certain Steel Categories as Revised by Joint Plant Committee

(Rs. per tonne)

Effective Date	Plates	Structurals	Upto 25mm	Above 25mm	G.C. Sheets	H.R. Coils	C.R. Coils
24.7.1983	4360	4260	4340	4190	6210	4300	5320
22.6.1984	On An average 15% increase.						
21.2.1985	On An average 15% increase.						

C. Petroleum*Ex-Storage Point Prices (Inclusive of Excise Duty) of Major Petroleum Products at Bombay*

Date	Motor Spirit 83/87 Per KL	HSDO Per KL	SKO Per KL	LDO Per KL	F.O. Non-Fert) Per KL	L.P.G. Per MT
15.2.1983	5438	2849	1644	2655	2525	2633
17.3.1985	6369	3078	1892	3054	2903	3028
26.3.1985	—	3008	1822	No ch.	No ch.	No ch.
1.2.1986	6869	3188	2047	No ch.	No ch.	3729
6.2.1986	6769	3116	1957	No ch.	No ch.	3449

Source : Department of Petroleum.

D. Fertilizers*Cultivators Prices of Some Major Fertilizers*

(Rs. Per Tonne)

Effective from	Urea	Ammonium Sulphate 100 Kg. each pack	Can 26% (Calcium) Ammonium	DAP (Dia-Ammonium Phosphate)	MOP (Moriote of Potash 100 Kgs Pack)
21.8.1984	2150	1500	1615	3350	1200
31.1.1986	2350	1650	1770	3600	1300

Source : Department of Fertilizers.

E. Cement*F.O.R. Prices of Ordinary Portland Cement, Portland Slag Cement, Portland Pozzolana Cement, Excluding Excise Duty and Packing Charges*

Effective Date	F.O.R. Price (Rs. per tonne)
2.7.1983	492.00
18.7.1984	532.00

Source : Department of Industrial Development.

Hemlock Silicon Technology

7538. SHRI H. M. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred

Question No. 2377 on 19 November, 1986 regarding deal for Hemlock Silicon Technology and state :

(a) whether the production unit of