

Rise in Prices

9061. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 1983-84 the cumulative increase in prices was about 10 per cent as compared to 6.5 per cent during 1982-83;

(b) if so, with respect to which items, the increase was more perceptible during 1983-84 and with respect to which items the increase in apprehension was lower

than 1982-83; and

(c) the specific steps contemplated to be taken during the ensuing year to control the rising trend in prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) The cumulative rise in wholesale price index was 9.1 per cent during 1983-84 compared with 6.4 per cent (revised) during 1982-83. The annual rate of inflation on 31st March, 1984 on a point to point basis was 8.8 per cent (provisional). The variation in major commodity group is given below :

	Percentage Variations	
	1983-84	1982-83
ALL COMMODITIES	+9.1	+6.4
I. Primary Articles	+9.6	+8.0
(i) Food Articles of which	+7.0	+7.9
Cereals	-5.7	+16.4
(ii) Non-food Articles	+20.9	+7.4
(iii) Minerals	+2.1	-11.3
II Fuel, Power, light & Lubricants	+6.5	+9.0
III Manufactured products	+9.5	+4.3
(i) Food products	+21.2	Neg.
of which : Sugar, Khandsari and Gur	+28.5	-5.5
Edible oils	+15.8	+5.9

(c) The main thrust of the Government's anti-inflationary policy continues to be on effective supply and demand management. These include, inter-alia, strengthening of the public distribution system, larger releases of foodgrains, edible oils and sugar, and mopping up of excess liquidity in the banking system.

Benefit to IA and AI from manufacturers of Boeing and Air Bus

9062. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will

the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that irrespective of the aircraft chosen, the present competition between the manufacturers of Boeings and Air Bus is going to benefit Indian Airlines and Air India financially;

(b) if so, the details regarding savings as a result of discounts that are being offered by the two manufacturers; and