

(b) whether the explosions of these mines have killed and injured civilians and the Indian troops,

(c) whether there is also heavy concentration of Pakistani troops on the Rajasthan border and along the Rann of Kutch, and

(d) the steps taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that the Pakistani troops have mined selected areas in the territory across our Western borders. There is no information of any Indian troops or civilians having been killed or injured by explosion of these mines.

(c) and (d) Pakistani forces are concentrated all along our borders including the areas across Rajasthan and Rann

of Kutch. Government have taken adequate steps to meet the situation.

Cost of Living Index

825. **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the changes in the Cost of Living Index since the presentation of the Budget for 1971-72 (month-wise), and

(b) the comparable changes in the corresponding period during the last year ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN)

(a) and (b) A statement giving the All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers for the months from May to September, 1971 (the latest available) and for the corresponding period of 1970 is enclosed.

Statement

All-India Industrial Workers' Consumer Price Index

(Base 1960=100)

Month	Index		Percentage change over the previous month	
	1970	1971	1970	1971
May	183	184	1.1	Nil
June	185	187	1.1	1.6
July	186	190	0.5	1.6
August	187	194	0.5	2.1
September	188	196	0.5	1.0