

Board of India for dealing with, inter-alia investor protection.

D.A. to Government Employees

4241. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage increase in prices during the period from January 1, 1991 to June 30, 1991 and the increase in the All India Consumer Price Index during this period;

(b) the percentage of Dearness Allowance payable to the Government employees as per the above index; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to pay the instalment of Dearness Allowance due from July 1, 1991 to the employees in cash ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POT-DUKHE): (a) The percentage increase in wholesale price index during the period January 1, 1991 to June 30, 1991 is 4.8% approximately. The All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) for the month ending June, 1991 is 1030, as against 981 for the month ending December, 1990.

(b) The amount of Dearness Allowance payable to the Central Government employees is calculated in terms of the formula prescribed by the Fourth Central Pay Commission which takes into account the percentage increase in the 12 monthly average of All India Consumer Price Index over the Base figure of 608. According to it, employees drawing

basic pay upto Rs. 3500/- per month are allowed 100% neutralisation, those drawing between Rs. 3501 and Rs. 6000/- are allowed 75% and those drawing above Rs. 6000/- per month are allowed 65% neutralisation subject to marginal adjustments.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Expenditure on Newspapers

4242. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government on purchase of newspapers during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the offices of the Union Government and their attached offices functioning five days a week are subscribing the newspapers for all the seven days of a week;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to discontinue to purchase the newspapers on Saturdays and Sundays to effect economy in expenditure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POT-DUKHE): (a) to (d) As per provisions contained in the Delegation of Financial Power Rules, Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India enjoy full powers to purchase non-official publications including books, newspapers, magazines and other periodicals according to their individual requirements. The expenditure on such items is not centrally maintained. Since the objective is to