

1990 (upto 30th June 1990), is given below:—

(i) No. of cases registered for investigations	11,577
(ii) No. of Show Cause Notices including Notices issued in earlier years Adjudicated.	7,619
(iii) Amount of penalties imposed (Rs. in lakhs)	3098.73
(iv) Amount of Indian currency confiscated to Central Government (Rs. in lakhs)	152.59
(v) Amount of Foreign Exchange confiscated to Central Government (Rs. in lakhs)	137.98

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Measures taken to bring down prices of Essential Commodities

2644. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE:
 SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI:
 SHRI B. RAJARAVI VARMA:
 SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of the steps taken by Government to bring down the prices of essential commodities after the presentation of Budget for 1990-91; and

(b) the details of the price index with percentage of increase or decrease of essential commodities before the Budget and after the presentation of the Budget?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The Government has adopted a package of measures to contain price rise. These include a reduction in the budget deficit, strict economy in Government expenditure, distribution of essential commodities through public distribution system, augmenting domestic supplies through imports, as feasible and action against hoarders and black-marketeers.

(b) The requisite information is given in the Statement below.

STATEMENT

Wholesale price indices of selected commodities on 17-3-1990 and 24-3-1990 and Percentage Variation

Commodity	Wholesale Price Index		Percentage variation
	17-3-1990	24-3-1990	24-3-1990/17-3-1990
1	2	3	4
ALL COMMODITIES	169.6	170.6	+0.6
PRIMARY ARTICLES	166.2	166.0	-0.1
FOOD GRAINS	158.8	158.7	-0.1
CEREALS	151.5	150.9	-0.4
Rice	164.3	164.0	-0.2

1	2	3	4
Wheat	138.3	136.8	-1.1
Jowar	127.6	128.5	+0.7
Bajra	123.2	122.3	-0.7
PULSES	204.6	207.2	+1.3
Gram	187.3	190.8	+1.9
Arhar	206.7	209.6	+1.4
Moong	208.1	207.2	-0.4
Masoor	180.0	181.6	+0.9
Urad	250.9	255.5	+1.8
VEGETABLES	159.5	162.8	+2.1
Potatoes	129.1	140.0	+8.4
Onions	102.5	101.0	-1.5
FRUITS	166.9	164.6	-1.4
Milk	202.2	202.2	Steady
EGGS, FISH AND MEAT.	181.8	181.5	-0.2
Eggs	145.8	141.0	-3.3
Fish	179.8	179.2	-0.3
Mutton	209.9	209.9	Steady
CONDIMENTS & SPICES	237.7	238.9	+0.5
Black Pepper	238.7	236.2	-1.0
Chillies	122.3	122.3	Steady
Turmeric	297.4	294.3	-1.0
Raw Cotton	128.7	129.5	+0.6
Raw Jute	360.0	370.3	+2.9
Tea	307.3	288.9	-6.0
Coffee	214.2	220.8	+3.1
OILSEEDS	163.1	163.3	+0.1
Groundnut seed	171.2	170.9	-0.2
Rape & Mustard seed	147.0	149.0	+1.4
FUEL, POWER, LIGHT-LUBRICANTS	157.6	164.9	+4.6
Coal	153.8	253.8	Steady
keCo	162.2	182.2	Steady

1	2	3	4
MINERAL OILS	129.5	141.1	+9.0
Kerosene	129.9	129.9	Steady
Petrol	145.2	168.3	+15.9
High Speed Diesel Oil	119.1	140.7	+18.1
Light Diesel Oil	125.1	125.1	Steady
ELECTRICITY	191.6	191.6	Steady
MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS	173.7	174.3	+0.3
Grain Mill Products	175.3	175.2	-0.1
Maida	163.5	163.5	Steady
Atta	170.8	170.6	-0.1
SUGAR, KHANDASARI & GUR	143.8	146.2	+1.7
Sugar	141.5	141.4	-0.1
Gur	147.6	153.0	+3.7
Salt	156.1	157.5	+0.9
EDIBLE OILS	186.8	186.3	-0.3
Vanaspati	198.8	200.1	+0.7
Groundnut Oil	183.0	179.6	-1.9
Mustard Oil	144.9	143.9	-0.7
Coconut Oil	180.5	180.7	+0.1
Gingelly Oil	202.8	202.0	-0.4
Cottonseed Oil	211.8	212.8	+0.5
TEXTILES	168.9	168.4	-0.3
Cotton Textiles	171.0	170.1	-0.5
Cotton Yarn	192.9	192.5	-0.2
Cotton Cloth (Mills)	154.9	153.3	-1.0
Cotton Cloth (Handloom)	201.6	201.6	Steady
Cotton Cloth (Powerloom)	173.6	179.9	+0.2
Printing Paper (white)	277.1	277.1	Steady
Tyres	148.7	151.2	+1.7
Tubes	158.8	160.4	+1.0
Fertilizer	99.1	99.1	Steady
Drugs and Medicines	147.6	147.6	Steady

1	2	3	4
Laundry Soap	153.3	153.3	Steady
Toilet Soap	200.2	200.2	Steady
Tooth Powder	146.5	146.5	Steady
Tooth Paste	173.0	173.0	Steady
Matches	134.4	134.4	Steady
Cement	157.7	160.7	+1.9
IRON AND STEEL	193.5	195.0	+0.8
FERRO ALLOYS	210.0	210.0	Steady
NON-FERROUS METALS	243.3	244.0	+0.3
Razor Blades	147.2	147.2	Steady
Dry Cells	150.5	148.4	-1.4
Gls Lamps	150.3	150.3	Steady

Improvement in Transport Services in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2645. DR. DAULAT RAO SONU-IL AHÉR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andaman and Nicobar Islands has requested Union Government to improve transport facilities between the Islands and the Mainland;

(b) whether the Andaman and Nicobar administration has submitted plans to make the Islands an attractive tourist spot; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Andaman and Nicobar ad-ministration has submitted following

two proposals for financial assistance by Central Department of Tourism during 1990-91:—

*Estimated cost
(Rs. in lacs)*

1. 60 bedded accommodation at Kalipur in Diglipur zone. 50.00
2. Development of recreational tourism and equipment for water sports. 24.00

Their proposals have been accep-ted in principle.

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Telecast of Film Developmental Work

2646. SHRI UDAYSING RAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCAST-ING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Doordarshan has tele-casting film on developmental work in Pakistan in respect of Industries, Education, etc;

(b) if so, whether on reciprocal basis, the Pakistan Television has ex-hibited any Indian Film with regard