

certain coir products on c.i.f. and c & f contracts. Besides, export promotional measures like participation in Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, market surveys and publicity abroad are being regularly undertaken by the Coir Board to give a boost to the export of coir and products.

Rise in Wholesale Price Index

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the wholesale price index touched a new hike towards the end of February this year;

(b) if so, what are the figures showing the rise in index numbers during January,

increase in the wholesale price index represents mainly a hike in the prices of food articles and other consumer articles like textiles and leather goods; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) & (b) No, Sir, The index at the end of February was 293.4 which is lower than the previous peak of 295.1 on 21st August 1982. The required information on wholesale price Index for the last week of January, February and March in 1982 and 1983 is given below :

(c) & (d) The wholesale Price Index increased by 2.7 per cent between 25-12-1982 and 26-3-1983. Cereals, fruits and vegetables and other food articles and

1982		1983	
Week ended	Wholesale Price Index	Week ended	Wholesale Price Index
26-12-1981	279.7	25-12-1982	287.3
30-1-1982	280.3	29-1-1983	289.9
27-2-1982	277.1	26-2-1983	293.4(P)
27-3-1982	277.1	26-3-1983	295.0(P)

P=Provisional

February and March, 1983 and the corresponding comparative figures for 1982;

(c) whether it is a fact that the in-

textiles together accounted for bulk of the increase as will be seen from the following data :

Commodities	Between week ended 25.12.1982 and 26.3.1983	
	% change	% share
1. Food Articles of which :	7.6	71.6
Cereals	8.2	27.4
Fruits and Vegetables	18.6	33.4
Other Food articles	22.8	12.2
2. Textiles	6.9	22.1
3. Leathure & Leather products	3.9	0.6
All Commodities	2.7	100.0