

India's Assistance to African Countries

*543. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some African countries have asked the Government of India for assistance in the development of those countries;

(b) if so, the names of such countries; and

(c) the nature of assistance sought by them and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b). Our co-operation has been requested in economic development by a growing number of African countries such as Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Gabon, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia, Zaire, etc.

(c) Our co-operation has been sought in the fields of technical assistance, industrial collaboration and extending credit facilities. We respond to these requests favourably, within the limits of our resources.

All India Working Class Consumer Price Index

*545. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state-

(a) the figures of All India working class consumer's Price Index (base 1960-100) and twelve-monthly averages thereof for the last three years, month-wise to-date; and

(b) whether there is considerable delay in the compilation of data, if so, the reasons for the abnormal delay?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) There is no avoidable delay in compilation of such data.

STATEMENT

All India average Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers on base 1960-100.

Months/Year	Consumer Price Index				12 Monthly Average for the period ending			
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1971	1972	1973	1974
January		194	210	264	190.42	203.17	240.50	
February		193	213	267	191.17	204.83	245.00	
March		194	216	275	192.00	206.67	249.90	
April		195	221	283	192.92	208.83	255.08	
May		196	228	294	193.92	211.50	260.58	
June		201	233	301	195.08	214.17	266.85	
July		205	243	311	196.33	217.33	271.92	
August		207	247	327	197.42	220.67	278.08	
September		208	248	334	198.42	224.00	285.25	
October		209	254	335	199.50	227.75	292.00	
November	197	210	259		188.83	200.58	231.83	
December	195	210	260		189.58	201.83	236.00	