

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: I am very clear that the hon. Member should have the satisfaction that this question has been taken up at the highest level i. e. at the level of the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister herself is keen and we are also keen, that we should see that resources are made available. Therefore, there should be no concern about it and there is no question of it at all.

Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme

***235. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a deposit linked insurance scheme for workers covered by Employees' Provident Fund Scheme and the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Bill giving all details has been already introduced in Lok Sabha and is Coming up for discussion

All India Consumer Price Index †

***236. SHRI B. S. BHAURA:
SHRI D. K. PANDA:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Consumer Price Index published by Labour Bureau does not reflect the correct picture of the price fluctuation in the market as has been pointed out by the Central Committee and National Apex Body of the All India Bank Employees' Association;

(b) whether an immediate scrutiny in this regard has been demanded by the same Bank Employees' Association and

(c) if so, the facts and Government's response thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Identical representations relating to alleged faulty Consumer Price Index figures have been received from the All India Bank Employees' Association, the Federation of Indian Bank Employees' Union and many Units of Bank Employees' Unions. The main allegations made out in these representations are—

(i) inaccurate recording of the prices of commodities,

(ii) incongruity of the movement of the Consumer Price Index vis-à-vis the wholesale Price Index, and

(iii) faulty compilation of Consumer Price Index Numbers.

2. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers are being compiled on uniform and scientific lines. In so far as the Consumer Price Index numbers are based on the actual consumption pattern of the workers as ascertained through family budget enquiries, and measure the changes in the retail prices of the goods and services included in the consumption basket. These index numbers do reflect the reality of the expenditure pattern at a given time, and the prevailing trends in the retail prices of the goods and services included in the consumption basket. The position has been explained to the various Bank Employees' Associations and Unions which have sent representations.

श्री भवन मिश्र शौनः स्टेटमेंट में यह दिया गया है कि बैंक एम्प्लॉईज एसोसिएशन तथा दूसरे इण्डियन बैंक एम्प्लॉईज यूनियन्स ने कुछ एजीमेंट्स लगाए हैं। क्या उन एजीमेंट्स की कोई एन्क्रायरी की है? उससे जो इनाक्वोरेंट रेकार्डिंग ग्राफ दी ग्राह-सेज ग्राफ कम्प्यूटरीज की शिकायत है उसके