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### Government Notifications

#### COLOMBO CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX

	Unit	Average, 1952			March, 1954		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
<b>FOOD</b>				125.17		104.24	130.48
Cereals				27.16		128.40	34.87
Rice, rationed	meas	*28.14	25	7.04	55		18.02
Rice, outside ration	meas.	7.37	87	6.41			
Wheat Flour	lb.	†30.77	23	7.08	23		8.34
Meals purchased				8.24		104.56	8.62
<b>Beverages</b>				20.43		111.16	22.71
Tea, B O P.	lb.	.08	222	.18	240		19
Tea, Dust	lb.	.57	200	1.14	219		1.25
Coffee Seed	lb.	.28	310	.87	311		.87
Sugar, Brown	lb.	10.47	50	5.24	60		6.28
Sugar, White	lb.	1.85	57	1.05	67		1.24
Milk, Fresh	bot.		78	2.42	78	100.00	2.42
Milk, Condensed	tin	.88	100	.88	96		.84
Milk Foods				2.19		101.13	2.21
Milk Powder				.27		99.64	.27
Prepared Tea with milk	cup.		6	5.69	7	116.67	6.64
Aerated Water	doz. bot.		216	.50	216	100.00	.50
<b>Condiments</b>				14.49		95.51	13.84
Chilies, dried	lb.	2.11	128	2.70	151		3.19
Corn Meal	lb.	1.32	63	.83	50		.66
Salt	lb.	9.33	6	.56	6		.56
Pepper	lb.	19	504	.96	465		.88
Turmeric	lb.	24	67	16	78		19
Garlic	lb.	39	106	41	104		.41
Vinegar	bot.	25	68	17	67		.17
Mustard	lb.	35	71	.25	112		.39
Spices				2.22		82.42	1.83
Ginger, Dried	lb.	‡ 16	226		143		63.27
Cummin Seed	lb.	‡ 47	124		107		86.29
Fennel Seed	lb.	‡ 21	124		100		80.65
Mathe Seed	lb.	‡ 10	67		62		92.54
Tamarind	lb.		34		38	111.76	
Limes	each	46.50	3.89	1.81	2.24		1.04
Maldive Fish	lb.	1.05	124	1.30	148		1.55
Onions, Red	lb.	4.00	46	1.84	48		1.92
Onions, Bombay	lb.	2.12	40	.85	27		.57

\* The quantity is 32.76 measures.

† The quantity is 36.27 lb.

‡ Weights.

	Unit	Average, 1952			March, 1954		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
Pulses .. .. .	..	..	..	2.29	..	78.59	1.80
Vegetables and Fruits .. .. .	..	..	..	14.28	..	90.55	12.93
Group I (Non-Seasonal) .. .. .	..	..	..	3.93	..	93.69	3.68
Group II (Leaf) .. .. .	..	..	..	1.52	..	99.28	1.51
Group III (Seasonal) .. .. .	..	..	..	6.58	..	81.76	5.38
Yams .. .. .	..	..	..	.21	..	150.00	.32
Fruits, Fresh .. .. .	..	..	..	2.04	..	100.00	2.04
Fats and Oils .. .. .	..	..	..	2.98	..	119.54	3.56
Coconut oil .. .. . bot.	..	3.17	87	2.76	104	..	3.30
Groceries .. .. .	..	..	..	.58	..	98.15	.57
Butter, Fresh .. .. . lb.	..	† 55	301	..	289	96.01	..
Kraft Cheese .. .. . tin	..	† 6	168	..	182	108.33	..
Jam, I. X. L. .. .. . tin	..	† 10	141	..	149	105.67	..
Biscuits, H. & P. Cream Crackers No. 1 .. .. . tm	..	† 29	321	..	313	97.51	..
Meat .. .. .	..	..	..	7.72	..	101.62	7.85
Beef (with bones) .. .. . lb.	..	† 37	74	..	77	104.05	..
Beef (without bones) .. .. . lb.	..	† 32	85	..	89	101.14	..
Mutton (with bones) .. .. . lb.	..	† 20	200	..	199	99.50	..
Mutton (without bones) .. .. . lb.	..	† 11	227	..	224	98.68	..
Fish, fresh and dried .. .. .	..	..	..	20.62	..	80.99	16.70
Fish, fresh .. .. .	..	..	..	10.96	..	75.58	8.28
Fish, dried .. .. .	..	..	..	9.66	..	87.18	8.42
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	6.38	..	110.19	7.03
Coconuts .. .. . each	..	30.32	12.34	3.74	15.45	..	4.68
Papadam .. .. . lb.	..	..	86	.47	82	95.35	.45
Eggs .. .. . each	..	3.85	20	.77	20	..	.77
Potatoes .. .. . lb.	..	4.53	31	1.40	25	..	1.13
FUEL AND LIGHT .. .. .	..	..	..	8.67	..	103.81	9.00
Kerosene oil .. .. . bot.	..	12.94	18	2.33	19	..	2.46
Firewood .. .. . cwt.	..	3.11	185	5.75	188	..	5.85
Matches .. .. . each	..	12.67	3.5	.44	3.5	..	.44
Electricity .. .. .	..	..	..	.15	..	168.67	.25
HOUSE RENT .. .. .	..	..	..	11.52	..	101.53	11.70
CLOTHING .. .. .	..	..	..	19.06	..	79.23	15.09
Sutings .. .. .	..	† 14	..	..	..	101.06	..
Shirtings .. .. .	..	† 13	..	..	..	100.23	..
Sarongs .. .. .	..	† 14	..	..	..	100.95	..
Cambays .. .. .	..	† 1	..	..	..	100.00	..
Vetties .. .. .	..	† 2	..	..	..	98.35	..
Saracs .. .. .	..	† 10	..	..	..	99.27	..
Printed Fabrics .. .. .	..	† 17	..	..	..	98.94	..
Long Cloth .. .. .	..	† 8	..	..	..	99.72	..
Grey Cloth .. .. .	..	† 1	..	..	..	100.00	..
Banians .. .. .	..	† 3	..	..	..	100.00	..
Silk .. .. .	..	† 12	..	..	..	100.89	..
Towels .. .. .	..	† 2	..	..	..	94.87	..
Household Linen .. .. .	..	† 3	..	..	..	102.92	..
MISCELLANEOUS .. .. .	..	..	..	37.83	..	94.71	35.83
Betel and arecanuts .. .. .	..	..	..	3.75	..	88.07	3.30
Tobacco .. .. .	..	..	..	6.41	..	104.00	6.67
Hair dressing and toilet requisites .. .. .	..	..	..	5.05	..	93.01	4.70
Medicine .. .. .	..	..	..	2.41	..	100.05	2.41
Liquor .. .. .	..	..	..	6.69	..	77.49	5.18
Household Goods .. .. .	..	..	..	1.33	..	99.70	1.33
Newspapers .. .. .	..	..	..	1.21	..	100.00	1.21
Education .. .. .	..	..	..	2.19	..	94.98	2.08
Postage .. .. .	..	..	..	.16	..	150.00	.24
Laundry .. .. .	..	..	..	3.39	..	100.00	3.39
Sports and Clubs .. .. .	..	..	..	.15	..	100.00	.15
Entertainment .. .. .	..	..	..	1.28	..	100.00	1.28
Transport .. .. .	..	..	..	3.81	..	102.14	3.89
TOTAL (BUDGET) .. .. .	..	..	..	202.24	..	..	202.10
INDEX NUMBER (Average prices, 1952 = 100) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	99.9	..
† Weights.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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L. D.—B. 80/44.

## THE WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

## Notification

I, Nanda Deva Wijesekera, Acting Director of Census and Statistics, being the competent authority appointed under section 20 (2) (d) of the Wages Boards Ordinance, No. 27 of 1941, as amended by the Wages Boards (Amendment) Ordinance, No. 40 of 1943, by the Minister by notifications published in *Gazettes* No. 9,327 of November 3, 1944, No. 9,591 of August 16, 1946, No. 9,683 of March 21, 1947, No. 9,928 of December 10, 1948, No. 9,963 of April 1, 1949, No. 10,108 of June 2, 1950, and No. 10,541 of June 25, 1953, do hereby declare that the cost of living index number for the month of March, 1954, applicable to workers in each of the trades specified in the Schedule hereto is 99.9.

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Department of Census and Statistics,  
Colombo, 27th March, 1954.

## SCHEDULE

1. The Engineering Trade.
2. The Printing Trade.
3. The Tea Export Trade.
4. The Rubber Export Trade.
5. The Motor Transport Trade.
6. The Match Manufacturing Trade.
7. The Cinema Trade.
8. The Dock, Harbour and Port Transport Trade.
9. The Building Trade.
10. The Tea Growing and Manufacturing Trade.
11. The Cocoa, Cardamom and Pepper Growing and Manufacturing Trade.
12. The Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade.
13. The Coconut Growing Trade.
14. The Coconut Manufacturing Trade.
15. The Plumbago Trade.

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**SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO WORKERS IN THE TEA GROWING AND MANUFACTURING, THE RUBBER GROWING AND MANUFACTURING, THE COCOA, CARDAMOM AND PEPPER GROWING AND MANUFACTURING, THE COCONUT GROWING, THE COCONUT MANUFACTURING, THE PLUMBAGO, THE ENGINEERING, THE PRINTING, THE MOTOR TRANSPORT, THE TEA EXPORT, THE RUBBER EXPORT, THE MATCH MANUFACTURING, THE CINEMA, THE DOCK, HARBOUR AND PORT TRANSPORT, AND THE BUILDING TRADES**

It is hereby notified, under section 20 (2) (b) of the Wages Boards Ordinance, No. 27 of 1941, that the cost of living index number for the above trades for the month of March, 1954, being 99.9, the special allowance payable in respect of the month of April or for a normal working day in the month of April, 1954, as the case may be, will be as follows:—

1. *The Tea Growing and Manufacturing, the Rubber Growing and Manufacturing, and the Cocoa, Cardamom and Pepper Growing and Manufacturing Trades*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	Rs.	c.
Male worker not under 16 years of age	1	9
Female worker not under 15 years of age	0	82
Child worker	0	75

2. *The Coconut Growing and the Coconut Manufacturing Trades*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	Coconut Growing Trade	Coconut Manufacturing Trade
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Male worker not under 18 years of age (including kangany)..	1	9
Female worker not under 18 years of age	0	82
Worker (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age	0	75

3. *The Plumbago Trade*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	Workers other than workers employed in tasks connected with curing and dressing of marketable plumbago	Workers employed in tasks connected with curing and dressing of marketable plumbago
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Male worker not under 18 years of age	1	15
Female worker not under 18 years of age	0	86
Worker (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age..	0	79

4. *Engineering Trade*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	Rs. c.	
Unskilled labourers	1	30
Semi-skilled workers, Grades I and II, Skilled workers, Kanganies and Watchers	1	40
Trade learners and apprentices—		
1st year	0	42
2nd year	0	52
3rd year	0	79
4th year	0	94

5. *Printing Trade*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month	
	Rs. c.	
Class A worker other than learner or apprentice	77	0
Class B worker other than learner or apprentice	59	0
Class C Grade I worker other than learner or apprentice	50	0
Class C Grade II worker other than learner or apprentice	45	42
Class D worker other than learner or apprentice	41	0
Class E worker	38	79
Class F worker	21	20
Class G worker	41	0

	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Class A learner or apprentice	..24 10	..31 80	39 50	..50 80	62 60
Class B learner or apprentice	..18 70	..30 0	..35 90	..44 42	.. —
Class C Grade I learner or apprentice	..20 50	..25 42	..30 50	..37 79	.. —
Class C Grade II learner or apprentice	..18 70	..23 21	..27 72	..34 31	.. —
Class D learner or apprentice	..16 90	..21 0	..25 10	..31 0	.. —

6. Motor Transport Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance	
	For the month	For a normal working day in the month
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Classes A, B, D and F	.. 41 0	.. 1 75
Class C	.. 38 50	.. 1 75
Class E	.. 36 0	.. 1 50
Classes G and H	.. 37 40	.. 1 75
Class K	.. 28 25	.. 1 3
Classes I and J	.. 37 40	.. —

7. Tea Export and Rubber Export Trades

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day
	Rs. c.
A. Male workers not under 18 years of age—	
Grade II	.. 1 30
Intermediate Grade, Grade I, Box makers and repairers (applicable to tea export trade only), and Watchers	1 40
B. Female workers not under 18 years of age	.. 1 18
C. Workers (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age—	
Over 14 years but under 15 years	.. 0 82
Over 15 years but under 16 years	.. 0 87
Over 16 years but under 17 years	.. 0 92
Over 17 years but under 18 years	.. 1 2

8. Match Manufacturing Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	For men	For women
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
A. Adults (18 years and over)—		
Grades I and II	.. 1 40	.. 1 30
Grade III	.. 1 30	.. 1 18
Grade IV	.. 1 40	.. —
		Irrespective of sex
B. Young persons—		Rs. c.
Over 14 years and under 17 years	.. 0 84	
17 years and over but under 18 years	.. 1 2	

9. Cinema Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month
	Rs. c.
A. Non-Clerical—	
Unskilled workers	.. 33 60
Semi-skilled workers	.. 36 20
Skilled workers, Grades I and II	.. 38 2
B. Clerical—	
Grade III	.. 34 0
Grade II	.. 37 0
Grade I	.. 42 0

10. Dock, Harbour and Port Transport Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month
	Rs. c.
Manual Work—	
Special Grade	.. 31 75
Skilled Grade	.. 27 75
Semi-skilled Grade, Unskilled Grades I and II, and women workers	.. 24 75
Non-manual Work—	
Special Grade	.. 37 0
Grade I	.. 27 75

11. Building Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day
	Rs. c.
Unskilled labourers	.. 1 30
Semi-skilled Grade II, Semi-skilled Grade I and skilled workers	.. 1 40

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Colombo, 29th March, 1954.

**DEARNESS ALLOWANCE PAYABLE ON ESTATES TO LABOURERS TO WHOM WAGES BOARDS DECISIONS DO NOT APPLY**

IT is hereby notified for general information that the dearness allowance payable for each working day in March, 1954, to labourers to whom minimum wages under the Wages Boards Ordinance are not payable is as follows :—

	Up-Country Cents	Mid-Country Cents	Low-Country Cents
A male labourer	.. 75	.. 73	.. 70
A female labourer	.. 60	.. 58	.. 56
A child labourer	.. 60	.. 58	.. 56

The classification of an estate as Up, Mid, or Low shall be as in Notification No 281 of December 21, 1940, published in *Government Gazette* of December 23, 1940.

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