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### Government Notifications

#### COLOMBO CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX

	Unit	Average, 1952			January, 1955		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
<b>FOOD</b>				125.17		107.09	134.05
<b>Cereals</b>				27.16		135.31	36.75
Rice, rationed	meas.	*28.14	35	7.04	55		26.68
Rice, outside ration	meas.	7.37	87	6.41			
Wheat Flour	lb.	†30.77	23	7.08	23		1.10
purchased				8.24		104.56	8.62
res				20.43		114.44	23.38
Tea, B O P.	lb.	.08	222	.18	345		.28
Tea, Dust	lb.	.57	200	1.14	319		1.82
Coffee Seed	lb.	.28	310	.97	318		.89
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	95		.84
Milk Foods				2.19		100.32	2.20
Milk Powder				.27		99.27	.27
Prepared Tea with milk	cup.			5.69	7	116.67	6.64
Aerated Water	doz. bot.		216	.50	216	100.00	.50
<b>Condiments</b>				14.49		102.21	14.81
Chillies, dried	lb.	2.11	128	2.70	139		2.93
Coriander	lb.	1.32	63	.83	53		.70
Salt	lb.	9.33	6	.56	6		.56
Pepper	lb.	.19	504	.96	290		.55
Turmeric	lb.	.24	67	.16	127		.30
Garlic	lb.	.39	106	.41	85		.33
Vinegar	bot.	.25	68	.17	68		.17
Mustard	lb.	.35	71	.25	342		1.20
Spices				2.22		81.31	1.81
Ginger, Dried	lb.	† 16	226		177	78.32	
Cummin Seed	lb.	† 47	124		102	82.26	
Fennel Seed	lb.	† 21	124		89	71.77	
Mathe Seed	lb.	† 16	67		63	94.03	
Tamarind	lb.		34	.43	46	135.29	.58
Limes	each	46.50	3.89	1.81	3.67		1.71
Maldive Fish	lb.	1.05	124	1.30	149		1.56
Onions, Red	lb.	4.00	46	1.84	49		1.96
Onions, Bombay	lb.	2.12	40	.85	21		.45

\* The quantity is 48.51 meas.

† The quantity is 4.77 lbs.

‡ Weights.

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		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.		
Pulses ..	..	..	..	2.29	..	71.60	1.64		
Vegetables and Fruits ..	..	..	..	14.28	..	99.65	14.23		
Group I (Non-Seasonal) ..	..	..	..	3.93	..	109.84	4.32		
Group II (Leaf) ..	..	..	..	1.52	..	105.15	1.60		
Group III (Seasonal) ..	..	..	..	6.53	..	90.85	5.98		
Yams ..	..	..	..	.21	..	138.48	.29		
Fruits, Fresh ..	..	..	..	2.04	..	100.00	2.04		
Fats and Oils ..	..	..	..	2.98	..	105.75	3.15		
Coconut oil ..	.. bot.	..	..	3.17	87	2.76	92	2.92	
Groceries ..	..	..	..	..	..	99.41	..58		
Butter, Fresh ..	.. lb.	..	..	‡ 55	301	..	290	96.35	
Kraft Cheese ..	.. tin	..	..	‡ 6	168	..	195	116.07	
Jam, I. X. L. ..	.. tin	..	..	‡ 10	141	..	155	109.93	
Biscuits, H. & P. Cream Crackers No. 1 ..	.. tin	..	..	‡ 29	321	..	315	98.13	
Meat ..	..	..	..	..	..	7.72	..	100.08	7.73
Beef (with bones) ..	.. lb.	..	..	‡ 37	74	..	76	102.70	
Beef (without bones) ..	.. lb.	..	..	‡ 32	88	..	89	101.14	
Mutton (with bones) ..	.. lb.	..	..	‡ 20	200	..	192	96.00	
Mutton (without bones) ..	.. lb.	..	..	‡ 11	227	..	217	95.59	
Fish, fresh and dried ..	..	..	..	..	..	20.62	..	81.81	16.87
Fish, fresh ..	..	..	..	..	..	10.96	..	74.50	8.17
Fish, dried ..	..	..	..	..	..	9.66	..	90.05	8.70
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	..	6.38	..	98.59	6.29
Coconuts ..	.. each	..	..	30.32	12.34	3.74	13.00	96.51	3.94
Papadam ..	.. lb.	..	..	..	86	.47	83	..	.45
Eggs ..	.. each	..	..	3.85	20	.77	21	..	.81
Potatoes ..	.. lb.	..	..	4.53	31	1.40	24	..	1.09
FUEL AND LIGHT ..	..	..	..	..	..	8.67	..	101.61	8.81
Kerosene oil ..	.. bot.	..	..	12.94	18	2.33	19	..	2.46
Firewood ..	.. cwt.	..	..	3.11	185	5.75	182	..	5.66
Matches ..	.. each	..	..	12.67	3.5	.44	3.5	..	.44
Electricity ..	..	..	..	..	..	.15	..	166.67	.25
HOUSE RENT ..	..	..	..	..	..	11.52	..	101.53	11.70
CLOTHING ..	..	..	..	..	..	19.05	..	80.26	15.29
Suits ..	..	..	..	‡ 14	..	..	..	101.05	..
Shirts ..	..	..	..	‡ 13	..	..	..	100.63	..
Sarongs ..	..	..	..	‡ 14	..	..	..	100.02	..
Cambays ..	..	..	..	‡ 1	..	..	..	100.91	..
Vetties ..	..	..	..	‡ 2	..	..	..	100.91	..
Saroes ..	..	..	..	‡ 10	..	..	..	100.34	..
Printed Fabrics ..	..	..	..	‡ 17	..	..	..	100.69	..
Long Cloth ..	..	..	..	‡ 8	..	..	..	100.55	..
Grey Cloth ..	..	..	..	‡ 1	..	..	..	100.00	..
Banians ..	..	..	..	‡ 3	..	..	..	95.15	..
Silk ..	..	..	..	‡ 12	..	..	..	99.46	..
Towels ..	..	..	..	‡ 2	..	..	..	101.70	..
Household Linen ..	..	..	..	‡ 3	..	..	..	99.67	..
MISCELLANEOUS ..	..	..	..	..	..	37.83	..	93.58	35.40
Betel and arcanuts ..	..	..	..	..	..	3.75	..	85.15	3.19
Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	6.41	..	104.00	6.67
Hair dressing and toilet requisites ..	..	..	..	..	..	5.05	..	90.43	4.57
Medicine ..	..	..	..	..	..	2.41	..	100.89	2.43
Liquor ..	..	..	..	..	..	6.69	..	77.49	5.18
Household Goods ..	..	..	..	..	..	1.33	..	98.81	1.31
Newspapers ..	..	..	..	..	..	1.21	..	100.00	1.21
Education ..	..	..	..	..	..	2.19	..	91.78	2.01
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	..	98.91	3.77
TOTAL (BUDGET) ..	..	..	..	..	..	202.24	..	..	205.25
INDEX NUMBER (Average prices, 1952 = 100) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.5	..

‡ Weights.

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**THE WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE**

**Notification**

I, Herman Eric Peries, 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 January, 1955, applicable to workers in each of the trades specified in the Schedule hereto 101 5

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Colombo, 29th January, 1955

**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 Board Ordinance, No. 27 of 1941, that the cost of living index number for the above trades for the month of January, 1955, being 101 5, the special allowance payable in respect of the month of February or for a normal working day in the month of February, 1955, 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 12
Female worker not under 15 years of age	0 84
Child worker	0 77

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

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day	
	Coconut Growing Trade Rs. c.	Coconut Manufacturing Trade Rs. c.
Male worker not under 18 years of age (including kangany)..	1 12	1 30
Female worker not under 18 years of age.	0 84	0 97
Worker (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age	0 77	0 90

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 Rs. c.	Workers employed in tasks connected with curing and dressing of marketable plumbago Rs. c.
Male worker not under 18 years of age	1 18	1 38
Female worker not under 18 years of age	0 88	1 8
Worker (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age	0 81	1 1

4. *Engineering Trade*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day Rs. c.
Unskilled labourers	1 33
Semi-skilled workers, Grades I and II, Skilled workers, Kanganies and Watchers	1 43
Trade learners and apprentices—	
1st year	0 43
2nd year	0 53
3rd year	0 81
4th year	0 96

5. *Printing Trade*

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month Rs. c.
Class A worker other than learner or apprentice	79 0
Class B worker other than learner or apprentice	60 50
Class C, Grade I worker other than learner or apprentice	51 25
Class C, Grade II worker other than learner or apprentice	46 54
Class D worker other than learner or apprentice	42 0
Class E worker	39 73
Class F worker	21 65
Class G worker	42 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 70	32 60	40 50	52 10	64 20
Class B learner or apprentice	19 15	30 75	36 80	45 54	—
Class C, Grade I learner or apprentice	21 0	26 4	31 25	38 73	—
Class C, Grade II learner or apprentice	19 15	23 77	28 39	35 15	—
Class D learner or apprentice	17 30	21 50	25 70	31 75	—

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	42 0	1 80
Class C	39 50	1 80
Class E	37 0	1 55
Classes G and H	38 30	1 80
Class K	29 0	1 6
Classes I and J	38 30	—

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 33
Intermediate Grade, Grade I, Box makers and repairers (applicable to tea export trade only), and watchers	1 43
B. Female workers not under 18 years of age	1 21
C. Workers (irrespective of sex) under 18 years of age—	
Over 14 years but under 15 years	0 84
Over 15 years but under 16 years	0 89
Over 16 years but under 17 years	0 94
Over 17 years but under 18 years	1 4

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 43	1 33
Grade III	1 33	1 21
Grade IV	1 43	—
		Irrespective of sex
		Rs. c.
B. Young persons—		
Over 14 years and under 17 years		0 85
17 years and over but under 18 years		1 4

Cinema Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month
	Rs. c.
A. Non-Clerical—	
Unskilled workers	34 38
Semi-skilled workers	36 98
Skilled workers, Grades I and II	38 80
B. Clerical—	
Grade III	34 50
Grade II	37 50
Grade I	42 50

10. Dock, Harbour and Port Transport Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for the month
	Rs. c.
Manual Work—	
Special Grade	32 50
Skilled Grade	28 50
Semi-skilled Grade, Unskilled Grades I and II and women workers	25 50
Non-manual Work—	
Special Grade	38 0
Grade I	28 50

11. Building Trade

Class of Worker	Special allowance for a normal working day
	Rs. c.
Unskilled labourers	1 33
Semi-skilled Grade II, Semi-skilled Grade I and Skilled workers	1 43

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Commissioner of Labour.

Colombo, January 29, 1955.

**DEARNNESS 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 January 1955, to labourers to whom minimum wages under the Wages Boards Ordinance are not payable is as follows:—

	Up-Country	Mid-Country	Low-country
	Cents	Cents	Cents
A Male labourer	77	74	71
A Female labourer	61	59	57
A child labourer	61	59	57

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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