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Appointments, &c., by the Governor-General

No. 499 of 1954

G. G. O. No. C 162/49.

IT is hereby notified that the GOVERNOR-GENERAL has been pleased, under section 51 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1947, to appoint MERENNA FRANCIS DE SILVA JAYARATNE, Esquire, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Works, to act, in addition to his own duties, as Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries, with effect from October 25, 1954, during the absence out of the Island of SAMSON FELIX AMERASINGHE, Esquire, O.B.E., Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries.

Governor-General's Office,
Colombo, October 28, 1954.

By His Excellency's command,

N. W. ATUKORALA,
Secretary to the Governor-General.

Government Notifications

COLOMBO CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX

	Unit	Average, 1952			October, 1954		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
FOOD				126.17		106.45	133.24
Cereals				27.16		128.40	34.87
Rice, rationed	meas.	38.14	25	7.04	55		18.02
Rice, outside ration	meas.	7.37	87	6.41			
Wheat Flour	lb.	130.77	23	7.08	23		8.34
Meals purchased				8.24		104.56	8.62
Beverages				20.43		112.48	22.98
Tea, B. O. P.	lb.	.08	222	.18	267		.21
Tea, Dust	lb.	.57	200	1.14	250		1.43
Coffee Seed	lb.	.28	310	.87	340		.95
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		100.65	2.20
Milk Powder				.27		99.27	.27
Prepared Tea with milk	sup.		6	5.69	7	116.67	6.64
Aerated Water	doz. bot.		216	.50	216	100.00	.50

* The quantity is 32.76 meas.

† The quantity is 36.27 lb.

	Unit	Average, 1952			October, 1954		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
Condiments				14.49		112.42	16.29
Chillies, dried	lb.	2.11	128	2.70	148		3.12
Coriander	lb.	1.32	68	.83	52		.69
Salt	lb.	9.33	6	.58	6		.56
Pepper	lb.	.19	504	.96	309		.59
Turmeric	lb.	.24	67	.16	100		.24
Garlic	lb.	.39	106	.41	92		.36
Vinegar	bot.	.25	68	.17	67		.17
Mustard	lb.	.35	71	.25	247		.86
Spices				2.22		83.02	1.84
Ginger, Dried	lb.	† 16	226		173		76.55
Cumin Seed	lb.	† 47	124		107		86.20
Fennel Seed	lb.	† 21	124		91		78.39
Mathe Seed	lb.	† 16	67		62		92.54
Tamarind	lb.		34	.43	42	123.53	
Limes	each	46.50	3.89	1.81	7.24		3.37
Maldiva Fish	lb.	1.05	124	1.39	150		1.58
Onions, Red	lb.	4.00	46	1.84	49		1.96
Onions, Bombay	lb.	2.12	40	.85	20		.42
Pulses				2.29		73.97	1.69
Vegetables and Fruits				14.28		87.89	12.55
Group I (Non-Seasonal)				3.93		102.80	4.04
Group II (Leaf)				1.52		95.21	1.45
Group III (Seasonal)				6.58		71.88	4.73
Yams				.21		138.46	.29
Fruits, Fresh				2.04		100.00	2.04
Fats and Oils				2.98		106.90	3.19
Coconut oil	bot.	3.17	87	2.76	93		2.95
Groceries				.58		97.92	.57
Butter, Fresh	lb.	† 55	301		289		96.01
Kraft Cheese	tin	† 6	163		180		107.14
Jam, I. K. L.	tin	† 10	141		148		104.96
Biscuits, H. & P. Cream Crackers No. 1	tin	† 29	321		312		97.20
Meat				7.72		100.53	7.76
Beef (with bones)	lb.	† 37	74		76		102.70
Beef (without bones)	lb.	† 32	88		89		101.14
Mutton (with bones)	lb.	† 20	209		195		97.50
Mutton (without bones)	lb.	† 11	227		220		96.92
Fish, fresh and dried				20.62		88.94	18.34
Fish, fresh				10.96		87.95	9.64
Fish, dried				9.66		90.03	8.70
Miscellaneous				6.38		100.00	6.38
Coconuts	each	30.22	12.34	3.74	13.00		3.94
Papadam	lb.		86	.47	83		96.51
Eggs	each	3.85	20	.77	21		.81
Potatoes	lb.	4.53	31	1.40	26		1.18
FUEL AND LIGHT				8.67		104.15	9.03
Kerosene oil	bot.	12.94	18	2.33	19		2.46
Firewood	owt.	3.11	185	5.75	189		5.88
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		79.86	15.21
Suitings		† 14				99.10	
Shirts		† 13				100.04	
Sarongs		† 14				100.03	
Camboys		† 1				100.00	
Vettes		† 2				98.83	
Sarees		† 10				100.57	
Printed Fabrics		† 17				101.34	
Long Cloth		† 8				99.97	
Grey Cloth		† 1				100.00	
Banians		† 3				100.15	
Silk		† 12				99.75	
Towels		† 2				100.77	
Household Linen		† 3				100.78	

† Weights.

	Unit	Average, 1952			October, 1954		
		Quantity	Price Cents	Value Rs.	Price Cents	Index	Value Rs.
MISCELLANEOUS	37.83	..	94.08	35.59
Betel and arecanuts	3.75	..	84.81	3.13
Tobacco	6.41	..	104.00	6.67
Hair dressing and toilet requisites	5.05	..	91.17	4.60
Medicine	2.41	..	104.06	2.51
Liquor	6.69	..	77.49	5.18
Household Goods	1.33	..	100.29	1.33
Newspapers	1.21	..	100.00	1.21
Education	2.19	..	95.43	2.09
Postage16	..	150.00	.24
Laundry	3.39	..	100.00	3.39
Sports and Clubs15	..	100.00	.15
Entertainment	1.28	..	100.00	1.28
Transport	3.81	..	98.80	3.76
TOTAL (BUDGET)	202.24	204.77
INDEX NUMBER (Average prices, 1952 = 100)..	101.3	..

N. D. WIJESSEKERA,
Acting Director of Census and Statistics.

Department of Census and Statistics,
P. O. Box 563,
Colombo, October 28, 1954.

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. 9,965 of April 7, 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 October, 1954, applicable to workers in each of the trades specified in the Schedule hereto is 101.3.

N. D. WIJESSEKERA,
Acting Director of Census and Statistics.

Colombo, 28th October, 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.

L. D.—B. 80/44.

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 AND 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 October, 1954, being 101.3, the special allowance payable in respect of the month of November or for a normal working day in the month of November, 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	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	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 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

Class of Worker	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	

9. *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*

<i>Class of Worker</i>	<i>Special allowance for the month</i>	<i>Rs. c.</i>
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*

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

M. RAJANAYAGAM,
Commissioner of Labour

Colombo, October 28, 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 October, 1954, to labourers to whom minimum wages under the Wages Boards Ordinance are not payable is as follows —

	<i>Up-Country Cents</i>	<i>Mid-Country Cents</i>	<i>Low-Country Cents</i>
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.

M. RAJANAYAGAM,
Commissioner of Labour.

Department of Labour,
Colombo 3, October 28, 1954.

G. G. O. No. N. 70/54.

By His Excellency Sir OLIVER ERNEST GOONETILLEKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Ceylon and its Dependencies

Seal.

O. E. GOONETILLEKE.

To · SHRI KONNANATH RAMA KRISHNA MENON,
THEODORE DUNCAN PERERA, Esquire, C.M.G.,
JEGANATHAN TYAGARAJA, Esquire,
DONALD GEORGE MCPHERSON, Esquire.

Greetings

WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary to appoint a Commission for the purposes hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, I, Oliver Ernest Goonetilleke, Governor-General, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948, by these presents appoint you, the said Konnanath Rama Krishna Menon, Theodore Duncan Perera, Jeganathan Tyagaraja and Donald George McPherson to be my Commissioners for the following purposes —

- (1) to examine the incidence of the taxes levied for the purposes of the Ceylon Government and of local government in Ceylon,
- (2) to examine the suitability of the present system of taxation in Ceylon with reference to—
 - (a) the development programme of Ceylon and the resources required for it, and
 - (b) the objective of reducing inequalities of income and wealth :
- (3) to examine the effects of the structure and level of taxation of income on capital formation and the maintenance and development of productive enterprise,
- (4) to examine the use of taxation in dealing with inflation or deflation,
- (5) to consider any matters relevant to any of the aforesaid matters; and
- (6) to make recommendations, in particular, with regard to—
 - (a) modifications, if any, required in the present system of taxation, and
 - (b) fresh bases of taxation

And I do hereby appoint you, the said Konnanath Rama Krishna Menon, to be the Chairman of the said Commission :

And I do hereby authorise and empower you, the said Commissioners, to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me, as early as possible, a report thereon under your hands .

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters as you may in your discretion determine shall not be held in public .

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons, to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries and investigations, to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be rendered and furnished in that behalf.

Given at Colombo, under the Seal of this Island, this Twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-four.

By His Excellency's command,

N. W. ATUKORALA,
Secretary to the Governor-General.