

# Current Statistics

BANKING RETURNS (Rs Crores)					CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES YIELD (in Rs lakhs)				
	Latest Week Available†	A Week ago	A Month ago	A Year ago	1952			Monthly Average	
					Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	1951	1950
<b>Reserve Bank</b>									
Notes in circulation	1138.01	1136.11	1129.20	1157.52	13,18	12,98	15,96	18,49	10,42
Total notes issued	1149.27	1149.46	1140.30	1178.84	28	23	26	25	35
Foreign securities	578.15	578.15	568.15	603.15	3,71	3,80	4,88	6,84	2,15
Rupee coin	81.24	81.43	82.27	67.54	1,35	99	1,35	4,73	1,27
Rupee securities	449.86	449.86	449.86	468.13	9,08	8,85	10,59	11,30	7,79
<b>Deposits</b>									
Central Government	147.51	139.72	157.40	180.73	15	14	16	18	11
Other Governments	1.44	10.48	1.02	17.80	17	20	25	29	37
Banks	43.44	43.50	45.44	48.43	1,63	1,66	2,75	1,98	1,50
Others	63.66	64.96	65.04	67.05	4,55	5,62	5,72	6,95	6,39
<b>Bills purchased and discounted</b>	9.53	10.77	16.56	2.42	12	10	9	16	14
Balances held abroad	146.81	146.23	152.00	118.44	33	35	28	56	56
Loans and Advances to Governments	3.55	3.30	4.48	5.15	44	42	46	68	67
Other loans and advances	18.37	17.54	15.61	69.23	1,47	1,88	1,91	2,49	2,60
Investments	100.20	100.30	100.09	101.67					
<b>Scheduled Banks</b>									
Demand Deposits	526.48	525.46	525.00	566.53					
Time Deposits	314.81	315.78	315.27	290.10					
Total Deposits	841.09	841.24	840.27	856.63					
<b>Borrowings from Reserve Bank</b>	9.38	4.15	6.48	48.11					
of which									
Against Usance Bills	3.24	1.74	0.74	13.63					
Cash in India	33.35	31.25	32.09	33.63					
Balances with Reserve Bank	41.62	42.47	41.96	44.73					
Advances	459.64	456.17	463.05	539.24					
Bills discounted in India	51.20	46.66	34.53	47.43					
Investments	300.90	301.21	307.45	296.62					
<b>Imperial Bank</b>									
Deposits and other accounts	208.87	209.89	207.96	231.61					
Investments	81.24	81.24	81.94	85.57					
of which									
Government and Trustee Securities	70.06	70.08	71.18	71.91					
Other authorised Investments	11.16	11.16	10.76	13.66					
Loans, Advances, Cash Credits and Overdrafts	106.08	105.77	110.36	135.34					
Bills Discounted and Purchased	21.95	21.33	13.36	28.50					
Cash, balances with other banks & money at call	16.95	16.00	17.16	26.07					
† Reserve Bank and Imperial Bank week ended 13-3-53, Scheduled Banks week ended 6-3-53.									

	1952			Monthly Average	
	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	1951	1950
<b>Customs: (total)</b>	13,18	12,98	15,96	18,49	10,42
Land customs	28	23	26	25	35
Export customs	3,71	3,80	4,88	6,84	2,15
of which					
Jute	1,35	99	1,35	4,73	1,27
Import customs	9,08	8,85	10,59	11,30	7,79
of which					
Spirits & Liquors	15	14	16	18	11
Tobacco	17	20	25	29	37
Motor spirit	1,63	1,66	2,75	1,98	1,50
<b>Central Excise: (total)</b>	4,55	5,62	5,72	6,95	6,39
of which					
Motor spirit	12	10	9	16	14
Sugar	33	35	28	56	56
Matches	44	42	46	68	67
Tobacco	1,47	1,88	1,91	2,49	2,60

Source: Monthly Abstract of Statistics

RAILWAY MOVEMENTS AND EARNINGS (Daily Averages)					
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	1951	1950
	'53	'52	'52		
<b>Wagons Loaded *</b>					
Coal and coke†	7,158	7,497	7,570	6,815	6,459
Grains and pulses	2,320	2,259	2,372	2,702	2,240
Oilseeds	627	512	491	410	474
Cotton	515	21,222	20,251	19,848	19,128
<b>Total</b>	34,133	31,869	31,051	30,209	28,691
<b>Tonnage Lifted‡</b>	276,516	261,935	226,700	253,333	240,315
<b>Earnings (Rs lakhs)</b>					
Goods	40.6	38.5	39.2	40.8	38.7
Coachings	30.2	29.6	30.5	34.3	30.8
Others	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3
<b>Total</b>	71.6	69.1	70.1	76.2	70.8

\* All wagons equated to MG wagons (1 BG = 2 MG wagons).  
 † Excludes traffic loaded for home line consumption.  
 ‡ From June 30, 1951 excludes military traffic.

Source: Weekly Bulletin of Statistics

## BOMBAY BULLION (Closing Quotations)

	Week ending			Week's range		Last week	Pre-war
	19-3-53			High	Low	12-3-53	3-9-39
Gold Spot (per fine tola)	...	...	84 14 0	88 2 0	83 13 0	87 7 0	39 2 0
" Forward " "	...	...	84 15 0	88 0 0	83 14 0	87 7 0	39 2 0
Silver Spot (per 100 tolas)	...	...	160 0 0	165 8 0	158 4 0	164 12 0	50 10 0
" Forward " "	...	...	160 8 0	166 1 0	158 8 0	165 5 0	50 10 0
Sovereign	...	...	55 12 0	56 0 0	55 6 0	56 8 0	24 0 0

## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS

(Base: Year ended August 1939=100) \*

Group and Sub-Group	Week ended 7-3-53	A Week Ago	A Month Ago	A Year Ago	Quarterly Averages 1952				Annual Averages			
					IV	III	II	I	1951	1950	1949	1948
<b>I. Food Articles</b>	<b>363.4</b>	<b>364.3*</b>	<b>361.4</b>	<b>339.5</b>	<b>355.3</b>	<b>369.5</b>	<b>345.5</b>	<b>339.3</b>	<b>409.8</b>	<b>410.4</b>	<b>389.2</b>	<b>374.1</b>
Cereals	432*	430	434	489	440	460	444	472	483	471	465	443
Pulses	552*	606	602	413	543	502	427	504	506	499	438	424
Others	242*	239	230	205	219	232	209	266	290	313	275	268
<b>II. Industrial Raw</b>												
<b>Materials</b>	<b>442.6</b>	<b>445.3</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>406.5</b>	<b>434.4</b>	<b>447.1</b>	<b>426.7</b>	<b>578.3</b>	<b>608.2</b>	<b>503.0</b>	<b>463.9</b>	<b>430.5</b>
Fibres	410	410	399	411	409	434	442	598	622	476	446	432
Oilseeds	540	536	514	393	495	500	428	625	679	665	593	499
Minerals	425	456	462	448	459	459	459	436	426	350	329	307
Others	358	362	361	377	364	317	295	—	533	389	357	346
<b>III. Semi-Manufactures</b>	<b>348.0</b>	<b>347.8†</b>	<b>346.8†</b>	<b>342.9</b>	<b>347.5</b>	<b>350.0</b>	<b>330.7</b>	<b>371.6</b>	<b>377.5</b>	<b>340.9</b>	<b>328.1</b>	<b>316.8</b>
Leather	429	426	411	347	407	377	281	406	453	354	312	304
Mineral Oils	223	223	223	218	225	224	219	204	197	194	186	174
Vegetable Oils	473	469	453†	392	440	469	418	624	679	686	611	522
Cotton Yarn	446*	446	441*	498*	445	453	467	437	483	411	430	443
Metals	227	227	228	202	227	219	198	199	197	177	173	170
Oilcakes	402	416	416	418*	435	456	419	434	500	470	403	401
Others	211	211	249	288	255	271	265	322	330	311	258	245
<b>IV. Manufactures</b>	<b>368.8</b>	<b>368.1</b>	<b>367.2†</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>373.6</b>	<b>368.1</b>	<b>375.3</b>	<b>402.4</b>	<b>395.5</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>343.9</b>	<b>340.6</b>
Textiles	407	406	404	440	411	405	424	479	468	402	398	404
Metal Products	336	336	336	311	342	329	311	284	285	268	262	238
Others	288	288	288	302	293	297	299	306	300	273	269	264
<b>V. Miscellaneous</b>	<b>593.4</b>	<b>591.6</b>	<b>601.0</b>	<b>650.1</b>	<b>630.9</b>	<b>631.6</b>	<b>594.8</b>	<b>727.8</b>	<b>729.8</b>	<b>683.1</b>	<b>545.6</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>382.9</b>	<b>383.1</b>	<b>380.2</b>	<b>374.6</b>	<b>381.2</b>	<b>386.8</b>	<b>373.2</b>	<b>439.3</b>	<b>439.3</b>	<b>400.7</b>	<b>381.1</b>	<b>367</b>

\* Estimated. † Revised.

## COAL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

(Monthly averages or calendar months)

(in 000's tons)

	DESPATCHES													
	Raisings	Total	Indian bunkers & exports	Railways	Electric supply companies	Iron & steel works	Cement	Cotton mills	Jute mills	Engineering	Paper mills	Chemical industries	Brick burning	Stock at pit-head
1948	2,485	2,155	146	796	160	239	56	156	53	19	34	12	57	2,262
1949	2,621	2,339	127	841	174	279	62	150	48	23	36	12	102	1,427
1950	2,666	2,235	140	825	187	302	77	139	48	30	38	16	143	2,008
1951	2,859	2,626	213	865	195	320	100	134	41	28	40	14	112	2,646
1951														
July	2,530	2,509	241	974	201	335	110	129	41	27	40	15	9	2,942
Aug.	2,822	2,675	247	1,016	231	311	123	143	48	26	45	15	75	2,696
Sept.	2,909	2,597	250	876	209	303	116	146	47	32	44	14	150	2,597
Oct.	2,794	2,565	194	860	199	312	105	133	48	31	45	19	192	2,471
Nov.	2,929	2,493	318	929	220	408	113	138	49	30	45	20	91	2,534
Dec.	3,070	2,481	269	890	189	305	107	125	39	30	40	16	51	2,646
1952														
Jan.	3,185	2,454	232	914	187	311	92	131	40	30	44	14	37	2,988
Feb.	3,218	2,432	247	859	177	285	92	145	47	28	38	17	47	3,378
Mar.	3,068	2,508	230	907	180	303	88	142	48	18	37	16	80	3,582
Apr.	3,185	2,513	259	947	182	279	9	143	43	18	43	17	47	3,874
May	3,174	2,567	237	947	193	279	101	148	42	15	41	13	64	4,120
June	2,849	2,464	188	949	192	265	99	147	36	16	42	13	67	4,137
July	2,860	2,566	191	978	196	296	108	147	37	19	49	17	43	4,009
August	2,833	2,773	223	987	225	306	125	142	56	24	54	21	15	3,622
Sept.	2,765	2,632	198	939	199	284	132	143	45	21	48	15	125	3,349
Oct.	2,975	2,756	236	969	217	319	131	150	45	21	47	19	163	3,169
Nov.	2,884	2,684	225	935	220	306	122	151	47	23	51	19	117	2,976
Dec.	....	....	165	951	222	312	124	154	49	25	47	19	147	—

\* Stocks at the end of the period.

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## **Industrial Progress In India**

One of the amenities which make a 'civilized' township is the availability to all its citizens of a convenient and adequate supply of water. Some urban areas are fortunate in having a suitable source on their doorsteps; others obtain much of their water from wells; still others have to have water brought from a distant reservoir.

The Romans were the first to achieve fame as builders of aqueducts, the oldest being that of Appius Claudius which was built well over two thousand years ago. An interesting recent example of a water supply system is the series of huge concrete catchment areas built on the eastern slopes of Gibraltar to provide "the Rock" with this necessity of life.

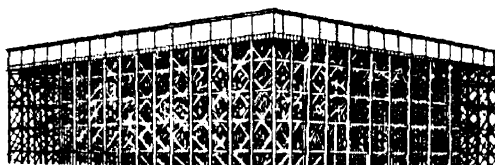
In Northern India waterworks were built in many thriving centres towards the end of the last century. In 1892, with past experience of pipelaying contracts and the installation of the Allahabad Waterworks scheme, Acquin Martin and Rajendra Nath Mookerjee formed a partnership in the name of Martin & Co. and soon secured contracts for installations at Lucknow, Banaras, Meerut and Naini Tal; in fact, at one time every major waterworks scheme between Calcutta and Peshawar had been built and equipped by Martin & Co.

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