

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS
(Base : Year ended August 1939—100)

Group and Sub-Group	Week ended 21-3-53	A Week Ago	A Month Ago	A Year Ago	Quarterly Averages 1952				Annual Averages			
					IV	III	II	I	1951	1950	1949	1948
I. Food Articles	366.6	368.6	361.0	345.7	355.3	369.5	345.5	339.3	409.8	410.4	389.2	374.1
Cereals	439	439	427	443	440	460	444	472	483	471	465	443
Pulses	502*	544*	627	412	543	502	427	504	508	499	438	424
Others	246	245	234	213	219	232	209	268	290	313	275	268
II. Industrial Raw												
Materials	458.1	453.8†	443.9	420.8	434.4	447.1	426.7	578.3	608.2	503.0	463.9	430.5
Fibres	417	417	408	432	409	434	442	598	622	478	446	432
Oilseeds	573	588	538	413	495	500	428	628	679	685	593	499
Minerals	459	467	454	450	459	459	459	438	428	350	329	307
Others	359	356	362	339	364	317	295	—	533	389	357	348
III. Semi-Manufactures	351.8	349.0	346.2	340.1	347.5	350.0	330.7	371.6	377.5	340.9	328.1	316.8
Leather	441	434	429	310*	407	377	281	406	453	354	312	304
Mineral Oils	223	223	223	218	225	224	219	204	197	194	186	174
Vegetable Oils	491	478	409	411	440	469	418	624	679	686	611	522
Cotton Yarn	446*	446*	439*	498*	445	453	467	437	483	411	430	443
Metals	227	227	227	200	227	219	198	199	197	177	173	170
Oilcakes	428	407	416	391	435	456	419	484	500	470	403	401
Others	211	211	211*	232	285	271	265	322	330	311	258	245
IV. Manufactures	369.2	368.5	368.6†	383.8	373.6	368.1	375.3	402.4	395.5	348.4	343.9	340.6
Textiles	406	407	407	437	411	405	424	479	468	402	398	404
Metal Products	336	336	336	311	342	329	311	284	285	268	262	238
Others	291	288	288	300	293	297	299	300	300	273	269	264
V. Miscellaneous	582.9	579.2	586.8	589.9	630.9	631.6	594.8	727.8	729.8	683.1	545.6	504
All Commodities	386.8	386.0	381.7	376.5	381.2	386.8	373.2	439.3	439.3	400.7	381.1	367

* 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	Tute mills	Engineering	Paper mills	Chemical industries	Brick burning	Stock at pit-heads*
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
1952	3,019	2,625	221	940	207	298	109	144	45	25	45	17	88	3,519
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.	3,226	2,746	165	951	222	312	124	154	49	25	47	19	147	3,020

Stock at the end of the period*

Source; *Monthly Abstract of Statistics*

Industrial Progress In India

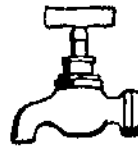
One of the amenities which make a 'civilized' township is the availability to all its citizens of a convenient and adequate supply of water. Some urban areas are fortunate in having a suitable source on their doorsteps; others obtain much of their water from wells; still others have to have water brought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

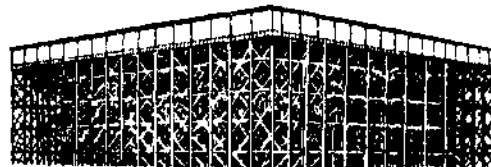
In Northern India waterworks were built in many thriving centres towards the end of the last century. In 1892, with past experience of pipelaying contracts and the installation of the Allahabad Waterworks scheme, Acquin Martin and Rajendra Nath Mookerjee formed a partnership in the name of Martin & Co. 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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