

CURRENT STATISTICS

BANKING RETURNS					JUTE STATISTICS					
Rs Crores					Production ('000 tons)					
Reserve Bank	Latest Week†	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	May 1956	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	July'56 to May '56		
1. Note circulation	1460.01	1474.60	1486.87	1207.99	Hessian	35.8	32.9	34.8	368.0	
2. Rupee Coin	109.96	108.71	106.83	107.60	Sacking	59.6	55.0	57.8	565.6	
3. Deposits					Others	6.3	6.0	6.7	62.5	
a) Central Government's	83.12	82.03	82.58	79.62	TOTAL	101.7	93.9	99.3	996.1	
b) Banks'	53.01	52.56	51.88	53.34	Total Production in the					
c) Other Governments'	13.69	6.94	8.01	18.90	corresponding months of:					
d) Others'	11.88	12.19	13.02	14.67	1954-55	81.7	85.7	88.9	917.6	
4. Foreign Securities	616.68	626.68	656.54	637.04	1953-54	71.3	75.0	75.6	791.1	
5. Balances held abroad	47.96	41.63	32.27	79.62	Stocks at the end of the month ('000 tons)					
6. Rupee Securities	718.56	728.56	713.66	543.65	Hessian	* 40.6	35.9	30.3	—	
7. Investments	59.18	37.31	35.99	61.24	Sacking	71.1	63.3	55.2	—	
8. Loans and advances to Governments	1.64	3.34	5.02	0.13	Others	7.4	8.7	9.5	—	
Scheduled Banks					TOTAL	119.1	107.9	95.0		
1. Demand liabilities (net)	631.17	629.40	626.44	591.09	Stocks at the end of the					
2. Time Liabilities	456.43	451.97	446.73	402.05	corresponding months of:					
3. Cash on hand	37.26	37.46	37.65	33.77	1954-55	94.9	103.4	94.6	—	
4. Borrowings from Reserve Bank	38.50	44.81	58.37	25.33	1953-54	86.5	91.4	92.9	—	
of which against Usance Bills	33.97	33.68	41.44	24.14	Despatches:† ('000 tons)					
5. Advances and Bills discounted	701.92	710.86	716.08	570.11	Hessian	31.0	27.2	32.4	375.2	
of which State Bank's	131.03	131.08	137.77	111.62	Sacking	51.4	48.1	55.6	533.0	
6. Invst. in Govt. Sec.	345.98	346.90	348.85	367.18	Rope, twine, etc.	6.6	6.4	4.8	48.3	
of which State Bank's	100.27	100.17	100.76	94.82	TOTAL	89.0	81.7	92.8	956.5	
Cheque Clearance	131.17	128.90	130.13	129.77	Total despatches in the					
					corresponding months of:					
					1954-55	89.6	76.0	76.7	904.4	
					1953-54					
					Raw Jute Consumption:					
					(lakh bales of 400 lbs each)					
					1955-56	5.89	5.45	5.79	57.86	
					1954-55	4.72	5.08	5.25	52.98	
					1953-54	4.10	4.32	4.63	46.16	
					IJMA Mills' purchases					
					of raw jute (lakh bales)					
					Pakistani	0.21	0.27	0.18	11.62	
					In corresponding					
					periods of:					
					1954-55	0.95	1.0	0.73	9.54	
					1953-54	0.80	1.49	0.51	8.45	
					Indian	3.85	3.76	4.05	45.92	
					In corresponding					
					periods of:					
					1954-55	1.79	2.19	2.55	41.10	
					1953-54	2.54	2.90	2.67	34.64	
					† Despatches include exports and sales for internal consumption					
					*Provisional					
					Source : Indian Jute Mills Association					

INDEX NUMBER OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(Base: Year ended August 1939 = 100)

Group and Sub-Group	Week ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	7-7-56	30-6-56	9-6-56	9-7-55
I Food Articles:	379.5	374.0	356.3	304.0
Cereals	480	476	468	349
Pulses	370	362	350	272
Others	250	245	220	244
II Industrial Raw Materials:	490.9	481.8	476.0	412.8
Fibres	484	470	458	417
Oilseeds	530	537	546	400
Minerals	470	435	414	427
Others	421	421	429	417
III Semi Manufactures:	395.1	395.5	386.0	331.0
Leather	399	401	406	357
Mineral Oils	208	208	208	201
Vegetable Oils	547	554	558	808
Cotton Yarn	475	473	477	406
Metals	327	328	278	256
Oilcakes	432	426	431	345
Others	362	361	361	330
IV Manufactures:	385.1	377.0	378.5	370.8
Textiles	418	418	413	406
Jute	386	386	392	415
Cotton	430	419	419	402
Rayon & Silk	453	453	478	474
Woolen	264	264	264	282
Metal Products	388	377	371	352
Others	291	286	286	286
V Miscellaneous:	560.8	545.4	509.0	567.8
All Commodities:	401.3	402.2	393.0	354.7

COTTON EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

(in bales of 393 lbs each)

Exports	From 1st Sept to 5th July		
	1955-56*	1954-55	1953-54
Destination:			
United Kingdom	56,936	32,073	14,266
Continent	74,976	52,452	25,091
Hongkong	30,728	9,658	293
China	52,812
Japan	227,864	88,867	62,893
U S A	3,679	16,723	12,665
Other Countries	3,374	2,189	1,552
Coastal ports	99,187	140,948	152,780
Total	549,556	342,910	269,540
*Excluding Zoda and Yellow pickings etc.			
Imports†	From 1st Sept to 14th July		
	1955-56	1954-55	1953-54
Description:			
Americans	14,388	101,420	166,882
Sudans	126,114	54,202	32,113
Egyptians	217,080	129,008	255,627
East Africans	193,397	241,160	152,517
Pakistan	117	255	..
Other Sorts	7,258	1,557	..
Total	558,254	527,602	607,139

†Through chief ports only

Source: East India Cotton Association

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	Units	1956					1955					Monthly Average		
		Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Apr	1955	1954	1953			
I Consumer goods														
1) Cotton Textiles	crore yds	42.50	41.60	41.40	43.00	46.60	40.20	41.92	42.44	41.65	40.65			
2) Woollen Manufactures	lakh lbs	18.55	19.76	18.77	17.32	20.56	19.01	15.44	17.25	16.13	16.04			
3) Matches	'000 cases	—	47.0	49.8	49.2	51.2	47.7	45.0	51.3	44.1	51.5			
4) Sewing Machines	Nos	10,367	10,673	10,008	10,422	12,082	8,171	8,282	8,456	6,683	5,202			
5) Vegetable oil products	'000 tons	23.30	24.80	23.60	24.90	23.90	19.32	18.93	21.73	19.22	15.97			
II Raw Materials or Intermediate goods														
1) Cement	'000 tons	—	430.5	394.3	401.1	423.4	397.3	365.8	373.9	366.5	315.0			
2) Chemicals :														
a) Sulphuric Acid	..	—	14.69	14.25	14.27	14.37	15.26	13.18	13.85	12.57	9.09			
b) Caustic Soda	..	2.92	2.92	3.22	3.55	3.06	2.75	2.68	2.85	2.44	1.90			
c) Soda Ash	..	6.47	7.52	7.05	7.48	6.72	7.40	6.57	6.43	4.02	4.73			
3) Coal	lakh tons	32.23	33.62	33.58	31.96	33.88	30.97	32.33	31.84	30.64	29.87			
4) Cotton Yarn	lakh lbs	13.10	13.10	13.30	13.20	15.10	13.30	13.09	13.62	13.01	12.55			
5) Jute Manufactures	'000 tons	93.9	99.3	92.8	88.9	97.3	90.5	85.7	85.6	77.3	72.4			
6) Non-ferrous Metals :														
a) Copper (Virgin)	tons	662.0	710.0	685.0	394.0	704.0	675.0	640.0	606.8	596.8	410.0			
b) Aluminium	..	—	397.4	621.1	664.8	647.3	627.3	599.3	602.1	407.2	313.2			
c) Lead (Virgin)	..	233.3	169.0	160.7	178.0	174.3	168.0	200.0	186.2	149.0	141.2			
d) Antimony	..	75.0	56.0	18.0	7.5	10.0	Nil	80.0	42.0	44.9	10.9			
7) Paints and Varnishes	'000 tons	—	3.66	3.03	3.62	3.26	3.63	2.82	3.25	3.07	2.67			
8) Paper and Paper Boards	..	15.50	16.19	14.81	15.97	15.95	16.01	15.07	15.40	12.94	11.64			
9) Iron and Steel :														
a) Pig Iron	'000 tons	146.6	158.3	152.3	163.3	155.2	138.8	152.7	146.4	149.4	137.9			
b) Steel Ingots and Castings	..	141.5	154.0	144.2	155.2	158.1	133.7	144.6	142.0	140.4	125.6			
c) Semi-finished Steel	..	121.3	131.9	124.5	131.4	130.9	116.5	124.0	121.4	121.0	102.5			
d) Finished Steel	..	105.8	115.3	110.3	107.7	111.9	105.3	106.6	105.0	103.6	85.3			
III Capital goods														
1) Machine Tools	'000 Rs	—	654.8	611.2	695.2	947.6	639.6	381.3	620.0	416.9	367.3			
2) Diesel Engines	Nos	964	919	864	929	903	880	906	852	721	310			
3) Electric Motors	'000 HP	28.5	28.1	27.1	20.6	29.0	20.8	20.7	21.0	15.6	13.5			
4) Power Transformers	'000 KVA	59.4	68.8	63.0	51.9	72.8	52.0	39.6	47.1	33.3	25.7			
IV Transport Equipment														
1) Bicycles	'000 Nos	51.06	46.85	43.12	30.15	59.51	43.30	39.41	40.93	31.03	22.01			
2) Automobiles	Nos	2,206	2,218	2,625	2,302	2,302	2,008	1,607	1,924	1,205	1,160			

Source: Directorate of Industrial Statistics

