

**PRICES OF RICE DURING THE SECOND FIVE-YEAR
PLAN PERIOD AT SELECTED MARKET CENTRES
IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE**

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THE following aspects of prices are taken up for study :—

- (1) The extent of integration in prices between the market centres and trends.
- (2) Seasonal disparities in prices.
- (3) The relationship between
 - (a) prices of paddy and prices of rice;
 - (b) retail and wholesale prices.

All the market centres for which prices of rice are being quoted in the Weekly Bulletins of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics are taken up for study. These market centres are distributed as follows :—

<i>Name of the market centre</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Nature of market</i>
1. Madras	Chingleput	Madras	Secondary
2. Kumbakonam	Tanjore	Madras	Primary
3. Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	Madras	Secondary
4. Kakinada	East Godavari	Andhra	Primary
5. Nellore	Nellore	Andhra	Primary
6. Nizamabad	Nizamabad	Andhra	Primary
7. Vijayawada	Krishna	Andhra	Primary
8. Shimoga	Shimoga	Mysore	Primary
9. Nandgad	...	Mysore	Primary
10. Mercara	Coorg	Mysore	Secondary
11. Kozhikode	Kozhikode	Kerala	Primary
12. Trivandrum	Trivandrum	Kerala	Secondary

A brief descriptive account of the market centres is considered to be helpful in interpreting the data on prices. Almost all the market centres are located at district headquarters. The three market centres located in Madras State are relatively better served by transport. Out of the four market centres in Andhra Pradesh, three are situated in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, and one in Telangana. Out of the three situated in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and Kakinada are relatively close to each other. Nellore market centre is close to Madras. All the three market centres are served by broad gauge railway line. Of the three market