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PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION STATISTICS

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2018 [Base 2007-08=100]

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	CPI Change (%)
Inflation Rate, November, 2018 over October, 2018 (Previous month)	0.11
Inflation Rate, November, 2018 over November, 2017 (Corresponding month)	6.50
Average Inflation Rate July-November (2018-19) over July-November (2017-18)	6.02

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics collects the retail and the wholesale prices and computes the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis. In November, 2018 the CPI increased by 0.11%, WPI increased by 0.70% while SPI increased by 1.33% respectively.

Consumer Price Index by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2007-08)

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	I N D I C E S			% Change in Nov- 2018 over	
		Nov – 2018	Oct – 2018	Nov – 2017	Oct – 2018	Nov – 2017
General	100.00	234.75	234.49	220.42	0.11	6.50
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	239.03	240.50	236.61	-0.61	1.02
Non-perishable food items	29.84	241.01	238.09	227.94	1.23	5.73
Perishable food items	4.99	227.24	254.86	288.45	-10.84	-21.22
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	348.01	344.03	305.50	1.16	13.91
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	259.07	256.09	241.01	1.16	7.49
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	219.24	219.07	200.94	0.08	9.11
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	247.76	245.51	230.52	0.92	7.48
Health	2.19	235.08	234.02	214.81	0.45	9.44
Transport	7.20	213.81	210.00	178.51	1.81	19.77
Communication	3.22	143.57	143.45	133.14	0.08	7.83
Recreation & Culture	2.02	214.35	213.73	197.17	0.29	8.71
Education	3.94	288.62	288.62	262.35	0.00	10.01
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	298.19	297.40	284.76	0.27	4.72
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	272.18	271.43	252.28	0.28	7.89

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year changes are given below:

Month-on-Month: Top few items which varied from previous month i.e. October, 2018 are given below: -

Increased: Chicken Farm (14.78%), Eggs (10.20%), Dettol (8.49%), Potatoes (6.99%), Diesel (5.98%), Sweater Gents (5.59%), Petrol (5.69%), Sweater Ladies (5.32%), Second hand Sweaters for Men (4.89%), Heavy Weight Suiting (4.23%), Pistachio (4.07%) and Fish Rahu (4.03%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (43.78%), Peas (41.75%), Cauliflower (41.02%), Turnip (38.02%), Radish (36.85%), Carrot (23.51%), Cucumber (22.45%), Karaila (19.62%), Brinjal (13.91%), Malta (11.57%), Chilies Green (11.10%), Guava (8.04%) and LPG (7.64%).

Year-on-Year: Top few items which varied from previous year i.e. November, 2017 are given below: -

Increased: Gas Quintile-5 (143.33 %), Gas Quintile-4 (86.67%), Gas Combined (85.31%), Dettol (64.62%), Newspaper (55.64%), Bus Fare Outside (50.60%), A/C Bus Fare Outside City (45.52%), Chicken Farm (44.45%), Diesel (33.51%), Cinema Non A/C (33.45%), Sancos Syrup (32.50%), Betel Leaves (32.02%), CNG (29.67%), Chilies Powder (29.55%), Kerosene Oil (28.81%) and Petrol (28.74%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (61.30%), Onion (58.10%), Chilies Green (29.79%), Peas (22.88%), Potatoes (20.26%), Garlic (20.05%), Cucumber (19.69%), Radish (18.68%), Turnip (17.03%), Gram Whole Yellow (16.56%), Pulse Mash (12.15%), Brinjal (10.94%), and Eggs (10.35%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-November, 2018-19 has increased by 6.02% over July-November, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul-Nov 2018-19	Jul-Nov 2017-18	
General	100.00	231.29	218.16	6.02
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	238.59	233.50	2.18
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	236.69	226.67	4.42
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	249.95	274.37	-8.90
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	326.71	305.71	6.87
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	255.87	239.66	6.76
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	214.13	199.72	7.22
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	244.00	228.98	6.56
Health	2.19	229.15	213.78	7.19
Transport	7.2	207.29	176.22	17.63
Communication	3.22	137.64	133.04	3.46
Recreation & Culture	2.02	211.36	196.63	7.49
Education	3.94	285.69	253.97	12.49
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	295.94	281.31	5.20
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	268.17	249.54	7.47

Top few **commodities** which varied from previous year average i.e. July-November, 2017-18 are given below:-

Increased: Kerosene Oil (34.56%), Gas (34.12%), Petrol (26.56%), Newspaper (17.71%), Transport Services (15.74%), Education (12.48%), Motor Vehicles (11.91%), Water Supply (11.74%), Meat (11.35%), Spices (11.27%), Dry Fruits (10.65%), construction Input Items (10.47%) and Doctor MBBS Fee (10.40%).

Decreased: Onions (41.55%), Pulse Mash (21.26%), Potatoes (20.22%), Tomatoes (15.06%), Gram Whole (8.78%), Pulse Masoor (8.66%), Pulse Moong (6.47%), Besan (5.19%), Pulse Gram (4.60%), Sugar (1.58%), Gur (1.45%) and Eggs (1.17%).

Core inflation of CPI

Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of November, 2018 over November, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 6.7% whereas it was 4.2% during November, 2017 over November, 2016.

Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of November, 2018 over November, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 8.3% whereas it was 5.5% during November, 2017 over November, 2016.

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