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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF August, 2020

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, August, 2020 over July, 2020 (Month on Month)	0.63
Inflation Rate, August, 2020 over August, 2019 (Year on Year)	8.21
Average Inflation Rate July- Aug (2020-21) over July- Aug (2019-20)	8.74

Analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year (2015-16)

1. The CPI on new base (2015-16) comprises of urban CPI and Rural CPI. The Urban CPI covers 35 cities and 356 consumer items. The Rural CPI covers 27 Rural Centers and 244 consumer items. In the new base year (2015-16) National CPI for 12 major groups is also computed by taking weighted average of Urban CPI and Rural CPI.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS [August, 2020 over July, 2020]

2. **CPI National** for the month of **August, 2020** increased by **0.63%** over July 2020. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.81%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **0.35%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2020	Jul, 2020			Aug, 2020	Jul, 2020			Aug, 2020	Jul, 2020	
General	100.0	136.23	135.38	0.63	100.00	135.82	134.73	0.81	100.00	136.84	136.36	0.35
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	138.87	140.11	-0.88	30.42	137.90	138.88	-0.71	40.87	139.97	141.49	-1.07
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	138.53	137.39	0.83	25.97	136.93	135.81	0.82	35.08	140.32	139.15	0.84
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	140.92	156.27	-9.82	4.46	143.57	156.81	-8.44	5.79	137.85	155.64	-11.43
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	141.69	140.29	1.00	0.85	149.80	148.36	0.97	1.28	133.51	132.15	1.03
Clothing and footwear	8.60	137.01	136.66	0.26	8.01	133.20	132.97	0.17	9.48	141.86	141.36	0.35
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	132.48	130.14	1.79	27.03	134.06	131.76	1.75	18.49	128.98	126.58	1.90
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	131.28	130.44	0.65	4.09	130.64	130.01	0.48	4.10	132.25	131.08	0.89
Health	2.79	143.07	142.09	0.69	2.31	142.89	141.55	0.95	3.51	143.24	142.62	0.43
Transport	5.91	138.74	134.75	2.96	6.14	139.08	134.88	3.11	5.56	138.18	134.53	2.71
Communication	2.21	106.98	106.96	0.01	2.35	108.22	108.22	0.00	1.99	104.76	104.72	0.04
Recreation and culture	1.59	121.40	121.01	0.32	1.73	119.36	118.86	0.42	1.38	125.26	125.09	0.14
Education	3.79	142.47	142.40	0.05	4.88	145.07	144.98	0.06	2.13	133.48	133.48	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	134.45	132.60	1.40	7.41	133.37	130.92	1.87	6.19	136.41	135.62	0.58
Misc. goods and services	4.87	146.11	141.05	3.59	4.77	145.22	140.40	3.43	5.02	147.38	141.98	3.80

3. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. July, 2020 are given below:**

URBAN:

Increased: Sugar (13.53%), Wheat (11.95%), Electricity charges (11.61%), Onions (10.4%), Bakery and confectionary (6.65%), Potatoes (5.85%), Transport services (5.41%), Beans (5.01%), Milk fresh (4.79%), Motor fuel (3.34%), Spices (2.81%), Readymade food (2.22%), Construction wage rates (1.44%), Medical tests (1.29%), Household equipment (1.12%) and Rice (0.31%).

Decreased: Chicken (36.45%), Tomatoes (31.83%), Fresh fruits (23.15%), Pulse moong (6.5%), vegetables (2.78%), Pulse mash (2.28%), Fish (1.87%), Gram whole (1.78%), Eggs (1.33%), Pulse gram (1.29%), Besan (1.21%), Pulse masoor (0.98%), Vegetable ghee (0.86%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (0.68%) and cooking oil (0.59%).

RURAL:

Increased: Sugar (13.31%), Electricity Charges (11.61%), Wheat (7.89%), Potatoes (3.73%), Motor Fuels (3.55%), Transport Services (3.17%), Sweetmeat(2.63%), Furniture and Furnishing (1.82%), Milk fresh (1.79%), Rice (1.76%), Plastic Products(1.58%) and Eggs (1.43%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (33.94%), Chicken (31.9%), Fresh fruits (25.42%), Pulse Moong (9.66%), Vegetables (8.66%), Pulse Mash (4.55%), Spices (3.51%), Pulse Gram (3.41%), Gram Whole

(2.47%), Besan (1.94%), Pulse Masoor (1.57%) and Onions (0.4%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (0.18%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y) August, 2020 over August, 2019

4. CPI National for the month of August, 2020 increased by **8.21%** over August, 2019. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 7.14% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **9.86%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2020	Aug, 2019			Aug, 2020	Aug, 2019			Aug, 2020	Aug, 2019	
General	100.00	136.23	125.89	8.21	100.00	135.82	126.77	7.14	100.00	136.84	124.56	9.86
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	138.87	123.02	12.89	30.42	137.90	123.19	11.94	40.87	139.97	122.83	13.95
Non-perishable food items	29.60	138.53	120.85	14.63	25.97	136.93	120.58	13.56	35.08	140.32	121.16	15.81
Perishable food items	4.99	140.92	135.89	3.71	4.46	143.57	138.38	3.75	5.79	137.85	132.99	3.65
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	141.69	133.91	5.81	0.85	149.80	141.93	5.54	1.28	133.51	125.83	6.10
Clothing and footwear	8.60	137.01	125.52	9.15	8.01	133.20	123.36	7.98	9.48	141.86	128.27	10.59
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	132.48	125.03	5.95	27.03	134.06	127.15	5.43	18.49	128.98	120.36	7.16
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	131.28	122.14	7.49	4.09	130.64	123.05	6.17	4.10	132.25	120.77	9.51
Health	2.79	143.07	132.85	7.69	2.31	142.89	133.97	6.66	3.51	143.24	131.74	8.73
Transport	5.91	138.74	143.65	-3.42	6.14	139.08	144.36	-3.66	5.56	138.18	142.48	-3.02
Communication	2.21	106.98	106.67	0.28	2.35	108.22	107.84	0.35	1.99	104.76	104.60	0.15
Recreation and culture	1.59	121.40	117.30	3.49	1.73	119.36	116.23	2.69	1.38	125.26	119.33	4.97
Education	3.79	142.47	141.12	0.95	4.88	145.07	143.62	1.01	2.13	133.48	132.50	0.74
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	134.45	124.54	7.96	7.41	133.37	123.22	8.24	6.19	136.41	126.91	7.49
Misc. goods and services	4.87	146.11	128.63	13.59	4.77	145.22	128.97	12.60	5.02	147.38	128.13	15.02

5. Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. August, 2019 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Potatoes (62.44%), Wheat (44.3%), Beans (40.4%), Spices (38.87%), Pulse moong (35.67%), Pulse mash (31.43%), Eggs (28.65%), Sugar (27.98%), Butter (25.64%), masoor (19.54%), Vegetable ghee (16.38%), Bakery and confectionary (15.74%), Milk fresh (14.86%), Mustard oil (14.59%), Meat (12.24%), Electricity charges (11.39%), Woolen cloth (11.38%), Cooking oil (11.37%), Sweetmeat (10.21%), Cotton cloth (9.93%), Tea (9.62%), Furniture and furnishing (9.48%), Readymade food (8.8%), Drugs and medicines (7.9%), Motor vehicle accessories (7.47%), Beverages (7.26%), Rice (7.03%), Pulse gram (6.89%), Besan (6.42%), Construction input items(4.99%), Gram whole (4.42%), House rent(4.29%), Cigarettes (4.18%), Transport services(3.07%) and vegetables (1.51%).

Decreased: Chicken (38.28%), Onions (33.02%), Motor fuel(10.25%), Fish (8.5%) and Fresh fruits (1.32%).

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes (65.14%), Spices (48.79%), Wheat (41.14%), Water Supply (37.55%), Beans (37.54%), Pulse Moong (33.34%), Eggs (30.36%), Pulse Mash (27.83%), Pulse Masoor (26.9%), Sugar (25.53%), Vegetable ghee (20%), Hosiry (17.8%), Rice (15.6%), Cotton Cloth (15.31%), Cooking oil (13.99%), Plastic Products (12.59%), Furniture and Furnishing (12.56%), Bakery and Confectionary (12.36%), Tomatoes (11.87%), Electricity Charges (11.39%), Readymade Food (11.6%), Tea (9.18%), Drugs and Medicines (8.66%), Medical Tests (8.65%), Milk fresh (8.17%), Construction Input Items (6.53%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (6.38%), Readymade Garments (6.33%), Besan (6.14%), Beverages (5.97%), Cigarettes(5.79%), Pulse Gram (5.76%), Transport Services (5.67%), House Rent (4.94%), Text Books (3.87%) and Motor Vehicles(2.71%).

Decreased: Onions (38.68%), Chicken (26.99%), Motor Fuels (10.55%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (5.47%), Vegetables (4.79%), Fresh fruits (2.22%), Fish (1.78%) and Gram Whole (0.92%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

6. CPI National for the period July-Aug (2020-21) increased by **8.74%** over July- Aug (2019-20). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 7.48% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 10.71%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Aug, 2020-21	Jul-Aug, 2019-20			Jul-Aug, 2020-21	Jul-Aug, 2019-20			Jul-Aug, 2020-21	Jul-Aug, 2019-20	
General	100.00	135.80	124.88	8.74	100.00	135.28	125.86	7.48	100.00	136.60	123.39	10.71
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	139.49	120.98	15.30	34.58	138.39	120.98	14.39	34.58	140.73	120.99	16.32
Non-perishable food items	29.60	137.96	119.20	15.73	29.60	136.37	118.73	14.86	29.60	139.74	119.74	16.70
Perishable food items	4.99	148.60	131.56	12.95	4.99	150.19	134.13	11.97	4.99	146.75	128.58	14.13
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	140.99	133.75	5.41	1.02	149.08	141.80	5.13	1.02	132.83	125.63	5.73
Clothing and footwear	8.60	136.83	124.69	9.74	8.60	133.09	122.48	8.66	8.60	141.61	127.51	11.06
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	131.31	124.99	5.05	23.63	132.91	127.18	4.51	23.63	127.78	120.18	6.33
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	130.86	121.57	7.64	4.10	130.33	122.67	6.24	4.10	131.67	119.93	9.78
Health	2.79	142.58	132.32	7.75	2.79	142.22	133.80	6.29	2.79	142.93	130.86	9.22
Transport	5.91	136.75	142.34	-3.93	5.91	136.98	143.04	-4.24	5.91	136.36	141.18	-3.42
Communication	2.21	106.97	106.63	0.32	2.21	108.22	107.82	0.37	2.21	104.74	104.52	0.22
Recreation and culture	1.59	121.20	116.93	3.66	1.59	119.11	115.77	2.89	1.59	125.18	119.13	5.08
Education	3.79	142.43	141.00	1.02	3.79	145.03	143.55	1.03	3.79	133.48	132.22	0.96
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	133.52	123.92	7.75	6.18	132.15	122.95	7.48	6.18	136.02	125.69	8.21
Misc. goods and services	4.87	143.58	127.43	12.67	5.61	142.81	128.10	11.48	5.61	144.68	126.46	14.41

7. Top few commodities which varied from previous period average i.e. Jul-Aug, 2019-20 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Potatoes (85.27%), Ginger (51.02%), Tomatoes (45.08%), Pulse Moong (43.42%), Gold Tezabi (40.04%), Peach (39.62%), Eggs (38.77%), Pulse Mash (34.61%), Wheat (32.54%), Wheat Flour (32.18%), Pulse Masoor (26.30%) and Sugar (22.63%).

Decreased: Onions (28.44%), Air Fare Economy Class Per Kilometer (20.94%), Hi-Speed Diesel (19.81%), Petrol Super (11.46%) and Cement (7.28%).

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes (73.49%), Tomatoes (60.79%), Pulse Moong (48.05%), Ginger (41.99%), Gold Tezabi 24 Carett (40.59%), Wheat (36.42%), Pulse Mash (35.57%), Eggs Farm (32.15%), Pulse Masoor (29.02%), Wheat Flour (Average Quality) (27.77%) and Sugar Refined (21.02%).

Decreased: Onions (29.31%), Guava (26.46%), Air Fare Economy Class Per Kilometer (20.94%), Hi-Speed Diesel (19.81%), Kerosene Oil (13.95%), Petrol Super (11.45%) and Cement (7.65%).

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