Government of Pakistan Statistics Division Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2015 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES Unflation Rate November, 2015 over October, 2015 (Previous month) Inflation Rate November, 2015 over November, 2014 (Corresponding month) Average Inflation Rate July-November (2015-16) over July-November (2014-15) 1.86%

2. Detail 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, 2015 the CPI, WPI and SPI increased by 0.59%, 0.01% and 1.05% respectively.

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

| Major Commodity Group | Group Weight (%) | Indices | | | % Change in November, 2015 over | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | November, 2015 | October, 2015 | November, 2014 | October, 2015 | November, 2014 |
| General | 100.00 | 204.22 | 203.03 | 198.79 | 0.59 | 2.73 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. | 34.83 | 223.17 | 220.40 | 220.25 | 1.26 | 1.33 |
| Non-perishable food items | 29.84 | 218.60 | 216.68 | 216.69 | 0.89 | 0.88 |
| Perishable food items | 4.99 | 250.51 | 243.19 | 241.56 | 3.01 | 3.71 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 1.41 | 312.26 | 309.96 | 266.65 | 0.74 | 17.10 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.57 | 222.75 | 221.89 | 213.01 | 0.39 | 4.57 |
| Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels | 29.41 | 182.66 | 182.62 | 174.01 | 0.02 | 4.97 |
| Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance | 4.21 | 215.78 | 215.49 | 208.26 | 0.13 | 3.61 |
| Health | 2.19 | 180.59 | 179.67 | 175.37 | 0.51 | 2.98 |
| Transport | 7.20 | 177.09 | 175.80 | 190.59 | 0.73 | -7.08 |
| Communication | 3.22 | 130.39 | 130.36 | 129.99 | 0.02 | 0.31 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.02 | 193.66 | 193.55 | 189.55 | 0.06 | 2.17 |
| Education | 3.94 | 209.25 | 209.25 | 192.41 | 0.00 | 8.75 |
| Restaurant & hotel | 1.23 | 254.36 | 253.30 | 242.78 | 0.42 | 4.77 |
| Miscellaneous goods & services | 2.76 | 225.02 | 225.79 | 220.35 | -0.34 | 2.12 |

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

i) <u>Month-on-month</u> Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. October, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Chicken (21.13%), Tomatoes (18.12%), Onions (14.61%), Potatoes (12.82%), Eggs (10.68%), Besan (3.69%), Vegetables (3.26%), Tea (3.14%), Pulse Mash (2.90%), Pulse Gram (2.51%), Fish (2.39%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (1.88%), Wheat Flour (1.49%), Wheat (1.46%), Gram Whole (1.39%) and Dry Fruits (1.06%).

<u>Decreased:</u> Fresh Fruits (7.78%), Gur (4.20%), Sugar (3.72%), Rice (3.62%) and Cooking Oil (1.31%).

Non-food Items Increased: Woolen Readymade Garments (2.52%), Motor Fuel (1.99%), Construction Wage Rates (1.40%), Doctor MBBS Clinic Fee (1.21%) and Kerosene Oil (1.11%).

Decreased: Perosonal Equipments (1.05%).

ii) <u>Year-on-Year:</u> Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. November, 2014 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (95.45%), Onions (83.90%), Pulse Gram (56.35%), Besan (50.50%), Pulse Mash (38.30%), Tea (27.35%), Gram Whole (21.32%) and Cigarettes (17.23%).

<u>Decreased:</u> Potatoes (45.59%), Rice (19.15%), Cooking Oil (16.57%), Eggs (14.17%) and Vegetable Ghee (12.41%).

<u>Non-food Items Increased:</u> Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (9.96%), Gas (9.92%), Construction Wage Rates (9.30%), Tailoring (8.83%) and Education (8.75%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (18.93%) and Motor Fuel (14.38%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-November, 2015-16 has increased by 1.86% over July-November, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

| Craura | Group | l n d | 0/ 01 | |
|---|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Groups | Weight | Jul-Oct 2015-16 | Jul-Oct 2014-15 | %Change |
| General | 100.00 | 198.95 | 202.66 | 1.86 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 34.83 | 221.12 | 220.65 | -0.21 |
| Non-perishable food items | 29.84 | 215.64 | 217.63 | 0.93 |
| Perishable food items | 4.99 | 253.92 | 238.67 | -6.01 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 1.41 | 266.45 | 310.38 | 16.49 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.57 | 210.96 | 221.05 | 4.78 |
| Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels | 29.41 | 172.47 | 181.29 | 5.11 |
| Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance. | 4.21 | 206.57 | 214.78 | 3.97 |
| Health | 2.19 | 174.32 | 179.54 | 2.99 |
| Transport | 7.20 | 199.52 | 177.03 | -11.27 |
| Communication | 3.22 | 129.86 | 130.36 | 0.38 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.03 | 189.21 | 193.35 | 2.18 |
| Education | 3.94 | 191.91 | 209.23 | 9.03 |
| Restaurant & Hotels | 1.23 | 241.33 | 251.78 | 4.33 |
| Miscellaneous | 2.76 | 219.14 | 224.49 | 2.44 |

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-November, 2014-15 are given below:-

<u>Increased:</u> Pulse Gram (49.20%), Besan (41.82%), Onions (26.87%), Pulse Mash (26.75%), Tea (22.59%), Cigarettes (16.61%), Gram Whole (16.57%), Tomatoes (14.01%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (10.02%).

<u>Decreased:</u> Potatoes (57.40%), Kerosene Oil (22.18%), Motor Fuel (19.34%), Cooking Oil (14.54%), Rice (13.94%), Vegetable Ghee (11.75%) and Eggs (10.48%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of November, 2015 over November, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 2.9% while it was 5.3% during November, 2014 over November, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of November, 2015 over November, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.0% while it was 6.9% during November, 2014 over November, 2013.