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**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION STATISTICS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF January, 2019 [Base 2007-08=100]**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b><u>CPI Change (%)</u></b>
Inflation Rate, January, 2019 over December, 2018 (Previous month)	<b>1.00</b>
Inflation Rate, January, 2019 over January, 2018 (Corresponding month)	<b>7.19</b>
Average Inflation Rate July- January (2018-19) over July- January (2017-18)	<b>6.21</b>

**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 January, 2019 the CPI increased by 1.00%, WPI decreased by 0.21% while SPI increased by 0.41% 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 Jan- 2019 over	
		Jan – 2019	Dec – 2018	Jan – 2018	Dec – 2018	Jan – 2018
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>236.11</b>	<b>233.78</b>	<b>220.27</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>7.19</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	235.91	235.23	232.25	0.29	1.58
Non-perishable food items	29.84	242.15	241.80	231.25	0.14	4.71
Perishable food items	4.99	198.58	195.93	238.26	1.35	-16.65
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	353.17	349.35	309.15	1.09	14.24
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	261.57	260.69	244.08	0.34	7.17
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	226.00	219.28	202.53	3.06	11.59
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	252.03	250.21	232.97	0.73	8.18
Health	2.19	236.59	235.76	218.26	0.35	8.40
Transport	7.20	209.96	212.38	182.63	-1.14	14.96
Communication	3.22	143.57	143.57	133.20	0.00	7.79
Recreation & Culture	2.02	215.30	214.52	198.48	0.36	8.47
Education	3.94	288.68	289.55	262.35	-0.30	10.04
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	302.94	301.38	286.90	0.52	5.59
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	278.61	275.96	255.69	0.96	8.96

**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. December, 2018 are given below: -

***Increased:*** Tomatoes (27.55%), Garlic (22.83%), Brufen tablets (14.02%), Electricity (8.48%), Sugar (6.15%), LPG (5.95%), Flagyl Tablet (5.51%), Pulse Moong (2.73%) and House Rent (2.38%).

***Decreased:*** Chicken (18.06%), Potatoes (15.01%), Peas (11.36%), Lemon (9.92%), Onion (5.50%), Cabbage (5.17%), Petrol Super (5.07%), High Speed Diesel (3.84%), Bricks (1.70%), Eggs (1.27%), CNG (1.07%) and Iron Bar 1/2" (0.86%).

**Year-on-Year:** Top few *items* which varied from previous year i.e. January, 2018 are given below: -

***Increased:*** Gas (85.31%), Betnovate-N Ointment (57.15%), Bus Fare Outside City (50.60%), Calpol Syrup (31.23%), CNG (28.36%), Flagyl Tablet (26.06%), Cigarettes (20.66%), Cars (19.91%), Iron Bar 1/2" (19.30%), Diesel (18.65%), Gold (18.57%), Tea Lipton (17.29%), Kerosene Oil (16.12%), LPG (14.68%), Beef (14.26%), Cement (14.06%), Electricity (8.48%) and House Rent (8.20%).

**Decreased:** Onion (51.42%), Chillies Green (36.25%), Peas (29.70%), Potatoes (27.44%), Turnip (24.69%), Chicken (18.85%), Gram Whole (15.42%), Spinach (12.81%), Tomatoes (11.19%), Pulse Mash (3.57%), Garlic (2.91%), and Pulse Masoor (0.25%).

### Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-January, 2018-19 has increased by 6.21% over July-January, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul- Jan, 2018-19	Jul-Jan, 2017-18	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>232.33</b>	<b>218.75</b>	<b>6.21</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	237.73	233.55	1.79
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	238.2	227.79	4.57
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	234.9	268.00	-12.35
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	333.73	306.21	8.99
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	257.37	240.63	6.96
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	216.56	200.31	8.11
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	246.04	229.83	7.05
Health	2.19	231.16	214.93	7.55
Transport	7.2	208.4	177.63	17.32
Communication	3.22	139.34	133.08	4.70
Recreation & Culture	2.02	212.37	197.04	7.78
Education	3.94	286.66	256.37	11.81
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	297.72	282.68	5.32
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	270.77	250.95	7.90

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

**Increased:** Gas (48.75%), Kerosene Oil (30.25%), Motor Fuel (25.21%), Transport Services (15.70%), Motor Vehicles (12.59%), Meat (11.93%), Education (11.85%), Construction Input Items (10.97%), Dry Fruits (10.74%), Personal Equipment (10.30%), Construction Wage Rates (9.75%), House Rent (7.30%), Chicken (6.22%) and Electricity (1.21%).

**Decreased:** Onions (36.78%), Potatoes (23.52%), Pulse Mash (16.43%), Tomatoes (9.51%), Gram Whole (8.80%), Pulse Masoor (6.08%), Fresh Vegetables (5.31%), Besan (4.06%), Pulse Moong (2.42%), Pulse Gram (1.77%), Eggs (1.56%) and Fresh Fruits (1.11%).

### Core inflation of CPI

#### **Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of January, 2019 over January, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 7.7% whereas it was 4.6% during January, 2018 over January, 2017.

#### **Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation**

During the month of January, 2019 over January, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 8.7% whereas it was 5.2% during January, 2018 over January, 2017.

Monthly as well as annual Inflation increased in the month of January, 2019 due to hike in the prices of: 1). Electricity 2). House rent 3). Vegetable Ghee and Cooking Oil

While a significant decline is observed in prices of Perishable Food items. Electricity rates, Slab-wise has been increased as under:

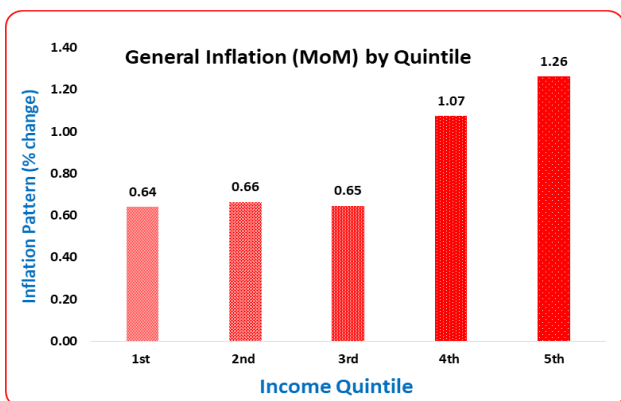
Quintile	SLABS (units)	Old Tarrif	New Tarrif
			Applicable Variable charges Rs./kwh
Q1	Upto 50	2.00	2.00
Q2	01-100	6.18	6.22
Q3	101-300	9.54	9.59
Q4	301-700	16.39	18.03
Q5	Above 700	18.39	21.13
Combined		10.50	11.39

House Rent Survey is conducted on Quarterly basis. The present survey conducted in January, 2019. The Average House Rent has shown an increase of 2.38% and 8.20% at National level on MoM and YoY basis respectively.

The Income Quintile-wise (MoM and YoY) trend for the month of January, 2019 is graphically sketched in Figure 1 and Figure 2. Detailed CPI figures by Income Quintiles and Commodity Groups for the month of January, 2019 (MoM and YoY) is placed at **Annexure-C** in Monthly Review Report.

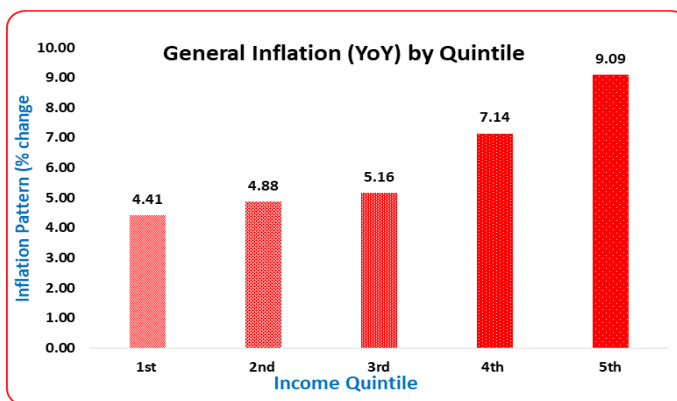
**Figure 1**

**MoM Quintile-wise Inflation Trend**



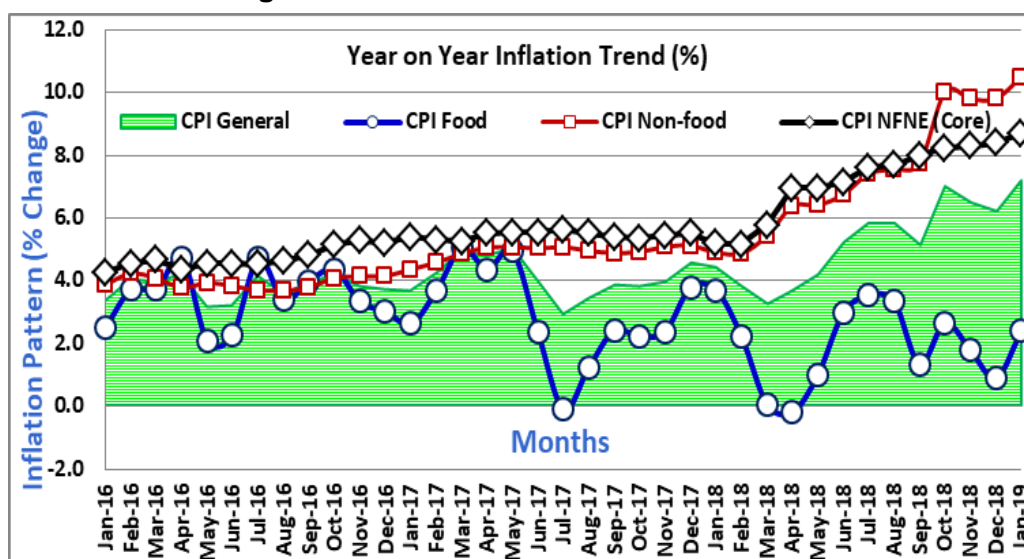
**Figure 2**

**YoY Quintile-wise Inflation Trend**



The Figure 3 depicts history of Year-on-Year trend regarding General, Food, Non-Food and Core Inflation rate.

**Figure 3: YoY Historical Inflation Trend**



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