Government of Pakistan Statistics Division Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2013 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES	CPI
	<u>Change</u>
Inflation Rate Oct, 2013 over Sep, 2013 (Previous month)	1.97%
Inflation Rate Oct, 2013 over Oct, 2012 (Corresponding month)	9.08%
Average Inflation Rate July- Oct (2013-14) over July- Oct (2012-13)	8.32%

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 October, 2013 the CPI, SPI and WPI increased by 1.97, 1.17% and 1.13% over September, 2013 respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight	Indices			% Change in Oct, 2013 over	
3	(%)	Oct , 2013	Sep, 2013	Oct, 2012	Sep, 2013	Oct, 2012
General	100.00	188.82	185.18	173.01	1.97	9.08
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	211.99	208.29	193.56	1.78	9.52
Non-perishable food items	29.84	207.13	206.08	191.92	0.51	7.93
Perishable food items	4.99	241.05	221.51	203.34	8.82	18.55
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	218.25	217.85	190.43	0.18	14.61
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	194.51	193.59	170.38	0.48	14.16
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	164.17	157.75	149.95	4.07	9.48
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	192.39	190.99	176.84	0.73	8.79
Health	2.19	165.15	164.23	155.13	0.56	6.46
Transport	7.20	197.06	194.54	191.22	1.30	3.05
Communication	3.22	129.68	129.66	123.68	0.02	4.85
Recreation & Culture	2.02	182.19	181.87	165.94	0.18	9.79
Education	3.94	167.91	166.49	154.47	0.85	8.70
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	223.77	221.68	200.30	0.94	11.72
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	208.36	206.86	198.94	0.73	4.74

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. Oct, 2013 over Sep, 2013 are given below:
 - **a.** Food Items Increased: Potatoes (24.54%), Onions (13.89%), Fresh Vegetables (10.10%), Tomatoes (7.85%), Sugar (3.16%), Fish (1.92%), Wheat Product (1.20%), Fresh Fruits (1.19%), Cereals (1.08%), Honey (1.05%), Wheat (0.97%), Pulse Masoor (0.97%), Readymade Food (0.94%), Bakery & Confectionary (0.82%), Dry Fruits (0.81%) and Sweetmeat (0.80%).
 - **b. Decreased:** Gram whole (1.30%), Pulse Gram (1.08%), Eggs (0.98%), Besan (0.87%), Pulse Moong (0.32%), Tea (0.30%), Mustard Oil (0.20%), Pulse Mash (0.10%) and Spices (0.02%).
 - c. <u>Non-food Items</u> Increased: Electricity (15.82%), Cosmetics (2.73%), Motor Fuel (2.58%), Kerosene Oil (1.66%), House Rent (1.59%), Personal Care (1.34%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.13%), Sweing Needle & Dry Cell (1.12%), Medical Tests (1.11%), Woolen Cloth (1.00%), Household Textiles (0.97%), Utensils & Marriage Hall charges (0.94% each), Furniture & Education (0.85% each).

- **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. Oct, 2013 over Oct, 2012 are given below:
 - a. Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (50.79%), Potatoes (44.41%), Onions (31.16%), Wheat (25.26%), Tea (24.93%), Wheat Flour (24.32%), Gur (22.84%), Chicken (19.71%), Wheat Product (18.24%), Fresh Vegetables (16.75%), Cigarettes (14.72%), Cereals (12.88%), Bakery & Confectionary (11.92%), Rice (11.81%), Readymade Food (11.72%), Pulse Masoor (11.70%), Beverages (11.40) and Beans (10.92%).

Decreased: Pulse Gram (31.25%), Besan (27.56%), Gram Whole (23.33%), Spices (18.10%), Eggs (7.65%), Vegetable Ghee (4.20%), Pulse Mash (3.24%), Cooking Oil (2.53%) and Mustard Oil (2.48%).

b. Non-food Items Increased: Postal Services (24.87%), Footwear (18.52%), Cosmetics (17.01%), Woolen Readymade Garments (16.07%), Text Books (16.01%), Electricity (15.82%), Tailoring (15.29%), Cotton Cloth (14.61%), Dopatta (13.19%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (13.03%), Cleaning & Laundry (12.06%) and Readymade Garments (11.94%).

Decreased: Personal Equipments (1.36%).

iii) Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July- Oct, 2013-14 has increased by 8.32% over July-Oct, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		
		Jul- Oct 2013-14	Jul- Oct 2012-13	%Change
General	100.00	185.82	171.55	8.32
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	209.95	192.59	9.01
Non-perishable food items	29.84	205.84	190.96	7.79
Perishable food items	4.99	234.52	202.32	15.92
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	217.77	190.01	14.61
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	192.73	167.95	14.75
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	159.26	148.45	7.28
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	189.90	175.08	8.46
Health	2.19	163.29	152.83	6.84
Transport	7.20	192.77	187.67	2.72
Communication	3.22	129.65	123.59	4.90
Recreation & Culture	2.03	180.96	165.25	9.51
Education	3.94	166.17	153.66	8.14
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	218.91	197.74	10.71
Miscellaneous	2.76	205.05	194.43	5.46

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-Oct 2012-13 are given below:-

Increased: Tomatoes (72.78%), Onions (44.88%), Postal Services (25.69%), Tea (25.31%), Wheat (24.71%), Wheat Flour (24.58%), Gur (21.48%), Potatoes (21.00%), Footwear (18.60%), Wheat Products (18.30%), Woolen Readymade Garments (18.04%), Fresh Vegetables (17.35%), Tailoring (15.64%) and Text Books (15.18%).

Decreased: Pulse Gram (29.02%), Besan (25.79%), Gram Whole (21.42%), Spices (18.92%), Vegetable Ghee (4.81%), Pulse Mash (3.49%), Fresh Fruits (3.28%), Cooking Oil (2.15%) and Mustard Oil (1.65%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Oct, 2013 over Oct, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 9.0%, while it was 9.7% during Oct, 2012 over Oct, 2011.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of Oct, 2013 over Oct, 2012, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.4%, while it was 10.1% during Oct, 2012 over Oct, 2011.