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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

Inflation Rate, July, 2019 over June, 2019 (Previous month)

CPI Change (%)

2.29

Inflation Rate, July, 2019 over July, 2018 (Corresponding month)

10.34

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics collects the retail prices and computes the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a basket of 487 items collected from 40 cities and 76 markets. For each item four (04) quotations are collected from each market on monthly basis. Wholesale Price Index (WPI), on monthly basis, is compiled from 21 markets and 21 cities for a basket of 463 items. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is compiled on weekly basis for 53 items from 53 markets of 17 cities.

In July, 2019 the CPI increased by **2.29%** while WPI increased by **3.10%**.

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 July- 2019 over	
		Jul – 2019	Jun – 2019	Jul – 2018	Jun– 2019	Jul – 2018
General	100.00	252.46	246.82	228.80	2.29	10.34
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	256.84	254.35	238.08	0.98	7.88
Non-perishable food items	29.84	253.83	250.43	235.36	1.36	7.85
Perishable food items	4.99	274.80	277.82	254.31	-1.09	8.06
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	425.77	384.12	313.65	10.84	35.75
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	272.94	269.25	254.13	1.37	7.40
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	237.55	228.37	210.71	4.02	12.74
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	265.70	262.78	241.18	1.11	10.17
Health	2.19	244.82	243.64	224.67	0.48	8.97
Transport	7.20	232.44	223.75	202.71	3.88	14.67
Communication	3.22	145.40	145.40	133.63	0.00	8.81
Recreation & Culture	2.02	224.67	223.20	208.71	0.66	7.65
Education	3.94	301.36	297.26	281.89	1.38	6.91
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	316.31	311.96	293.25	1.39	7.86
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	296.19	289.66	265.48	2.25	11.57

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. June, 2019 are given below:*

Increased: Gas (30.90%), Potatoes (16.84%), Car (14.43%), Cement (12.72%), Iron Bar ½” (12.47%), Gold (9.73%), CNG (8.84%), Pulse Moong (5.41%), Eggs (5.06%), Pulse Mash (4.50%), Bricks (4.13%), Bread Plain (3.64%), Wheat Flour (3.57%), Electricity (2.63%), House Rent (1.99%) and Milk Fresh (1.46%).

Decreased: Lemon (27.30%), Mango (18.49%), Bananas (15.66%), Chicken (8.26%), Onions (1.73%) and Gram Whole Yellow (0.52%).

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

Increased: Gas (142.57%), Garlic (74.89%), Onion (58.83%), Pulse Moong (47.63%), Gold (35.99%), CNG (33.32%), Sugar (30.72%), Car (25.54%), Cigarettes (24.67%), Pulse Mash (22.27%), Petrol (22.53%), Potatoes (21.07%), Pulse Gram (12.30%), High Speed Diesel (12.29%), Beef (12.04%), Electricity (11.33%), Motorcycle (10.69%), Wheat Flour (10.42%), Bread Plain (9.33%), Cement (10.05%), Kerosene Oil (9.91%) and Rent (6.15%).

Decreased: Lady Finger (31.52%), Tomatoes (18.07%), Eggs (11.45%), Gram Whole (Yellow) (11.07%), Mango (3.79%) and Chicken (2.91%).

Core inflation of CPI

Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of July, 2019 over July, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 8.0% whereas it was 5.9% during July, 2018 over July, 2017.

Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of July, 2019 over July, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 7.8% whereas it was 7.6% during July, 2018 over July, 2017.

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