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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2020 [Base 2015-16=100]

| Indicators | Base Year | |
|---|--------------|---------|
| | 2015-16 | 2007-08 |
| Inflation Rate, April, 2020 over March, 2020 (Month on Month) | -0.8 | 0.1 |
| Inflation Rate, April, 2020 over April, 2019 (Year on Year) | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| Average Inflation Rate July- April (2019-20) over July- April (2018-19) | 11.22 | 11.55 |

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

2. 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 (M.o.M)

April, 2020 over March, 2020

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of April, 2020 decreased by 0.84% over March 2020. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decrease of 0.68% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decrease of 1.08%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 0.09%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change |
| | | Apr,2020 | Mar, 2020 | | | Apr,2020 | Mar, 2020 | |
| General | 100.00 | 130.59 | 131.69 | -0.84 | 100.00 | 267.12 | 266.87 | 0.09 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 130.01 | 132.18 | -1.64 | 34.83 | 280.60 | 279.62 | 0.35 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 128.11 | 129.99 | -1.44 | 29.84 | 279.10 | 277.47 | 0.59 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 141.28 | 145.20 | -2.70 | 4.99 | 289.60 | 292.47 | -0.98 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 137.52 | 136.40 | 0.81 | 1.41 | 440.89 | 437.73 | 0.72 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 132.72 | 132.72 | 0.00 | 7.57 | 294.06 | 294.06 | 0.00 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 128.74 | 129.17 | -0.33 | 29.41 | 244.95 | 244.11 | 0.34 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 128.27 | 127.88 | 0.30 | 4.21 | 283.65 | 283.41 | 0.08 |
| Health | 2.79 | 140.05 | 139.55 | 0.36 | 2.19 | 264.32 | 263.63 | 0.26 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 132.85 | 139.18 | -4.55 | 7.20 | 228.70 | 235.66 | -2.95 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.96 | 106.96 | 0.00 | 3.22 | 146.05 | 146.05 | 0.00 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 119.70 | 119.54 | 0.13 | 2.02 | 230.91 | 230.91 | 0.00 |
| Education | 3.79 | 142.40 | 142.40 | 0.00 | 3.94 | 309.82 | 309.82 | 0.00 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 130.82 | 130.63 | 0.14 | 1.23 | 341.53 | 341.53 | 0.00 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 137.07 | 135.75 | 0.97 | 2.76 | 321.32 | 318.18 | 0.99 |

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

URBAN:

Increased: Pulse masoor(27.54%), Pulse moong (23.11%), Fresh fruits(17.71%), Eggs (14.71%), Pulse mash(13.98%), Pulse gram(10.83%), Besan(8.03%), Beans(4.72%), Gram whohe (4.38%), Personal Effects n.e.c.(3.70%) and Sugar(2.55%).

Decreased: Onions(22.94%), Chicken (21.81%), Liquified Hydrocarbons(18.67%), Tomatoes(11.1%), Motor fuel(8.85%), Milk fresh (4.29%), Fresh vegetables(3.86%) and Wheat(3.29%).

RURAL:

Increased: Fresh fruits(23.26%), Pulse Moong(18.25%), Pulse Masoor(15.66%), Eggs(11.21%), Pulse Mash(6.94%), Pulse Gram(6.77%), Beans(5.8%), Besan(2.8%), Personal Effects n.e.c.(2.57%), Sugar(1.99%), Hospitals Services(1.35%) and Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box(0.93%).

Decreased: Onions(25.01%), Chicken(19.84%), Liquified Hydrocarbons(12.95%), Fresh Vegetables(11.19%), Motor Fuels(9.42%), Potatoes(6.57%), Tomatoes(5.72%), Milk fresh(4.72%) and Wheat(4.43%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y)

April, 2020 over April, 2019

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of April, 2020 increased by 8.53% over April, 2019. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 7.68% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 9.83%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 9.46%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) |
| | | Apr, 2020 | Apr, 2019 | | | Apr, 2020 | Apr, 2019 | |
| General | 100.00 | 130.59 | 120.33 | 8.53 | 100.00 | 267.12 | 244.03 | 9.46 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 130.01 | 116.41 | 11.69 | 34.83 | 280.60 | 251.63 | 11.51 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 128.11 | 114.61 | 11.78 | 29.84 | 279.10 | 247.05 | 12.97 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 141.28 | 127.10 | 11.16 | 4.99 | 289.60 | 278.99 | 3.80 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 137.52 | 115.02 | 19.55 | 1.41 | 440.89 | 356.07 | 23.82 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 132.72 | 120.44 | 10.20 | 7.57 | 294.06 | 265.35 | 10.82 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 128.74 | 122.45 | 5.13 | 29.41 | 244.95 | 228.21 | 7.34 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 128.27 | 117.67 | 9.00 | 4.21 | 283.65 | 259.18 | 9.44 |
| Health | 2.79 | 140.05 | 126.75 | 10.49 | 2.19 | 264.32 | 241.77 | 9.33 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 132.85 | 128.43 | 3.44 | 7.20 | 228.70 | 214.61 | 6.57 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.96 | 105.14 | 1.74 | 3.22 | 146.05 | 143.65 | 1.67 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 119.70 | 113.94 | 5.05 | 2.02 | 230.91 | 222.38 | 3.84 |
| Education | 3.79 | 142.40 | 137.94 | 3.23 | 3.94 | 309.82 | 297.26 | 4.23 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 130.82 | 120.63 | 8.45 | 1.23 | 341.53 | 308.62 | 10.66 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 137.07 | 122.45 | 11.94 | 2.76 | 321.32 | 284.45 | 12.96 |

6. Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. April 2019 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Pulse moong (101.1%), Potatoes(92.26%), Pulse mash(67.89%), Gas charges(54.84%), Pulse masoor(47.67%), Eggs (44.16%), Onions(40.72%), Gur(33.75%), Pulse gram(31.22%), Beans(29.92%), Besan(29.01%), Sugar(27.8%), Vegetable ghee(26.31%), Cooking oil(22.21%), Wheat(16.76%), Construcion input items(16.6%), Wheat flour (14.82%), Meat(13.75%), Motor vehicles(13.59%), Drugs and medicines(13.03%), Gram whohe (12.52%), Footware(11.49%) Motor vehicle accessories(11.25%) and Tea(9.54%)

Decreased: Tomatoes(55.44%), Chicken (28.76%), Electricity charges(5.88%), Fish(2.52%) and Liquified Hydrocarbons(2.34%)

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes(103.48%), Pulse Moong(94.41%), Pulse Mash(56.15%), Pulse Masoor(45.11%), Onions(38.93%), Beans(34.48%), Vegetable ghee(29.47%), Eggs(29.26%), Pulse Gram(28.54%), Gur(27.05%), Cooking oil(26.84%), Sugar(24.54%), Personal Effects n.e.c.(24.45%), Wheat(21.88%), Besan(20.92%), Doctor Clinic Fee(18.37%), Wheat Flour(18.13%), and Rice(12.75%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(56.28%), Chicken(28.5%), Electricity Charges(5.88%) and Motor Fuels(0.9%)

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

7. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the period July-April (2019-20) increased by 11.22% over July-April (2018-19). The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 10.73% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 11.98%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 11.55%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) |
| | | Jul-Apr, 2019-20 | Jul-Apr, 2018-19 | | | Jul-Apr, 2019-20 | Jul-Apr, 2018-19 | |
| General | 100.00 | 129.41 | 116.35 | 11.22 | 100.00 | 262.03 | 234.90 | 11.55 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 128.81 | 111.14 | 15.89 | 34.83 | 273.55 | 240.25 | 13.86 |
| Non-perishable food items | 29.60 | 125.23 | 111.10 | 12.72 | 29.84 | 268.37 | 240.26 | 11.70 |
| Perishable food items | 4.99 | 150.08 | 111.42 | 34.70 | 4.99 | 304.50 | 240.19 | 26.77 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 135.40 | 111.12 | 21.85 | 1.41 | 432.48 | 340.25 | 27.11 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 128.45 | 117.34 | 9.47 | 7.57 | 284.64 | 259.23 | 9.80 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 128.29 | 119.82 | 7.07 | 29.41 | 241.14 | 219.63 | 9.79 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 125.04 | 113.07 | 10.59 | 4.21 | 276.69 | 249.35 | 10.96 |
| Health | 2.79 | 136.06 | 121.84 | 11.67 | 2.19 | 254.95 | 233.66 | 9.11 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 141.73 | 123.25 | 15.00 | 7.20 | 235.70 | 209.36 | 12.58 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.82 | 102.88 | 3.83 | 3.22 | 145.89 | 140.63 | 3.74 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 118.46 | 110.97 | 6.74 | 2.02 | 229.22 | 214.45 | 6.89 |
| Education | 3.79 | 141.80 | 133.76 | 6.01 | 3.94 | 305.29 | 288.51 | 5.82 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 127.04 | 118.75 | 6.98 | 1.23 | 329.93 | 300.27 | 9.88 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 132.01 | 117.99 | 11.88 | 2.76 | 309.62 | 274.27 | 12.89 |

8. Top few commodities which varied from previous period average i.e. Jul-Apr, 2018-19 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Onions (100.14%), Gas Charges (68.96%), Pulse Moong (63.60%), Potatoes (56.96%), Pulse Mash (41.14%), Gur (32.81%), Sugar (31.94%), Vegetable Ghee (21.10%) and wheat (17.81%).

RURAL:

Increased: Onions (102.87%), Pulse Moong (66.17%), Potatoes (59.96%), Pulse Mash (38.44%), Gur (36.20%), Sugar (32.11%), Cooking Oil (24.04%) and Wheat (19.32%).

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