

PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019 [Base 2015-16=100]

| Indicators | Base Year | |
|---|--------------|---------|
| | 2015-16 | 2007-08 |
| Inflation Rate, December, 2019 over November, 2019 (Previous month) | -0.34 | -0.29 |
| Inflation Rate, December, 2019 over December, 2018 (Corresponding month) | 12.63 | 12.42 |
| Average Inflation Rate July- December (2019-20) over July- December (2018-19) | 11.11 | 11.72 |

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)

December, 2019 over December, 2019

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of December, 2019 decreased by 0.34% over November 2019. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decrease of 0.37% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decrease of 0.30%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded a decrease of 0.29%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change |
| | | Dec, 2019 | Nov, 2019 | | | Dec, 2019 | Nov, 2019 | |
| General | 100.00 | 130.45 | 130.90 | -0.34 | 100.00 | 262.82 | 263.59 | -0.29 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 130.37 | 132.57 | -1.66 | 34.83 | 274.94 | 278.53 | -1.29 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 124.97 | 124.71 | 0.21 | 29.84 | 267.68 | 266.88 | 0.30 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 162.44 | 179.25 | -9.37 | 4.99 | 318.37 | 348.17 | -8.56 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 135.48 | 135.44 | 0.03 | 1.41 | 431.23 | 431.11 | 0.03 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 128.57 | 127.94 | 0.49 | 7.57 | 287.33 | 285.26 | 0.73 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 129.89 | 129.43 | 0.36 | 29.41 | 240.60 | 240.47 | 0.05 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 125.72 | 125.04 | 0.55 | 4.21 | 279.50 | 277.29 | 0.80 |
| Health | 2.79 | 136.60 | 135.99 | 0.45 | 2.19 | 254.77 | 252.37 | 0.95 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 143.91 | 142.55 | 0.95 | 7.20 | 237.90 | 236.86 | 0.44 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.92 | 106.78 | 0.13 | 3.22 | 146.05 | 145.98 | 0.05 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 118.74 | 118.64 | 0.09 | 2.02 | 230.41 | 229.86 | 0.24 |
| Education | 3.79 | 141.95 | 141.91 | 0.03 | 3.94 | 305.82 | 305.46 | 0.12 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 126.29 | 126.19 | 0.08 | 1.23 | 330.04 | 326.92 | 0.95 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 131.75 | 131.48 | 0.21 | 2.76 | 307.93 | 308.17 | -0.08 |

3. Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. December, 2019 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Dry fruits(6.35%), Wheat(5.62%), Eggs (4.61%), Woolen readymade garments(2.72%), Tailoring (2.36%), Fresh fruits(2.3%), Construction input items(2.06%), Pulse moong (1.88%), Pulse mash(1.84%), Cooking oil(1.71%), Electricity charges(1.54%), Beans(1.22%), Fish(1.22%). and Woolen cloth(1.15%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (36.49%), Onions (12.45%), Chicken (11.21%), Fresh vegetables (4.62%), Sugar (3.54%), Potatoes (1.96%), Motor fuel (0.18%), and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (0.05%).

RURAL:

Increased: Pulse Masoor(3.88%), Pulse Mash(3.8%), Wheat(3.46%), Fresh fruits(3.25%), Cooking oil(3.2%), Pulse Moong(3.19%), Eggs(2.99%), Pulse Gram(2.7%), Vegetable ghee(2.49%), Gram Whole(2.27%), Besan(2%), Electricity Charges(1.54%), Potatoes(1.31%), Fish(1.18%), Dry fruits(1.17%), Medical Tests(1.13%) and Woolen Readymade Garments(1.13%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(29.17%), Onions(13.63%), Chicken(10.85%), Fresh Vegetables(2.99%), Sugar(2.76%), Gur(1.68%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(0.42%), Wheat Flour(0.36%), and Motor Fuels(0.22%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y)

December, 2019 over December, 2018

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of December, 2019 increased by 12.63% over December, 2018.

The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 12.01% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 13.58%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 12.42%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) |
| | | Dec, 2019 | Dec, 2018 | | | Dec, 2019 | Dec, 2018 | |
| General | 100.00 | 130.45 | 115.82 | 12.63 | 100.00 | 262.82 | 233.78 | 12.42 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 130.37 | 108.87 | 19.74 | 34.83 | 274.94 | 235.23 | 16.88 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 124.97 | 112.20 | 11.37 | 29.84 | 267.68 | 241.80 | 10.70 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 162.44 | 89.10 | 82.31 | 4.99 | 318.37 | 195.93 | 62.49 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 135.48 | 114.55 | 18.27 | 1.41 | 431.23 | 349.35 | 23.44 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 128.57 | 117.21 | 9.70 | 7.57 | 287.33 | 260.69 | 10.22 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 129.89 | 119.68 | 8.53 | 29.41 | 240.60 | 219.28 | 9.72 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 125.72 | 113.84 | 10.44 | 4.21 | 279.50 | 250.21 | 11.71 |
| Health | 2.79 | 136.60 | 122.73 | 11.30 | 2.19 | 254.77 | 235.76 | 8.06 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 143.91 | 125.52 | 14.65 | 7.20 | 237.90 | 212.38 | 12.02 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.92 | 102.83 | 3.98 | 3.22 | 146.05 | 143.57 | 1.73 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 118.74 | 111.24 | 6.75 | 2.02 | 230.41 | 214.52 | 7.41 |
| Education | 3.79 | 141.95 | 133.88 | 6.03 | 3.94 | 305.82 | 289.55 | 5.62 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 126.29 | 119.02 | 6.11 | 1.23 | 330.04 | 301.38 | 9.51 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 131.75 | 119.04 | 10.68 | 2.76 | 307.93 | 275.96 | 11.59 |

6. Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. December, 2018 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Tomatoes(321.04%), Onions(169.45%), Fresh vegetables(83.59%), Potatoes(78.23%), Gas charges(54.84%), Pulse moong (53.24%), Pulse mash(38.44%), Gur(31.22%), Sugar(27.81%), Wheat(21.68%), Construction input items(18.51%), Motor fuel(17.95%), Electricity charges(17.57%), Cooking oil(16.67%), Motor vehicles(16.6%), Vegetable ghee(16.39%), Wheat flour (15.8%), Pulse masoor(13.82%), Fish(13.64%), Meat(13.45%), Dry fruits(13.25%), Cotton cloth(12.49%), Besan(11.96%), Transport services(11.89%), Doctor (MBBS) clinic fee(11.2%), Beverages(11.1%), Pulse gram(11%), Beans(10.84%), Milk powder (10.64%), Woolen cloth(10.44%), Tea(10.21%), and Motor vehicle accessories(10.04%),

Decreased: Chicken (17.17%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (2.83%).

RURAL:

Increased: Tomatoes (342.53%), Onions (174.83%), Fresh Vegetables (80.19%), Potatoes(68.04%), Pulse Moong(55.84%), Pulse Mash (35.97%), Gur(31.85%), Sugar(28.79%), Cooking oil(22.22%), Wheat(22.22%), Fresh fruits(21.54%), Vegetable ghee(18.38%), Wheat Flour(18.28%), Motor Fuels(18.23%), Doctor Clinic Fee(17.57%), Electricity Charges(17.57%), Beans(17.06%), Pulse Masoor(16.57%), Fish(14.06%),

Medical Tests(14.03%), Cotton Cloth(13.55%), Beverages(13.54%), Motor Vehicles(12.98%), Pulse Gram(12.76%), Milk powder(12.29%), Accessories(12.11%), Meat(11.93%), Construction Wage Rates(11.01%), Motor Vehicles Readymade Garments(10.84%), Tea(10.38%), Woolen Cloth(10.25%).and Rice(10.03%).

Decreased: Chicken (19%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (2.91%) and Eggs (1.33%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

7. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the period July-December (2019-20) increased by 11.11% over July-December (2018-19). The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 10.98% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 11.30%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 11.72%.

| Group | NATIONAL (Base 2015-16) | | | | Base 2007-08 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) |
| | | Jul-Dec, 2019 | Jul-Dec, 2018 | | | Jul-Dec, 2019 | Jul-Dec, 2018 | |
| General | 100.00 | 127.85 | 115.07 | 11.11 | 100.00 | 258.86 | 231.7 | 11.72 |
| Food and non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 126.50 | 109.86 | 15.15 | 34.83 | 269.13 | 238.03 | 13.07 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 122.27 | 109.75 | 11.40 | 29.84 | 262.18 | 237.54 | 10.37 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 151.61 | 110.47 | 37.24 | 4.99 | 310.67 | 240.95 | 28.94 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 134.65 | 108.47 | 24.13 | 1.41 | 429.66 | 330.49 | 30.01 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 126.44 | 116.04 | 8.96 | 7.57 | 279.83 | 256.67 | 9.02 |
| Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels | 23.63 | 127.25 | 118.50 | 7.38 | 29.41 | 239.04 | 214.99 | 11.19 |
| Furnishing and household equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 123.49 | 111.11 | 11.14 | 4.21 | 272.8 | 245.04 | 11.33 |
| Health | 2.79 | 134.26 | 120.23 | 11.67 | 2.19 | 250.02 | 230.25 | 8.59 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 142.41 | 122.42 | 16.33 | 7.20 | 235.39 | 208.11 | 13.11 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 106.73 | 102.48 | 4.15 | 3.22 | 145.79 | 138.63 | 5.16 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 117.90 | 109.93 | 7.25 | 2.02 | 228.14 | 211.88 | 7.67 |
| Education | 3.79 | 141.52 | 133.13 | 6.31 | 3.94 | 303.23 | 286.33 | 5.90 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 125.14 | 117.95 | 6.10 | 1.23 | 323.42 | 296.85 | 8.95 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 129.89 | 115.92 | 12.04 | 2.76 | 304.81 | 269.47 | 13.11 |

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

URBAN:

Increased: Onions (109.59%), Gas charges (79.90%), Tomatoes (62.41%), Pulse Moong (48.63%), Potatoes (39.80%), Sugar (33.08%), Pulse Mash (32.15%), Gur (30.74%), Cigarette (29.88%) and Fresh Vegetables (28.19%).

Decreased: Liquid Hydrocarbons (LPG) (6.28%) and Eggs (2.39%).

RURAL:

Increased: Onions (112.74%), Tomatoes (64.32%), Pulse Moong (51.76%), Gur (37.71%), Potatoes (37.45%), Sugar (34.22%), Pulse Mash (31.24%), Fresh Vegetables (30.05%), Cigarette (26.85%) and Cooking Oil (20.44%).

Decreased: Liquid Hydrocarbons (LPG) (3.83%) and Eggs (3.34%).

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