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

Indicators	Base Year	
	2015-16	2007-08
Inflation Rate, February, 2020 over January, 2020 (Month on Month)	-1.04	-0.29
Inflation Rate, February, 2020 over February, 2019 (Year on Year)	12.40	12.03
Average Inflation Rate July- February (2019-20) over July- February (2018-19)	11.70	11.93

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)

February, 2020 over January, 2020

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of February, 2020 decreased by 1.04% over January 2020. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decreased of 1.09% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded a decrease of 0.97%. (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
		Feb,2020	Jan, 2020			Feb,2020	Jan, 2020	
General	100.00	131.64	133.03	-1.04	100.00	266.20	266.97	-0.29
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	132.10	134.78	-1.99	34.83	278.49	282.00	-1.24
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	130.65	129.88	0.60	29.84	277.89	276.17	0.62
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	140.66	163.89	-14.18	4.99	282.09	316.87	-10.98
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	136.28	135.92	0.27	1.41	436.19	431.99	0.97
Clothing and footwear	8.60	130.68	129.78	0.69	7.57	290.35	288.96	0.48
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	129.11	132.38	-2.47	29.41	244.07	243.98	0.04
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	127.02	126.27	0.59	4.21	282.25	280.74	0.54
Health	2.79	138.09	137.39	0.51	2.19	261.81	259.60	0.85
Transport	5.91	145.60	145.22	0.26	7.20	240.36	239.96	0.17
Communication	2.21	106.96	106.93	0.02	3.22	146.05	146.05	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	119.03	118.91	0.10	2.02	230.91	230.61	0.13
Education	3.79	142.11	141.98	0.09	3.94	306.95	306.95	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	129.86	128.22	1.28	1.23	340.23	335.58	1.39
Misc. goods and services	4.87	134.42	133.53	0.67	2.76	314.88	312.95	0.62

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

URBAN:

Increased: Vegetable ghee(13.15%), Cooking oil(10.27%), Sugar(8.45%), Mustard oil(4.25%), Fresh fruits(4.16%), Beans(3.89%), Butter(3.61%), Carpets(3.28%), Chicken (2.35%), Pulse moong (2.27%), Solid Fuel(1.19%) and Pulse mash(1.14%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(60.27%), Eggs (26.36%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(13.53%), electricity charges(13.48%).Potatoes(12.91%), Fresh vegetables(11.48%), Onions(8.79%), Wheat flour (5.29%), Wheat(3.52%), Pulse gram(2.34%), and Besan(2.33%).

RURAL:

Increased: Sugar(8%), Vegetable ghee(6.23%), Condiments and Spices(5.99%), Chicken(5.76%), Pulse Mash(5.13%), Pulse Masoor(4.27%), Pulse Moong(3.94%), Fresh fruits(3.56%), Beans(2.99%), Cooking oil(2.54%) Cleaning and Laundering (2.22%), Solid Fuel(1.64%), Mustard oil(1.63%) and Cotton Cloth(1.3%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(57.55%), Eggs(20.16%), Potatoes(15.43%), Fresh Vegetables(13.94%), Electricity Charges(13.48%), Onions(11.39%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(6.70%), Gur(5.54%), Wheat Flour(3.57%), Pulse Gram(1.48%) and Fish(0.98%)

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y)

February, 2020 over February, 2019

CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of February, 2020 increased by 12.40% over February, 2019. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 11.21% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 14.22%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 12.03%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Feb, 2020	Feb, 2019			Feb, 2020	Feb, 2019	
General	100.00	131.64	117.12	12.40	100.00	266.20	237.61	12.03
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	132.10	111.61	18.36	34.83	278.49	239.59	16.24
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	130.65	112.48	16.16	29.84	277.89	243.00	14.36
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	140.66	106.41	32.19	4.99	282.09	219.23	28.67
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	136.28	115.04	18.46	1.41	436.19	354.79	22.94
Clothing and footwear	8.60	130.68	118.66	10.12	7.57	290.35	261.82	10.90
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	129.11	120.86	6.82	29.41	244.07	226.02	7.99
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	127.02	115.52	9.95	4.21	282.25	255.07	10.66
Health	2.79	138.09	123.25	12.04	2.19	261.81	237.68	10.15
Transport	5.91	145.60	122.17	19.18	7.20	240.36	209.05	14.98
Communication	2.21	106.96	102.91	3.94	3.22	146.05	143.64	1.68
Recreation and culture	1.59	119.03	111.71	6.55	2.02	230.91	215.80	7.00
Education	3.79	142.11	132.30	7.41	3.94	306.95	289.13	6.16
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	129.86	119.51	8.66	1.23	340.23	303.57	12.08
Misc. goods and services	4.87	134.42	120.64	11.43	2.76	314.88	280.40	12.30

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

URBAN:

Increased: Onions(102.75%), Pulse moong (83.59%), Potatoes(83.24%), Fresh vegetables(61.89%), Gas charges(54.84%), Pulse mash(51.05%), Butter(43.33%), Sugar(36.9%), Vegetable ghee(33.57%), Gur(33.38%), Wheat(29.96%), Cooking oil(26.89%), Motor fuel(26.82%), Pulse gram(24%), Beans(23.68%), Pulse masoor(21.57%), Cigarettes (21.39%), Drugs and medicines(18.82%), Construction input items(17.86%), Wheat flour (17.36%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(16.23%) Mustard oil(15.49%), Woolen cloth(14.74%), Chicken (14.52%), Meat(13.28%), Tea(9.66%), Fish(9.4%) and Rice(8.47%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (61.04%) and Eggs (10.30%) and Electricity charges (4.09%).

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes(107.71%), Onions(95.50%), Pulse Moong(90.26%), Fresh Vegetables(69.89%), Pulse Mash(47.20%), Gur(35.77%), Sugar(35.19%), Condiments and Spices(34.64%), Wheat(33.7%), Vegetable ghee(32.44%), Cooking oil(31.03%), Water Supply(30.55%), Masoor(27.7%), Motor Fuels(27.37%), Pulse Beans(24.57%), Pulse Gram(24.49%), Chicken(21.29%), Wheat Flour(20.71%), Cigarettes(19.84%), Besan(19.53%), Drugs and Medicines(15.31%), Solid Fuel(12.94%) Liquefied Hydrocarbons(12.67%). Dry fruits(10.50%), Fresh fruits(10.37%) and Tea(9.91%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (45.26%) and Eggs (5.33%) and Electricity Charges(4.09%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

7. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the period July-February (2019-20) increased by 11.70% over July-February (2018-19). The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 11.32% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 12.31%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 11.93%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Feb, 2020	Jul- Feb, 2019			Jul- Feb, 2020	Jul- Feb, 2019	
General	100.00	128.97	115.46	11.70	100.00	260.79	232.99	11.93
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	128.23	109.97	16.61	34.83	271.91	237.96	14.27
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	124.27	110.36	12.60	29.84	265.89	238.8	11.34
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	151.78	107.64	41.01	4.99	307.87	232.94	32.17
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	135.01	110.14	22.58	1.41	430.77	336.36	28.07
Clothing and footwear	8.60	127.39	116.67	9.19	7.57	282.29	257.93	9.44
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	128.12	119.08	7.59	29.41	240.29	217.74	10.36
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	124.28	112.11	10.85	4.21	274.97	247.17	11.25
Health	2.79	135.13	120.94	11.73	2.19	252.69	231.97	8.93
Transport	5.91	143.16	122.40	16.97	7.20	236.59	208.46	13.49
Communication	2.21	106.78	102.58	4.10	3.22	145.85	139.87	4.28
Recreation and culture	1.59	118.16	110.37	7.07	2.02	228.79	212.8	7.51
Education	3.79	141.65	132.92	6.57	3.94	304.16	286.97	5.99
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	126.12	118.33	6.58	1.23	327.04	298.45	9.58
Misc. goods and services	4.87	130.91	117.00	11.88	2.76	307.08	271.98	12.91

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

URBAN:

Increased: Peas (133.42%), Onions (108.85%), Garlic (107.47%), Gas charges (75.00%), Pulse Moong (58.66%), Potatoes (51.25%), Tomatoes (40.06%), Sugar (32.08%) and Wheat (18.48%)

Decreased: Gram Whole (6.04%), Lemon (4.88%), Cement (3.80%) and LPG (0.9%).

RURAL:

Increased: Peas (125.71%), Onions (111.90%), Garlic (102.38%), Cauliflower (61.25%), Pulse Moong (53.69%), Tomatoes (45.95%), Sugar (33.35%), CNG (23.52%) and Petrol (22.30%)

Decreased: Lemon (7.85%), Gram Whole (3.08%) and Cement (2.86%).

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