

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2014 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

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**Change**

Inflation Rate Mar, 2014 over Feb, 2014 (Previous month)	<b>0.96%</b>
Inflation Rate Mar, 2014 over Mar, 2013 (Corresponding month)	<b>8.53%</b>
Average Inflation Rate July-Mar (2013-14) over July-Mar (2012-13)	<b>8.64%</b>

**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 March, 2014 the CPI, SPI and WPI increased by 0.96%, 2.15% and 0.34% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Mar, 2014 over	
		Mar, 2014	Feb, 2014	Mar, 2013	Feb, 2014	Mar, 2013
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>190.82</b>	<b>189.00</b>	<b>175.82</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>8.53</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	211.97	207.34	194.76	2.23	8.84
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>214.15</i>	<i>211.97</i>	<i>197.57</i>	<i>1.03</i>	<i>8.39</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>198.94</i>	<i>179.61</i>	<i>177.97</i>	<i>10.76</i>	<i>11.78</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	221.82	221.77	191.16	0.02	16.04
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	200.29	199.16	179.42	0.57	11.63
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	166.99	166.96	152.91	0.02	9.21
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	198.85	197.91	182.47	0.47	8.98
Health	2.19	169.93	167.50	158.49	1.45	7.22
Transport	7.20	196.22	197.33	189.12	-0.56	3.75
Communication	3.22	129.85	129.81	128.63	0.02	0.94
Recreation & Culture	2.02	183.72	183.42	170.63	0.16	7.67
Education	3.94	168.53	168.48	157.68	0.03	6.88
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	235.52	233.32	208.05	0.94	13.20
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	214.42	212.47	202.64	0.92	5.81

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year are given below:

i) **Month-on-month** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. Mar, 2014 over Feb, 2014 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Tomatoes (53.32%), Potatoes (39.17%), Eggs (15.29%), Fresh Fruits (9.28%), Pulse Moong (6.31%), Chicken (6.11%), Sugar (4.21%), Fish (2.79%), Pulse Masoor (2.44%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (1.53%), Pulse Mash (1.29%), Vegetable Ghee (1.22%), Wheat (1.16%), Condiments (1.06%), and Wheat Flour (1.03%).

**Decreased:** Tea (3.49%), Besan (1.12%), Mustard Oil (0.09%), and Gram Whole (0.08%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (2.16%), Personal Equipments (1.51%), Newspapers (1.43%), Drugs & Medicines (1.30%), Cosmetics (1.25%), Cotton Cloth (1.22%), and Dopatta (0.97%).

**Decreased:** Motor Fuel (1.48%), Firewood Whole (0.16%), and Woolen Readymade Garments (0.09%).

ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. Mar, 2014 over Mar, 2013 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Potatoes (93.20%), Chicken (27.25%), Eggs (26.14%), Pulse Moong (25.78%), Pulse Masoor (22.73%), Fresh Vegetables (21.85%), Wheat (19.20%), Wheat Products (18.35%), Wheat Flour (17.99%), Cigarettes (16.20%), Beans (13.71%), and Readymade Food (13.20%).

**Decreased:** Besan (23.34%), Tomatoes (21.56%), Pulse Gram (20.95%), Gram Whole (15.73%), Onions (10.29%), Tea (3.51%), Spices (3.16%) and Mustard Oil (1.99%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Postal Service (23.66%), Cosmetics (19.83%), Electricity (15.82%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (15.80%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (14.79%), Cotton Cloth (13.40%), Woolen Readymade Garments (13.38%), Tailoring (12.95%), Text Books (12.04%) and Utensils (11.53%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- Mar, 2013-14 has increased by 8.64% over July-Mar, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Mar 2013-14	Jul- Mar 2012-13	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>188.07</b>	<b>173.12</b>	<b>8.64</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	210.72	193.43	8.94
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	209.17	194.28	7.66
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	220.03	188.36	16.81
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	219.52	190.59	15.18
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	195.72	172.72	13.32
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	162.97	150.26	8.46
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	193.68	178.26	8.65
Health	2.19	165.56	155.35	6.57
Transport	7.20	195.10	186.30	4.72
Communication	3.22	129.73	125.31	3.53
Recreation & Culture	2.03	182.24	166.53	9.43
Education	3.94	167.38	154.77	8.15
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	225.50	201.59	11.86
Miscellaneous	2.76	208.70	198.49	5.14

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

**Increased:** Potatoes (43.98%), Tomatoes (42.68%), Onions (41.49%), Postal Services (24.75%), Wheat (23.33%), Wheat Flour (22.18%), Wheat Products (19.61%), Fresh Vegetables (17.33%), Gur (16.73%), Cosmetics (16.49%), Cigarettes (15.33%), tea (15.21%), woolen readymade garments (15.12%), and Text Books (15.05%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (28.22%), Besan (26.10%), Gram Whole (20.82%), Spices (15.14%), Vegetable Ghee (2.36%), Pulse Mash (1.52%), Mustard Oil (1.42%), Fresh Fruits (1.30%), Cooking Oil (1.06%), and Personal Equipments (0.11%).

### 3. Core inflation of CPI

#### i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Mar, 2014 over Mar, 2013, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 8.1%, while it was 8.4% during Mar, 2013 over Mar, 2012.

#### ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of Mar, 2014 over Mar, 2013, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 7.6%, while it was 9.0% during Mar, 2013 over Mar, 2012.