

PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, October, 2020 over September, 2020 (Month on Month)	1.70
Inflation Rate, October, 2020 over October, 2019 (Year on Year)	8.91
Average Inflation Rate July- Oct (2020-21) over July- Oct (2019-20)	8.86

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

1. 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 [October, 2020 over September, 2020]

2. **CPI National** for the month of **October, 2020** increased by **1.70%** over September, 2020. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **1.27%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **2.35%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Oct, 2020	Sep, 2020			Oct, 2020	Sep, 2020			Oct, 2020	Sep, 2020	
General	100.0	140.67	138.32	1.70	100.00	139.27	137.53	1.27	100.00	142.79	139.51	2.35
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	149.76	144.14	3.90	30.42	147.23	142.73	3.15	40.87	152.60	145.72	4.72
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	144.88	140.76	2.93	25.97	142.81	138.80	2.89	35.08	147.20	142.96	2.97
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	178.73	164.19	8.85	4.46	173.00	165.67	4.42	5.79	185.38	162.48	14.09
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	143.03	142.40	0.44	0.85	151.34	150.34	0.67	1.28	134.65	134.39	0.19
Clothing and footwear	8.60	138.08	137.52	0.41	8.01	134.10	133.75	0.26	9.48	143.15	142.32	0.58
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	132.92	132.43	0.37	27.03	134.44	134.02	0.31	18.49	129.57	128.93	0.50
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	133.91	132.74	0.88	4.09	132.88	131.57	1.00	4.10	135.45	134.49	0.71
Health	2.79	145.42	144.46	0.67	2.31	145.63	144.31	0.91	3.51	145.21	144.60	0.42
Transport	5.91	139.82	139.27	0.39	6.14	140.58	140.06	0.37	5.56	138.56	137.96	0.43
Communication	2.21	107.06	107.01	0.04	2.35	108.26	108.23	0.03	1.99	104.91	104.84	0.07
Recreation and culture	1.59	123.11	122.32	0.64	1.73	120.33	120.03	0.25	1.38	128.38	126.67	1.35
Education	3.79	143.71	142.93	0.55	4.88	146.16	145.49	0.46	2.13	135.26	134.08	0.88
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	136.59	135.42	0.86	7.41	135.28	134.14	0.85	6.19	138.95	137.74	0.88
Misc. goods and services	4.87	146.22	146.06	0.11	4.77	144.40	144.68	-0.19	5.02	148.83	148.03	0.54

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

URBAN:

Increased: Tomatoes (48.36%), Onions (39.07%), Chicken (26.62%), Eggs (23.81%), Wheat (8.39%), Wheat products (8.07%), Sugar (4.58%), Wheat flour (4.1%), Besan (2.89%), Doctor clinic fee(2.57%), Furniture and furnishing(1.9%), Pulse moong (1.69%), Rice (1.45%), Pulse mash (1.26%), House rent(0.88%), Transport services(0.83%), Potatoes (0.82%), Beans (0.81%), Milk powder (0.7%), Meat (0.57%), Cooking oil (0.55%) and Education(0.46%).

Decreased: Fresh vegetables (6.36%), Fresh fruits(3.31%), Condiments and Spices (2.39%), Electricity charges(2.33%), Beverages(0.16%) and Tea (0.03%).

RURAL:

Increased: Tomatoes(64.99%), Onions(58.39%), Eggs(24.88%), Chicken(23.14%), Wheat(5.54%), Sugar(4.89%), Fresh Vegetables(4.06%), Fresh fruits(3.5%), Wheat Flour(3.28%), Wheat Products(3.07%), Potatoes(3.05%), Pulse Masoor(2.97%), Stationery(2.75%), Dry fruits(2.73%), Fish(2.38%), Bakery and Confectionary(2.38%), Construction Input Items(2.13%), Meat(1.76%), Hosiery(1.71%), Pulse Mash(1.6%), Cooking oil(1.47%), Pulse Gram(1.43%) and Rice(1.39%).

Decreased: Pulse Moong(2.91%), Electricity Charges(2.33%), Condiments and Spices(1.85%) and Beans(0.71%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y) October, 2020 over October, 2019

4. CPI National for the month of October, 2020 increased by **8.91%** over October, 2019. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **7.34%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **11.31%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Oct, 2020	Oct, 2019			Oct, 2020	Oct, 2019			Oct, 2020	Oct, 2019	
General	100.00	140.67	140.67	8.91	100.00	139.27	129.75	7.34	100.00	142.79	142.79	11.31
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	149.76	149.76	16.58	30.42	147.23	128.09	4.49	40.87	152.60	152.60	7.56
Non-perishable food items	29.60	144.88	144.88	18.01	25.97	142.81	122.40	4.08	35.08	147.20	147.20	6.57
Perishable food items	4.99	178.73	178.73	10.16	4.46	173.00	161.24	0.40	5.79	185.38	185.38	0.99
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	143.03	143.03	5.97	0.85	151.34	142.53	0.06	1.28	134.65	134.65	0.07
Clothing and footwear	8.60	138.08	138.08	8.96	8.01	134.10	124.17	0.61	9.48	143.15	143.15	0.97
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	132.92	132.92	2.73	27.03	134.44	131.37	0.64	18.49	129.57	129.57	0.66
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	133.91	133.91	7.99	4.09	132.88	124.64	0.26	4.10	135.45	135.45	0.40
Health	2.79	145.42	145.42	7.82	2.31	145.63	135.68	0.18	3.51	145.21	145.21	0.31
Transport	5.91	139.82	139.82	-1.46	6.14	140.58	142.96	-0.11	5.56	138.56	138.56	-0.07
Communication	2.21	107.06	107.06	0.31	2.35	108.26	107.96	0.01	1.99	104.91	104.91	0.01
Recreation and culture	1.59	123.11	123.11	3.94	1.73	120.33	116.89	0.05	1.38	128.38	128.38	0.07
Education	3.79	143.71	143.71	1.38	4.88	146.16	144.43	0.06	2.13	135.26	135.26	0.05
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	136.59	136.59	8.89	7.41	135.28	124.31	0.63	6.19	138.95	138.95	0.55
Misc. goods and services	4.87	146.22	146.22	11.61	4.77	144.40	131.58	0.47	5.02	148.83	148.83	0.73

5. **Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. October, 2019 are given below:**

URBAN:

Increased: Tomatoes(66.93%), Potatoes(53.14%), Wheat(52.21%), Eggs (43.32%), Pulse moong (40.94%), Pulse mash(35.64%), Sugar(32.97%), Wheat products(31.52%), Wheat flour (24.67%), Pulse masoor(19.88%), Chicken (18.22%), Vegetable ghee(15.76%), Doctor clinic fee(14.73%), Milk fresh (12.65%), Cooking oil(11.4%), Meat(11.3%), Rice(8.6%), Drugs and medicines(6.91%), Construcion input items(6.13%) and Construction wage rates(5.78%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons(12.31%), Fresh vegetables (9.09%), Fish (8.99%), Onions(8.35%), Electricity charges (7.77%), Motor fuel(7.15%) and Fresh fruits(3.85%).

RURAL:

Increased: Tomatoes(104.01%), Potatoes(61.02%), Spices(53.69%), Wheat(51.11%), Eggs(43.71%), Pulse Moong(38.99%), Pulse Mash(33.87%), Sugar(33.37%), Beans(31.63%), Pulse Masoor(30.5%), Wheat Flour(29.43%), Wheat Products(24.82%), Rice(17.93%), Vegetable ghee(17.3%), Chicken(15.63%), Cooking oil(14.08%), Meat(10.99%), Stationery(8.47%), Milk fresh(7.68%), Transport Services(6.12%) and Text Books(5.68%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons(10.84%), Fresh Vegetables(9.53%), Electricity Charges(7.77%), Motor Fuels(7.22%) and Onions(2.56%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

6. CPI National for the period July-Oct (2020-21) increased by **8.86%** over July- Oct (2019-20). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **7.80%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **10.48%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Oct, 2020-21	Jul- Oct, 2019-20			Jul- Oct , 2020-21	Jul- Oct, 2019-20			Jul- Oct , 2020-21	Jul- Oct, 2019-20	
General	100.00	137.65	126.44	8.86	100.00	136.84	126.93	7.80	100.00	138.88	125.70	10.48
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	143.22	124.01	15.49	30.42	141.69	124.01	14.25	40.87	144.95	124.02	16.88
Non-perishable food items	29.60	140.39	120.99	16.04	25.97	138.59	120.75	14.78	35.08	142.41	121.25	17.45
Perishable food items	4.99	160.03	142.00	12.70	4.46	159.76	143.28	11.50	5.79	160.34	140.50	14.12
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	141.85	134.24	5.67	0.85	149.96	138.27	8.45	1.28	133.68	130.18	2.68
Clothing and footwear	8.60	137.31	125.53	9.39	8.01	133.51	124.42	7.30	9.48	142.17	126.94	12.00
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	131.99	126.05	4.72	27.03	133.57	127.14	5.06	18.49	128.52	123.64	3.94
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	132.09	122.54	7.79	4.09	131.28	123.09	6.65	4.10	133.32	121.72	9.53
Health	2.79	143.76	133.24	7.89	2.31	143.60	133.98	7.18	3.51	143.92	132.51	8.61
Transport	5.91	138.15	142.01	-2.72	6.14	138.65	142.35	-2.60	5.56	137.31	141.42	-2.91
Communication	2.21	107.00	106.67	0.31	2.35	108.23	107.27	0.90	1.99	104.81	105.61	-0.76
Recreation and culture	1.59	121.96	117.50	3.80	1.73	119.65	116.92	2.33	1.38	126.35	118.60	6.54
Education	3.79	142.88	141.32	1.10	4.88	145.43	142.60	1.98	2.13	134.08	136.93	-2.09
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	134.76	124.60	8.16	7.41	133.43	124.11	7.51	6.19	137.18	125.48	9.33
Misc. goods and services	4.87	144.86	129.02	12.27	4.77	143.68	129.36	11.07	5.02	146.56	128.54	14.02

7. Top few commodities which varied from previous period average i.e. Jul-Oct, 2019-20 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Potatoes (61.2%), Tomatoes (52.3%), Wheat (41.9%), Pulse moong (40.5%), Condiments and Spices (38.9%), Eggs (38.5%), Beans (38.2%), Pulse mash (34.4%), Sugar (25.9%), Butter (24.4%), Wheat products (23.6%), Wheat flour (21.7%), Pulse masoor (20.8%) and Vegetable ghee (17.5%).

Decreased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (4.0%), Chicken (5.9%), Fish (7.8%), Motor fuel (8.6%) and Onions (22.8%).

RURAL:

Increased: Tomatoes (73.59%), Potatoes (70.49%), Condiments and Spices (54.92%), Pulse Moong (42.05%), Wheat (42.03%), Water Supply (40.67%), Eggs (37.26%), Beans (34.90%), Pulse Mash (33.64%), Pulse Masoor (28.85%), Wheat Flour (26.05%), Sugar (25.25%) and Wheat Products (20.29%).

Decreased: Onions (24.30%), Motor Fuels (8.75%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (6.21%), Fish (2.09%), Chicken (1.29%), Gram Whole (0.25%) and Fresh fruits (0.01%).

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