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

Indicators	Base Year	
	2015-16	2007-08
Inflation Rate, May, 2020 over April, 2020 (Month on Month)	0.32	0.42
Inflation Rate, May, 2020 over May, 2019 (Year on Year)	8.22	9.07
Average Inflation Rate July- May (2019-20) over July- May (2018-19)	10.94	11.32

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)

May, 2020 over April, 2020

3. **CPI National** with base year (2015-16) for the month of May, 2020 increased by 0.32% over April 2020. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 0.30% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 0.34%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 0.42%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		May,2020	Apr, 2020			May,2020	Apr, 2020	
General	100.00	131.01	130.59	0.32	100.00	268.25	267.12	0.42
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	132.13	130.01	1.63	34.83	285.16	280.60	1.63
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	131.11	128.11	2.34	29.84	282.22	279.10	1.12
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	138.16	141.28	-2.21	4.99	302.69	289.60	4.52
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	137.65	137.52	0.10	1.41	441.57	440.89	0.15
Clothing and footwear	8.60	134.58	132.72	1.40	7.57	296.63	294.06	0.87
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	128.63	128.74	-0.08	29.41	244.97	244.95	0.01
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	128.74	128.27	0.37	4.21	284.00	283.65	0.12
Health	2.79	140.36	140.05	0.22	2.19	265.84	264.32	0.58
Transport	5.91	124.27	132.85	-6.45	7.20	218.44	228.70	-4.49
Communication	2.21	106.96	106.96	0.00	3.22	146.05	146.05	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	119.85	119.70	0.12	2.02	231.05	230.91	0.06
Education	3.79	142.40	142.40	0.00	3.94	309.82	309.82	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	131.12	130.82	0.23	1.23	341.90	341.53	0.11
Misc. goods and services	4.87	137.16	137.07	0.06	2.76	321.92	321.32	0.19

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

URBAN:

Increased: Chicken (41.46%), Potatoes (31.19%), fruits(9.72%), Milk (4.63%), Cotton cloth(4.04%), Condiments and Spices(3.71%), Tailoring (2.53%), Motor vehicle accessories(1.51%), Meat(0.94%), and Construction input items(0.38%).

Decreased: Onions (23.35%), vegetables (19.62%), Eggs (18.74%), Motor fuel(13.43%), Tomatoes(7.74%), Pulse gram (7.25%), Pulse masoor (4.43%), Besan (4.38%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(4.12%) and Wheat (3.37%).

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes(41.55%), Chicken(41.15%), fruits(11.46%), Condiments and Spices(8.6%), Pulse Moong(4.36%), Milk (4.23%), Tailoring(2.86%), Gur(2.75%), Pulse Mash(2.13%). Cotton Cloth(1.31%) and Hosiry(1.26%)

Decreased: Tomatoes(21.82%), Onions(21.77%), Motor Fuels(14.01%) and Liquified Hydrocarbons(9.69%)

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y)

May, 2020 over May, 2019

5. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of May, 2020 increased by 8.22% over May, 2019. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 7.27% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 9.69%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 9.07%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		May, 2020	May, 2019			May, 2020	May, 2019	
General	100.00	131.01	121.05	8.22	100.00	268.25	245.94	9.07
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	132.13	117.72	12.24	34.83	285.16	254.52	12.04
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	131.11	115.55	13.47	29.84	282.22	247.94	13.83
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	138.16	130.59	5.80	4.99	302.69	293.83	3.02
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	137.65	115.22	19.47	1.41	441.57	357.39	23.55
Clothing and footwear	8.60	134.58	121.97	10.34	7.57	296.63	268.97	10.28
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	128.63	120.93	6.37	29.41	244.97	228.25	7.33
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	128.74	118.43	8.71	4.21	284.00	260.94	8.84
Health	2.79	140.36	127.85	9.79	2.19	265.84	243.20	9.31
Transport	5.91	124.27	134.29	-7.46	7.20	218.44	220.70	-1.02
Communication	2.21	106.96	105.23	1.65	3.22	146.05	143.78	1.58
Recreation and culture	1.59	119.85	114.22	4.93	2.02	231.05	223.09	3.57
Education	3.79	142.40	139.64	1.98	3.94	309.82	297.26	4.23
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	131.12	120.75	8.59	1.23	341.90	309.78	10.37
Misc. goods and services	4.87	137.16	122.52	11.95	2.76	321.92	285.38	12.80

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

URBAN:

Increased: Potatoes(96.94%), Pulse moong (83.21%), Pulse mash(56.73%), Gas charges(54.84%), Pulse masoor(40.86%), Butter(37.41%), Beans(30.54%), Gur(25.65%), Vegetable ghee(25.42%), Condiments and Spices(24.67%), Personal Effects n.e.c.(23.07%), Cigarettes (21.86%), Besan(21.17%), Cooking oil(20.74%), Pulse gram(20.17%), Sugar(20.12%), Eggs (19.64%), Construction input items(17.86%) and Mustard oil(15.94%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(39.49%), Onions(21.17%), Motor fuel(19.52%), vegetables(4.07%), fruits(3.6%) and Liquified Hydrocarbons(2.13%)

RURAL:

Increased: Potatoes(126.56%), Pulse Moong(91.49%), Condiments and Spices(53.27%), Pulse Mash(49.26%), Pulse Masoor(41.31%), Beans(35.02%), Vegetable ghee(28.52%), Pulse Gram(24.71%), Cooking oil(24.56%), Gur(24.3%), Cigarettes(20.43%), Sugar(19.32%), Eggs(17.48%) and Besan(17.37%), Personal Effects n.e.c.(25.4%), Hosiry(16.96%) and Cotton Cloth(15.12%).

Decreased: Tomatoes(45.50%), Motor Fuels(21.54%), Onions(13.69%), Vegetables(4.15%) and Liquified Hydrocarbons(7.73%)

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

7. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the period July-May (2019-20) increased by 10.94% over July-May (2018-19). The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 10.41% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 11.77%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 11.32%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-May, 2019-20	Jul-May, 2018-19			Jul-May, 2019-20	Jul-May, 2018-19	
General	100.00	129.55	116.78	10.94	100.00	262.60	235.90	11.32
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	129.11	111.74	15.54	34.83	274.60	241.55	13.68
Non-perishable food items	29.60	125.76	111.50	12.79	29.84	269.63	240.96	11.90
Perishable food items	4.99	148.99	113.16	31.67	4.99	304.34	245.07	24.18
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	135.61	111.49	21.63	1.41	433.30	341.80	26.77
Clothing and footwear	8.60	129.01	117.76	9.55	7.57	285.73	260.12	9.85
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	128.32	119.92	7.00	29.41	241.48	220.41	9.56
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	125.37	113.55	10.41	4.21	277.35	250.41	10.76
Health	2.79	136.45	122.39	11.49	2.19	255.94	234.53	9.13
Transport	5.91	140.15	124.25	12.79	7.20	234.13	210.39	11.28
Communication	2.21	106.83	103.09	3.63	3.22	145.90	140.91	3.54
Recreation and culture	1.59	118.58	111.27	6.57	2.02	229.38	215.24	6.57
Education	3.79	141.86	134.29	5.63	3.94	305.71	289.30	5.67
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	127.41	118.93	7.13	1.23	331.02	301.13	9.93
Misc. goods and services	4.87	132.48	118.40	11.89	2.76	310.74	275.28	12.88

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

URBAN:

Increased: Onions (83.20%), Pulse Moong (65.75%), Potatoes (60.77%), Pulse Mash (42.71%), Gur (32.07%), Sugar (30.68%), Vegetable Ghee (21.52%), Pulse Masoor (21.02%), Beans (17.70%) and wheat (17.24%).

RURAL:

Increased: Onions (87.44%), Pulse Moong (68.96%), Potatoes (65.73%), Pulse Mash (39.55%), Gur (34.96%), Sugar (30.76%), Cooking Oil (24.09%), Pulse Masoor (22.76%), Beans (19.53%) and Wheat (18.83%).

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