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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION

FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2019 [Base 2007-08=100]

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>CPI Change (%)</u>
Inflation Rate, April, 2019 over March, 2019 (Previous month)	<u>1.26</u>
Inflation Rate, April, 2019 over April, 2018 (Corresponding month)	<u>8.82</u>
Average Inflation Rate July- April (2018-19) over July- April (2017-18)	<u>7.00</u>

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics collects the retail prices and computes the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a basket of 487 items collected from 40 cities and 76 markets. For each item four (04) quotations are collected from each market on monthly basis. Wholesale Price Index (WPI), on monthly basis, is compiled from 21 markets and 21 cities for a basket of 463 items. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is compiled on weekly basis for 53 items from 53 markets of 17 cities.

In April, 2019 the CPI increased by **1.26%** while WPI increased by **2.33%**.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	I N D I C E S			% Change in Apr- 2019 over	
		Apr – 2019	Mar – 2019	Apr – 2018	Mar– 2019	Apr – 2018
General	100.00	244.03	240.98	224.25	1.26	8.82
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	251.63	247.17	231.90	1.80	8.51
Non-perishable food items	29.84	247.05	245.13	232.93	0.78	6.06
Perishable food items	4.99	278.99	259.40	225.72	7.55	23.60
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	356.07	355.49	317.70	0.16	12.08
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	265.35	263.53	252.06	0.69	5.27
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	228.21	226.12	207.35	0.92	10.06
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	259.18	256.99	239.28	0.85	8.32
Health	2.19	241.77	239.13	223.07	1.10	8.38
Transport	7.20	214.66	211.31	187.48	1.59	14.50
Communication	3.22	143.65	143.65	133.67	0.00	7.47
Recreation & Culture	2.02	222.38	219.76	207.95	1.19	6.94
Education	3.94	297.26	292.01	281.57	1.80	5.57
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	308.62	306.47	291.05	0.70	6.04
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	284.45	282.45	263.58	0.71	7.92

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

Month-on-Month: *Top few items which varied from previous month i.e. March, 2019 are given below:*

Increased: Carrot (54.08%), Kinnu (49.90%), Cabbage (23.17%), Lemon (18.75%), Chicken (9.90%), Garlic (9.29%), Sugar Refined (6.76%), Petrol (6.46%), High Speed Diesel (5.38%), Onion (4.87%), Iron Bar ½ (3.65%), Gold Tezabi (3.48%), Private School Fee (2.97%), Pulse Moong (2.67%), CNG (1.68%) and Lawn Printed (1.32%).

Decreased: Chillies Green (58.79%), Tomatoes (41.42%), Eggs Farm (19.88%), Cucumber (9.34%), LPG (3.54%), Wheat (1.97%), Gram Whole (Yellow) (1.49%), Cement Local (1.01%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.97%), Pulse Gram (0.90%), Gram Whole (Black) (0.83%) and Pulse Mash (0.37%).

Year-on-Year: Top few *items* which varied from previous year i.e. April, 2018 are given below: -

Increased: Tomatoes (124.29%), Gas (85.31%), Onion (35.99%), Newspaper (33.33%), Chillies Green (31.82%), CNG (27.46%), Pulse Moong (26.20%), Sugar Refined (22.17%), High Speed Diesel (21.66%), Gold Tezabi (20.86%), Petrol (14.99%), Beef with Bone (13.26%), Iron Bar (11.52%), Mutton (11.48%), Unskilled Labour Wage (9.52%), Kerosene Oil (9.36%), Cement Local (9.22%), Pulse Gram (8.89%), Electricity (8.48%), Vegetable Ghee Tin (6.40%) and House Rent (5.82%).

Decreased: Lemon (27.16%), Gram Whole (Yellow) (12.24%), Eggs Farm (8.61%), Potatoes (3.50%) and Coconut Dry (3.33%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-April, 2018-19 has increased by **7.00%** over July-April, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul- Apr, 2018-19	Jul-Apr, 2017-18	
General	100.00	234.90	219.54	7.00
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	240.25	232.44	3.36
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	240.26	228.91	4.96
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	240.19	253.54	-5.27
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	340.25	309.12	10.07
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	259.23	242.73	6.80
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	219.63	201.48	9.01
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	249.35	231.62	7.65
Health	2.19	233.66	216.94	7.71
Transport	7.2	209.36	180.23	16.16
Communication	3.22	140.63	133.19	5.59
Recreation & Culture	2.02	214.45	198.62	7.97
Education	3.94	288.51	261.37	10.38
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	300.27	284.49	5.55
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	274.27	253.18	8.33

Top few **commodities** which varied from previous year average i.e. **July-April, 2017-18** are given below:-

Increased: Gas (59.72%), Tomatoes (55.24%), Kerosene Oil (23.96%), Motor Fuel (22.28%), Newspapers (20.51%), Transport Services (15.33%), Spices (13.82%), Motor Vehicle (12.38%), Meat (12.33%), Construction Input Items (11.07%), Dry Fruits (10.82%), Rice (7.61%), Sugar (5.94%), Chicken (5.74%), Vegetable Ghee (5.14%), Electricity (3.39%), Wheat Flour (2.78%), Fresh Vegetables (1.89%), Pulse Gram (1.33%) and Fresh Fruits (1.32%).

Decreased: Onions (17.28%), Potatoes (16.50%), Pulse Mash (11.06%), Gram Whole (6.49%), Pulse Masoor (3.06%), Besan (2.06%) and Eggs (0.40%).

Core inflation of CPI

Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2019 over April, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 7.2% whereas it was 5.0% during April, 2018 over April, 2017.

Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2019 over April, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 7.0% whereas it was 7.0% during April, 2018 over April, 2017.

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