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**PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION**

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

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b><u>CPI Change (%)</u></b>
Inflation Rate, May, 2019 over April, 2019 (Previous month)	<b><u>0.78</u></b>
Inflation Rate, May, 2019 over May, 2018 (Corresponding month)	<b><u>9.11</u></b>
Average Inflation Rate July- May (2018-19) over July- May (2017-18)	<b><u>7.19</u></b>

**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 May, 2019 the CPI increased by **0.78%** while WPI increased by **1.43%**.

**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 May- 2019 over	
		May – 2019	Apr – 2019	May – 2018	Apr– 2019	May – 2018
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>245.94</b>	<b>244.03</b>	<b>225.40</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>9.11</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	254.52	251.63	234.40	1.15	8.58
Non-perishable food items	29.84	247.94	247.05	233.97	0.36	5.97
Perishable food items	4.99	293.83	278.99	236.97	5.32	23.99
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	357.39	356.07	315.26	0.37	13.36
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	268.97	265.35	252.58	1.36	6.49
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	228.25	228.21	207.58	0.02	9.96
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	260.94	259.18	239.94	0.68	8.75
Health	2.19	243.20	241.77	223.74	0.59	8.70
Transport	7.20	220.70	214.61	189.17	2.84	16.67
Communication	3.22	143.78	143.65	133.67	0.09	7.56
Recreation & Culture	2.02	223.09	222.38	208.31	0.32	7.10
Education	3.94	297.26	297.26	281.88	0.00	5.46
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	309.78	308.62	292.77	0.38	5.81
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	285.38	284.45	263.91	0.33	8.14

**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. April, 2019 are given below:*

**Increased:** Lemon (95.30%), Cabbage (75.23%), Onion (27.18%), Potatoes (25.80%), Bananas (20.91%), Carrot (15.56%), Muskmelon (12.43%), Garlic (10.46%), Petrol (6.46%), Apple (9.56%), Chicken (9.90%), Pulse Mash (Washed) (5.93%), Pulse Moong (5.46%), Ice (4.80%), Kerosene Oil (3.73%), Sugar (3.43%), Dates (3.35%), Toilet Soap (2.23%), Tailoring (2.19%), Mutton (1.60%), CNG (1.35%).

**Decreased:** Tinda (47.88%), Watermelon (45.27%), Tomatoes (32.86%), Chillies Green (17.27%), Cucumber (9.42%), Spinach (9.04%), Cement Local (6.79%), Chicken (5.33%), Silver (2.68%), Gold (2.22%), Gram Whole (Yellow) (1.92%), Eggs Farm (1.09%), Wheat (0.85%), Gram Whole (Black) (0.50%), Cement Blocks (0.26%) and Besan (0.20%).

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

**Increased:** Gas (85.31%), Onion (77.52%), Cabbage (74.87%), Watermelon (55.73%), Bus Fare (51.16%), Garlic (49.99%), Tomatoes (46.11%), Lemon (43.46%), Bottlegourd (34.83%), Pulse Moong (33.65%), Newspaper (33.33%), Mango (28.99%), CNG (28.23%) MBA Tuition Fees (27.73%), Sugar (26.53%), High Speed Diesel (23.86%), Petrol (23.63%), Gold Tezabi (20.07%), Lady Finger (15.09%), Mutton (12.04%), Pulse Gram (11.43%), Apple (11.20%), Bananas (10.82%), Electricity (8.48%), Wheat (7.40%), Dates (7.32%) and House Rent (6.15%).

**Decreased:** Betel Nuts (35.55%), Gram Whole (Yellow) (12.76%), Eggs Farm (10.52%) and Aloo Bukhara (4.79%).

### **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July-May, 2018-19 has increased by **7.19%** over July-May, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul- May, 2018-19	Jul-May, 2017-18	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>235.90</b>	<b>220.07</b>	<b>7.19</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	241.55	232.62	3.84
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	240.96	229.37	5.05
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	245.07	252.03	-2.76
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	341.80	309.67	10.38
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	260.11	243.62	6.77
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	220.41	202.04	9.09
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	250.40	232.38	7.76
Health	2.19	234.53	217.56	7.80
Transport	7.2	210.20	181.04	16.21
Communication	3.22	140.91	133.23	5.77
Recreation & Culture	2.02	215.24	199.51	7.89
Education	3.94	289.30	263.23	9.90
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	301.13	285.24	5.57
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	275.28	254.15	8.31

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

**Increased:** Gas (62.04%), Tomatoes (54.41%), Kerosene Oil (22.86%), Motor Fuel (22.50%), Newspapers (20.43%), Transport Services (15.15%), Spices (14.12%), Motor Vehicle (12.41%), Meat (12.37%), Construction Input Items (11.07%), Dry Fruits (10.61%), Sugar (7.81%), Rice (7.42%), Vegetable Ghee (5.38%), Chicken (4.48%), Electricity (3.85%), Fresh Vegetables (3.49%), Wheat Flour (3.02%), Fresh Fruits (2.94%) and Pulse Gram (2.25%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (14.71%), Pulse Mash (9.11%), Onions (8.67%), Gram Whole (6.38%), Pulse Masoor (2.23%), Besan (1.70%) and Eggs (1.32%).

### **Core inflation of CPI**

#### **Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of May, 2019 over May, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 7.5% whereas it was 5.1% during May, 2018 over May, 2017.

#### **Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation**

During the month of May, 2019 over May, 2018, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 7.2% whereas it was 7.0% during May, 2018 over May, 2017.

<http://www.pbs.gov.pk/cpi>

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