Government of Pakistan Statistics Division Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

CPI

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>Change</u>
Inflation Rate October, 2016 over September, 2016 (Previous month)	0.81%
Inflation Rate October, 2016 over October, 2015 (Corresponding month)	4.21%
Average Inflation Rate July-October (2016-17) over July-October (2015-16)	3.95%

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 October, 2016 the CPI increased by 0.81% and WPI decreased by 0.04% while SPI increased by 0.67% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight	Indices			% Change in October, 2016 over	
	(%)	Oct, 2016	Sep, 2016	Oct, 2015	Sep, 2016	Oct, 2015
General	100.00	211.57	209.88	203.03	0.81	4.21
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	228.30	226.30	220.40	0.88	3.58
Non-perishable food items	29.84	224.52	222.87	216.59	0.74	3.66
Perishable food items	4.99	250.94	246.80	243.19	1.68	3.19
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	364.39	364.13	309.96	0.07	17.56
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	231.18	230.47	221.89	0.31	4.19
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	191.56	188.90	182.62	1.41	4.90
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	222.66	222.27	215.49	0.18	3.33
Health	2.19	193.78	192.00	179.67	0.93	7.85
Transport	7.20	170.40	170.31	175.80	0.05	-3.07
Communication	3.22	131.26	130.88	130.36	0.29	0.69
Recreation & Culture	2.02	196.21	196.15	193.55	0.03	1.37
Education	3.94	232.15	230.54	209.25	0.70	10.94
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	266.35	266.11	253.30	0.09	5.15
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	237.26	236.99	225.79	0.11	5.08

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

<u>Month-on-month</u> Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. September, 2016 are given below:-

Increased: Turai (21.69%), Chillies Green (21.66%), Chicken (20.04%), Karaila (17.20%), Lady finger (16.35%), Bottlegourd (13.84%), Brinjal (11.55%), Guava (9.58%), Sweetmelon (7.55%), Private Engineering College Fee (7.34%), Coconut Dry (7.21%) and Gas Cylinder (7.14%).

Decreased: Pomegranate (17.81%), Radish (11.86%), Tinda (9.82%), Ginger (9.62%), Bananas (8.68%), Lemon (7.38%), Cucumber (7.38%), Onion (7.28%), Ice (7.14%) and Spinach (5.12%).

<u>Year-on-Year:</u> Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. October 2015 are given below:-

Increased: Garlic (73.48%), Gram Whole Yellow (51.95%), Lederplex (45.20%), Entox Tablet (33.80%), Pulse Gram (33.72%), Lady finger (32.02%), Gram whole Black (31.91%), Guava (31.33%), Besan (30.65%), Cinema A/C High Class (26.73%), Chicken (26.04%), Postal Registration Charges (25.93%), Dettol Medium (25.09%), Tablet Disprin (24.09%), Tablet Panadol plain/Extra (22%), and Brinjal (21.42%).

Decreased: Onions (45.88%), Ginger (16.36%), Tomatoes (15.43%), Petrol Super (12.35%), Bus Fare Minimum (within City) (12.29%), Diesel (11.09%), Tea Lipton Yellow label (9.09%), Tyre Motor Cycle (8.74%), Bus Fare (Outside City) (7.78%), Iron Bar (7.49%), and ice (6.75%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-October, 2016-17 has increased by 3.95% over July-October, 2015-16 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group	Ind	0/ Change	
	Weight	Jul-Oct 2016-17 Jul-Oct 2015		-16 %Change
General	100.00	210.25	202.27	3.95
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	227.22	220.02	3.27
Non-perishable food items	29.84	223.43	217.39	2.77
Perishable food items	4.99	249.91	235.71	6.02
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	364.68	309.92	17.67
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	230.38	220.62	4.42
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	189.56	180.95	4.76
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	222.23	214.53	3.59
Health	2.19	190.77	179.28	6.41
Transport	7.20	170.15	177.01	-3.88
Communication	3.22	130.98	130.35	0.48
Recreation & Culture	2.02	195.95	193.27	1.39
Education	3.94	227.99	209.22	8.97
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	265.65	251.14	5.78
Miscellaneous	2.76	236.87	224.36	5.57

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-October, 2015-16 are given below:-

Increased: Gram Whole (46.22%), Pulse Gram (39.09%), Besan (35.52%), Pulse Mash (34.14%), Potatoes (27.66%), Fresh Vegetables (19.79%), Cigarettes (17.73%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (12.72%), Tomatoes (9.76%), Education (8.97%), Water Supply (8.95%), Sugar (8.62%), Personal Equipments (8.06%), Pulse Masoor (8.03%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (7.95%) and House Rent (6%).

Decreased: Onion (35.73%), Motor Fuel (9.73%), Kerosene Oil (8.91%), Rice (6.47%), Chicken (6.15%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (5.81%), Cooking Oil (3.97%) and Pulse Moong (3.36%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2016 over October, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.8% while it was 2.8% during October, 2015 over October, 2014.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2016 over October, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 5.2% while it was 3.4% during October, 2015 over October, 2014.