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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2019 [Base 2015-16=100]

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Inflation Rate, August, 2019 over July, 2019 (Previous month)	1.38	1.64
Inflation Rate, August, 2019 over August, 2018 (Corresponding month)	11.63	10.49
Average Inflation Rate July- August (2019-20) over July- August (2018-19)	10.98	9.44

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has changed the base year for price statistics from 2007-08 to 2015-16. The Governing Council directed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for new base year (2015-16) will be published along with CPI for old base year 2007-08 for some time.

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)

August, 2019 over July, 2019

3. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of August, 2019 increased by **1.64%** over July, 2019. The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 1.46% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 1.91%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 1.38%.

Group	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				Base 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2019	Jul, 2019			Aug, 2019	Jul, 2019	
General	100.00	125.89	123.86	1.64	100.00	255.94	252.46	1.38
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	123.02	118.95	3.42	34.83	264.07	256.84	2.81
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	120.85	117.55	2.81	29.84	259.05	253.83	2.06
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	135.89	127.23	6.80	4.99	294.09	274.80	7.02
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	133.91	133.58	0.25	1.41	428.89	425.77	0.73
Clothing and footwear	8.60	125.52	123.86	1.34	7.57	276.34	272.94	1.25
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	125.03	124.95	0.06	29.41	237.57	237.55	0.01
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	122.14	121.01	0.94	4.21	268.03	265.70	0.88
Health	2.79	132.85	131.80	0.80	2.19	245.22	244.82	0.16
Transport	5.91	143.65	141.03	1.86	7.20	235.99	232.44	1.53
Communication	2.21	106.67	106.59	0.08	3.22	145.78	145.40	0.26
Recreation and culture	1.59	117.30	116.56	0.64	2.02	227.00	224.67	1.04
Education	3.79	141.12	140.88	0.17	3.94	301.75	301.36	0.13
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	124.54	123.31	0.99	1.23	319.62	316.31	1.05
Misc. goods and services	4.87	128.63	126.23	1.90	2.76	302.58	296.19	2.16

4. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. July, 2019 are given below:**

URBAN:

Increased: Chicken (40.75%), Tomatoes(37.47%), Onions(32.31%), Fresh vegetables(12.84%), Eggs (9.76%), Potatoes(6.21%), Cooking oil(4.68%), Vegetable ghee(4.18%), Motor fuel(3.88%), Sugar(3.78%), Pulse masoor(2.54%), Mustard oil(1.75%), Pulse gram(1.44%), Wheat flour (1.29%) and Pulse mash(1.01%).

Decreased: Fresh fruits(15.64%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (LPG) (5.19%), and Wheat(0.3%).

RURAL:

Increased: Tomatoes(35.4%), Onions(28.49%), Chicken(26.56%), Potatoes(18.18%), Fresh Vegetables(10.96%), Eggs(9.79%), Sugar(5.21%), Doctor Clinic Fee (4.74%), Motor Fuels (4.21%), Cooking oil(3.22%), Pulse Moong(2.81%), Vegetable ghee(2.51%), Pulse Mash(2.35%) and Milk powder(1.85%).

Decreased: Fresh fruits(20.6%), Fish(2.8%), Beans(1.72%) and Wheat(0.32%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.O.Y)

August, 2019 over August, 2018

5. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the month of August, 2019 increased by **10.49%** over August, 2018.

The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 10.64% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 10.27%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 11.63%.

Group	NATIONAL (New Base)				Old Base			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Aug, 2019	Aug, 2018			Aug, 2019	Aug, 2018	
General	100.00	125.89	113.93	10.49	100.00	255.94	229.27	11.63
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	123.02	109.24	12.62	34.83	264.07	238.58	10.68
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	120.85	107.75	12.16	29.84	259.05	234.60	10.42
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	135.89	118.06	15.10	4.99	294.09	262.33	12.11
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	133.91	103.20	29.76	1.41	428.89	313.47	36.82
Clothing and footwear	8.60	125.52	115.27	8.89	7.57	276.34	254.67	8.51
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	125.03	116.78	7.07	29.41	237.57	210.80	12.70
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	122.14	109.49	11.55	4.21	268.03	242.22	10.66
Health	2.79	132.85	118.69	11.93	2.19	245.22	225.20	8.89
Transport	5.91	143.65	121.24	18.49	7.20	235.99	204.74	15.26
Communication	2.21	106.67	102.28	4.29	3.22	145.78	133.77	8.98
Recreation and culture	1.59	117.30	108.96	7.66	2.02	227.00	209.88	8.16
Education	3.79	141.12	131.96	6.94	3.94	301.75	281.89	7.05
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	124.54	117.32	6.15	1.23	319.62	295.02	8.34
Misc. goods and services	4.87	128.63	113.64	13.18	2.76	302.58	264.45	14.42

6. **Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. August, 2018 are given below:**

Urban:

Increased: Gas charges(114.64%), Chicken (75.27%), Onions(61.11%), Pulse moong (46.32%), Cigarettes (37.96%), Sugar(33.8%), Pulse mash(29.52%), Potatoes (27.34%), Motor vehicle accessories(23.66%), Motor fuel (23.43%), Motor vehicles(20.72%), Cooking oil(19.79%), Construction input items(18.18%), Drugs and medicines(17.2%), Vegetable ghee(17.13%), Doctor (MBBS) clinic fee(14.98%), Pulse masoor (13.53%), Meat(12.05%), Pulse gram(11.42%) and Milk powder (10.91%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (28.81%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (LPG) (15.19%), and Electricity charges (0.79%).

Rural:

Increased: Onions (62.51%), Chicken (56.48%), Pulse Moong (50.97%), Sugar (37.34%), Cigarettes (32.37%), Pulse Mash (31.39%), Potatoes (28.08%), Motor Fuels (23.18%), Cooking oil (21.01%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (19.53%), Motor Vehicles (17.86%), Doctor Clinic Fee (17.12%), and Vegetable ghee (15.8%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (24.56%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (LPG) (2.36%), Eggs (1.64%), Gram Whole (1.51%) and Electricity Charges (0.79%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

7. CPI National with base year (2015-16) for the period July-August (2019-20) increased by **9.44%** over July-August (2018-19).

The Urban CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 9.67% while Rural CPI with base year (2015-16) recorded an increase of 9.07%. (Details are in the Monthly Review). CPI with old base year (2007-08) recorded an increase of 10.98%.

Group	NATIONAL (New Base)				Old Base			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Aug, 2019	Jul-Aug, 2018			Jul-Aug, 2019	Jul-Aug, 2018	
General	100.00	124.88	114.11	9.44	100.00	254.20	229.04	10.98
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	120.98	109.56	10.43	34.83	260.46	238.33	9.29
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	119.20	108.18	10.19	29.84	256.44	234.98	9.13
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	131.56	117.74	11.74	4.99	284.45	258.33	10.11
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	133.75	103.24	29.55	1.41	427.33	313.56	36.28
Clothing and footwear	8.60	124.69	115.22	8.22	7.57	274.64	254.40	7.96
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	124.99	117.30	6.56	29.41	237.56	210.76	12.72
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	121.57	109.24	11.29	4.21	266.87	241.69	10.42
Health	2.79	132.32	118.39	11.77	2.19	245.02	224.94	8.93
Transport	5.91	142.34	120.99	17.65	7.20	234.22	203.73	14.97
Communication	2.21	106.63	102.22	4.32	3.22	145.58	133.71	8.88
Recreation and culture	1.59	116.93	108.94	7.34	2.02	225.83	209.30	7.90
Education	3.79	141.00	132.09	6.75	3.94	301.56	281.89	6.98
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	123.92	116.95	5.96	1.23	317.97	294.13	8.11
Misc. goods and services	4.87	127.43	113.80	11.97	2.76	299.38	264.97	12.99

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

Urban:

Increased: Gas charges (114.64%), Onions (59.06%), Pulse Moong (45.89%), Cigarettes (37.91%), Gur (34.34), Sugar (32.82%) and Chicken (30.40%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (23.58%), Eggs (6.33%), Liquid Hydrocarbons (LPG)(5.62%), Electricity Charges (4.14%), Dental Services (1.43%), and Fresh Vegetables (1.05%).

Rural:

Increased: Onions (65.21%), Pulse Moong (48.60%), Gur (39.86%), Sugar (34.47%) and Newspapers (33.33%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (22.46%), Eggs (7.09%) and Electricity Charges (4.14%).

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