

PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, December, 2020 over November, 2020 (Month on Month)	- 0.68
Inflation Rate, December, 2020 over December, 2019 (Year on Year)	7.97
Average Inflation Rate July- Dec (2020-21) over July- Dec (2019-20)	8.63

Analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year (2015-16)

1. 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 [December, 2020 over November, 2020]

2. **CPI National** for the month of **December, 2020** decreased by **0.68%** over November, 2020. The Urban CPI recorded a decrease of **0.35%** while Rural CPI recorded a decrease of **1.17%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2020	Nov, 2020			Dec, 2020	Nov, 2020			Dec, 2020	Nov, 2020	
General	100.0	140.86	141.83	-0.68	100.00	139.67	140.16	-0.35	100.00	142.65	144.34	-1.17
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	147.71	152.63	-3.23	30.42	145.86	149.77	-2.61	40.87	149.78	155.84	-3.89
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	145.38	146.28	-0.62	25.97	143.68	143.72	-0.03	35.08	147.27	149.14	-1.25
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	161.53	190.28	-15.11	4.46	158.55	185.01	-14.30	5.79	164.99	196.41	-16.00
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	143.64	143.42	0.16	0.85	152.10	152.13	-0.02	1.28	135.11	134.63	0.36
Clothing and footwear	8.60	140.96	140.03	0.67	8.01	137.25	136.62	0.46	9.48	145.70	144.38	0.91
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	134.37	132.81	1.18	27.03	135.34	134.09	0.93	18.49	132.24	129.97	1.75
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	135.35	134.62	0.54	4.09	134.34	133.72	0.46	4.10	136.86	135.98	0.65
Health	2.79	147.64	146.35	0.88	2.31	147.24	145.98	0.86	3.51	148.04	146.71	0.91
Transport	5.91	138.91	136.68	1.63	6.14	139.79	137.20	1.89	5.56	137.44	135.81	1.20
Communication	2.21	107.46	107.42	0.04	2.35	108.80	108.74	0.06	1.99	105.08	105.08	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	124.04	123.57	0.38	1.73	121.05	120.84	0.17	1.38	129.72	128.75	0.75
Education	3.79	143.71	143.71	0.00	4.88	146.16	146.16	0.00	2.13	135.26	135.26	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	138.76	137.90	0.62	7.41	137.47	136.53	0.69	6.19	141.09	140.37	0.51
Misc. goods and services	4.87	147.44	147.18	0.17	4.77	146.15	145.64	0.35	5.02	149.28	149.40	-0.08

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

URBAN:

Increased: Eggs (15.67%), Spices (6.88%), Butter (6.75%), Electricity (5.96%), Transport services (5.07%), Dry fruits (4.57%), Hosiery (3.43%), Vegetable ghee (3.07%), Cleaning and laundering (2.74%), Cooking oil (2.20%), Motor vehicle accessories (2.06%), Fish (1.51%), Woolen Cloth (1.39%) and Drugs & medicines (1.29%).

Decreased: Onions (29.12%), Tomatoes (27.12%), vegetables (19.18%), Sugar (18.07%), Potatoes (13.12%), Wheat (4.00%), fruits (1.85%), Pulse gram (1.23%) and Personal Effects n.e.c. (0.66%).

RURAL:

Increased: Eggs (14.08%), Electricity (5.96%), Spices (4.19%), Woolen Readymade Garments (4.14%), Cooking oil (3.71%), Chicken (3.21%), Vegetable ghee (3.13%), Transport Services (3.03%), Mustard oil (2.63%), Construction Items (2.52%), Fish (2.47%), Footwear (2.40%), Hosiery (2.03%), Pulse Mash (2.01%), Dry fruits (1.95%) and Drugs & Medicines (1.47%).

Decreased: Onions (31.45%), Sugar (23.04%), Tomatoes (19.82%), Vegetables (18.15%), Potatoes (16.61%), Wheat (3.91%), Wheat Flour (3.53%), Fruits (1.49%) and Personal Effects n.e.c. (1.29%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y) December, 2020 over December, 2019

4. CPI National for the month of December, 2020 increased by **7.97%** over December, 2019. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **6.97%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **9.49%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2020	Dec, 2019			Dec, 2020	Dec, 2019			Dec, 2020	Dec, 2019	
General	100.00	140.86	130.45	7.97	100.00	139.67	130.57	6.97	100.00	142.65	130.28	9.49
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	147.71	130.37	13.30	30.42	145.86	128.95	13.11	40.87	149.78	131.96	13.50
Non-perishable food items	29.60	145.38	124.97	16.33	25.97	143.68	123.97	15.90	35.08	147.27	126.08	16.81
Perishable food items	4.99	161.53	162.44	-0.56	4.46	158.55	157.99	0.35	5.79	164.99	167.62	-1.57
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	143.64	135.48	6.02	0.85	152.10	142.70	6.59	1.28	135.11	128.20	5.39
Clothing and footwear	8.60	140.96	128.57	9.64	8.01	137.25	126.10	8.84	9.48	145.70	131.72	10.61
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	134.37	129.89	3.45	27.03	135.34	131.62	2.83	18.49	132.24	126.06	4.90
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	135.35	125.72	7.66	4.09	134.34	126.59	6.12	4.10	136.86	124.41	10.01
Health	2.79	147.64	136.60	8.08	2.31	147.24	137.10	7.40	3.51	148.04	136.10	8.77
Transport	5.91	138.91	143.91	-3.47	6.14	139.79	145.01	-3.60	5.56	137.44	142.07	-3.26
Communication	2.21	107.46	106.92	0.51	2.35	108.80	108.18	0.57	1.99	105.08	104.67	0.39
Recreation and culture	1.59	124.04	118.77	4.44	1.73	121.05	117.22	3.27	1.38	129.72	121.71	6.58
Education	3.79	143.71	141.95	1.24	4.88	146.16	144.67	1.03	2.13	135.26	132.56	2.04
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	138.76	126.29	9.87	7.41	137.47	124.97	10.00	6.19	141.09	128.68	9.64
Misc. goods and services	4.87	147.44	131.75	11.90	4.77	146.15	132.17	10.58	5.02	149.28	131.15	13.82

5. Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. December, 2019 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Chicken (67.35%), Eggs (64.39%), Spices (47.45%), Potatoes (38.33%), Beans (29.85%), Butter (27.8%), Wheat (24.15%), Pulse moong (23.09%), Pulse mash (19.94%), Personal Effects n.e.c. (19.62%), Vegetable ghee (17.25%), clinic fee (15.48%), Sugar (15.32%), Mustard oil (15.07%), Cleaning and laundering (13.57%), Woollen readymade garments (13.06%) and Woollen cloth (12.85%).

Decreased: Onions (24.38%), Tomatoes (11.16%), Motor fuel (8.76%), Fish (8.08%), Electricity (5.96%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (2.54%).

RURAL:

Increased: Eggs (65.35%), Chicken (63.25%), Spices (49.63%), Potatoes (46.96%), Wheat (28.11%), Beans (21.91%), Personal Effects n.e.c. (21.89%), Hosiery (20.80%), Pulse Masoor (20.59%), Pulse Moong (20.43%), Pulse Mash (19.41%), Clinic Fee (18.51%), Vegetable ghee (18.30%), Cleaning and Laundering (17.06%), Cooking oil (15.80%), Wheat Flour (15.79%), Rice (15.65%), Mustard oil (15.64%), Plastic Products (14.5%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (13.13%).

Decreased: Onions (27.60%), Tomatoes (12.86%), fruits (10.36%), Vegetables (10.35%), Motor Fuels (9.18%), Electricity (5.96%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (3.69%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

6. CPI National for the period **July-Dec (2020-21)** increased by **8.63%** over July- Dec (2019-20). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **7.31%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **10.63%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Dec, 2020-21	Jul- Dec, 2019-20			Jul- Dec, 2020-21	Jul- Dec, 2019-20			Jul- Dec, 2020-21	Jul- Dec, 2019-20	
General	100.00	138.88	127.85	8.63	100.00	128.47	137.86	7.31	100.00	126.93	140.42	10.63
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	145.54	126.50	15.05	30.42	126.11	143.73	13.97	40.87	126.94	147.57	16.25
Non-perishable food items	29.60	142.20	122.27	16.30	25.97	122.00	140.29	14.99	35.08	122.45	144.34	17.88
Perishable food items	4.99	165.32	151.61	9.04	4.46	151.95	163.77	7.78	5.79	150.62	167.13	10.96
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	142.41	134.65	5.76	0.85	142.28	150.68	5.90	1.28	126.95	134.07	5.61
Clothing and footwear	8.60	138.38	126.44	9.44	8.01	124.05	134.65	8.54	9.48	129.48	143.13	10.54
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	132.53	127.25	4.15	27.03	129.26	133.95	3.63	18.49	122.83	129.38	5.33
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	133.05	123.49	7.75	4.09	124.34	132.19	6.32	4.10	122.21	134.35	9.94
Health	2.79	144.84	134.26	7.88	2.31	135.22	144.60	6.94	3.51	133.31	145.07	8.82
Transport	5.91	138.03	142.41	-3.08	6.14	143.33	138.60	-3.30	5.56	140.89	137.08	-2.70
Communication	2.21	107.14	106.73	0.38	2.35	107.94	108.41	0.44	1.99	104.58	104.90	0.31
Recreation and culture	1.59	122.58	117.90	3.97	1.73	116.57	120.08	3.01	1.38	120.43	127.31	5.72
Education	3.79	143.15	141.52	1.15	4.88	144.16	145.67	1.05	2.13	132.42	134.47	1.55
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	135.95	125.14	8.64	7.41	124.02	134.62	8.54	6.19	127.17	138.36	8.80
Misc. goods and services	4.87	145.67	129.89	12.16	4.77	130.46	144.42	10.70	5.02	129.07	147.48	14.27

7. Top few commodities which varied from previous period average i.e. Jul-Dec, 2019-20 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased:

Cardamom Small (70.40%), Potatoes (67.58%), Ginger (67.45%), Chillies Powder (61.02%), Eggs (45.12%), Wheat (35.65%), Pulse moong (35.34%), Gold (34.07%), Wheat Flour (32.24%), Beans (31.53%), Pulse mash (29.14%), Sugar (25.95%), Tomatoes (24.80%), Pulse masoor (23.57%), Dettol (19.02%), Vegetable ghee (18.62%) and Gur (16.73%).

Decreased:

Cauliflower (28.54%), Onions (22.55%), Diesel (18.31%), Turnip (17.76%), Garlic (13.18%), Petrol (10.13%), Apples (9.05%), CNG (8.50%), Gram Whole (5.14%) and Cement (2.01%).

RURAL:

Increased:

Chilli Powder (89.80%), Potatoes (67.35%), Ginger (67.16%), Eggs (41.25%), Pulse Moong (39.43%), Wheat (37.18%), Gold (34.24%), Beans (34.17%), Tomatoes (31.65%), Pulse Mash (31.33%), Sugar (25.86%), Dettol (25.11%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (20.88%), Bread (19.27%), Clinic Fee (17.52%) and Rice Basmati (15.88%).

Decreased:

Onions (22.30%), Cauliflower (20.26%), Diesel (18.31%), Kerosine Oil (12.12%), Apple (12.04%), Turnip (12.03%), Petrol (10.13%), Garlic (10.01%), CNG (5.10%), Gram Whole (4.84%), Cement (2.34%) and LPG (1.93%).

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