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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2021

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, February, 2021 over January, 2021 (Month on Month)	1.80
Inflation Rate, February, 2021 over February, 2020 (Year on Year)	8.70
Average Inflation Rate July- Feb (2020-21) over July- Feb (2019-20)	8.25

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 [February, 2021 over January, 2021]

2. **CPI National** for the month of **February, 2021** increased by 1.80% over January, 2021. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 2.27% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 1.12%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2021	Jan, 2021			Feb, 2021	Jan, 2021			Feb, 2021	Jan, 2021	
General	100.0	143.09	140.56	1.80	100.00	142.61	139.45	2.27	100.00	143.82	142.23	1.12
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	144.96	143.79	0.82	30.42	143.95	141.87	1.47	40.87	146.10	145.94	0.11
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	149.81	146.26	2.43	25.97	148.53	144.08	3.09	35.08	151.23	148.69	1.71
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	116.20	129.13	-10.01	4.46	117.22	128.98	-9.12	5.79	115.02	129.31	-11.05
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	144.01	143.77	0.16	0.85	152.48	152.14	0.22	1.28	135.46	135.33	0.10
Clothing and footwear	8.60	145.49	142.14	2.36	8.01	143.58	137.97	4.07	9.48	147.93	147.45	0.33
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	142.85	136.89	4.35	27.03	143.34	137.52	4.23	18.49	141.76	135.50	4.62
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	137.79	135.91	1.38	4.09	137.06	134.95	1.56	4.10	138.88	137.36	1.11
Health	2.79	150.81	149.03	1.20	2.31	150.26	148.06	1.49	3.51	151.36	149.99	0.91
Transport	5.91	144.19	141.48	1.92	6.14	145.36	142.26	2.18	5.56	142.24	140.17	1.48
Communication	2.21	107.56	107.51	0.05	2.35	108.95	108.87	0.07	1.99	105.08	105.08	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	124.73	124.41	0.25	1.73	121.56	121.14	0.35	1.38	130.73	130.62	0.08
Education	3.79	143.83	143.81	0.02	4.88	146.26	146.25	0.01	2.13	135.46	135.37	0.07
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	140.23	139.66	0.41	7.41	139.00	138.39	0.44	6.19	142.46	141.96	0.35
Misc. goods and services	4.87	150.88	148.93	1.31	4.77	150.08	147.67	1.63	5.02	152.02	150.73	0.86

3. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. January, 2021 are given below:**

URBAN:

Increased: Chicken (37.01%), Electricity charges (29.45%), Foot ware (14.66%), Cooking oil (11.92%), Fruits (9.26%), Vegetable ghee (9.03%), Condiments and Spices (5.50%), Pulse gram (4.48%), Mustard oil (3.80%), Pulse masoor (3.28%), Readymade garments (2.93%), Pulse mash (2.62%), Cotton cloth (2.52%), Hosiery (1.97%), Motor fuel (1.64%). and Rice (1.20%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (58.7%), Potatoes (12.92%), Eggs (10.38%), Onions (7.88%) and Vegetables (7.35%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (3.94%).

RURAL:

Increased: Chicken (31.54%), Electricity Charges (29.45%), Fruits (9.92%), Vegetable ghee (7.05%), Cooking oil (5.58%), Mustard oil (3.76%), Pulse Gram (2.46%), Motor Fuels (1.60%), Pulse Masoor (1.57%), Motor Vehicles (1.44%), Pulse Moong (1.18%), Rice (1.18%), Drugs and Medicines (1.11%) and Pulse Mash (1.01%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (56.33%), Eggs (18.41%), Potatoes (17.48%), Onions (8.30%), Vegetables (6.00%), iquefied Hydrocarbons (3.01%) and Construction Input Items (1.57%) and Wheat Flour (1.10%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y) February, 2021 over February, 2020

4. CPI National for the month of February, 2021 increased by 8.70% over February, 2020. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 8.60% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 8.85%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2021	Feb, 2020			Feb, 2021	Feb, 2020			Feb, 2021	Feb, 2020	
General	100.00	143.09	131.64	8.70	100.00	142.61	131.32	8.60	100.00	143.82	132.13	8.85
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	144.96	132.10	3.38	30.42	143.95	130.25	10.52	40.87	146.10	134.17	8.89
Non-perishable food items	29.60	149.81	130.65	4.31	25.97	148.53	128.74	15.37	35.08	151.23	132.79	13.89
Perishable food items	4.99	116.20	140.66	-0.93	4.46	117.22	139.02	-15.68	5.79	115.02	142.56	-19.32
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	144.01	136.28	0.06	0.85	152.48	143.51	6.25	1.28	135.46	128.99	5.02
Clothing and footwear	8.60	145.49	130.68	0.97	8.01	143.58	127.81	12.34	9.48	147.93	134.33	10.12
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	142.85	129.11	2.47	27.03	143.34	130.34	9.97	18.49	141.76	126.39	12.16
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	137.79	127.02	0.34	4.09	137.06	127.57	7.44	4.10	138.88	126.20	10.05
Health	2.79	150.81	138.09	0.27	2.31	150.26	138.29	8.66	3.51	151.36	137.89	9.77
Transport	5.91	144.19	145.60	-0.06	6.14	145.36	146.55	-0.81	5.56	142.24	144.02	-1.24
Communication	2.21	107.56	106.96	0.01	2.35	108.95	108.22	0.67	1.99	105.08	104.72	0.34
Recreation and culture	1.59	124.73	119.03	0.07	1.73	121.56	117.38	3.56	1.38	130.73	122.15	7.02
Education	3.79	143.83	142.11	0.05	4.88	146.26	144.71	1.07	2.13	135.46	133.12	1.76
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	140.23	129.86	0.55	7.41	139.00	128.88	7.85	6.19	142.46	131.63	8.23
Misc. goods and services	4.87	150.88	134.42	0.61	4.77	150.08	134.20	11.83	5.02	152.02	134.74	12.82

5. Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. February, 2020 are given below:

URBAN:

Increased: Eggs (48.10%), Electricity charges (43.06%), Chicken (36.33%), Condiments and Spices (31.13%), Wheat (23.79%), Foot ware (22.99%), Mustard oil (22.71%), Beans (17.34%), Vegetable ghee (17.27%), Sugar (17.16%), Personal Effects (16.46%), Cooking oil (15.39%), Cotton cloth (14.70%), Milk (14.65%), Wheat flour bag (13.51%), Cleaning and laundering (13.13%) and Woolen readymade garments (11.21%).

Decreased: Onions(29.72%), Tomatoes(29.49%), Fresh vegetables(22.58%) and Fish (7.37%).

RURAL:

Increased: Electricity Charges (43.06%), Eggs (35.81%), Chicken (27.28%), Condiments and Spices (24.18%), Wheat (23.14%), Hosiery (20.19%), Mustard oil (20.16%), Cooking oil (18.95%), Vegetable ghee (18.17%), Personal Effects (17.29%), Wheat Flour (16.58%), Sugar (15.13%), Plastic Products (13.19%), Cleaning and Laundering (11.87%) and Cotton Cloth (11.67%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (34.33%), Onions (30.24%), Fresh Vegetables (26.45%) and Potatoes (10.14%).

AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

6. CPI National for the period **July-Feb (2020-21)** increased by 8.25% over July- Feb (2019-20). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 7.18% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 9.87%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Feb, 2020-21	Jul- Feb, 2019-20			Jul- Feb , 2020-21	Jul- Feb, 2019-20			Jul- Feb , 2020-21	Jul- Feb, 2019-20	
General	100.00	139.62	128.97	8.25	100.00	138.66	129.36	7.18	100.00	141.07	128.39	9.87
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	145.25	128.23	13.27	30.42	143.52	127.48	12.59	40.87	147.18	129.09	14.01
Non-perishable food items	29.60	143.66	124.27	15.61	25.97	141.80	124.07	14.29	35.08	145.75	124.40	17.16
Perishable food items	4.99	154.66	151.78	1.89	4.46	153.60	152.04	1.03	5.79	155.89	151.04	3.21
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	142.78	135.01	5.75	0.85	151.09	142.56	5.98	1.28	134.40	127.40	5.49
Clothing and footwear	8.60	139.74	127.39	9.69	8.01	136.18	124.91	9.02	9.48	144.27	130.55	10.51
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	134.36	128.12	4.87	27.03	135.57	129.94	4.34	18.49	131.69	124.12	6.10
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	134.00	124.28	7.83	4.09	133.15	125.06	6.47	4.10	135.29	123.11	9.90
Health	2.79	146.11	135.13	8.12	2.31	145.74	135.94	7.21	3.51	146.47	134.33	9.04
Transport	5.91	139.23	143.16	-2.75	6.14	139.90	144.11	-2.92	5.56	138.11	141.59	-2.46
Communication	2.21	107.24	106.78	0.42	2.35	108.54	108.01	0.49	1.99	104.94	104.61	0.32
Recreation and culture	1.59	123.07	118.16	4.15	1.73	120.40	116.76	3.12	1.38	128.15	120.85	6.05
Education	3.79	143.32	141.65	1.18	4.88	145.82	144.30	1.05	2.13	134.71	132.52	1.65
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	136.95	126.12	8.59	7.41	135.64	125.04	8.47	6.19	139.33	128.06	8.80
Misc. goods and services	4.87	146.73	130.91	12.09	4.77	145.53	131.34	10.81	5.02	148.46	130.29	13.94

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

URBAN:

Increased:

Chillies Powder (73.69%), Cardamom Small (54.38%), Ginger (51.69%), Potatoes (45.68%), Eggs (42.09%), Wheat (32.70%), Gold (31.64%), Silver (27.72%), Beans (27.46%), Pulse moong (26.62%), Pulse Mash (25.47%), Sugar (24.43%), Pulse masoor (20.09%), Vegetable Ghee (19.26%), Wheat Flour Bag (14.91%) and Gur (13.94%).

Decreased:

Cauliflower (34.74%), Onions (24.82%), Turnip (23.81%), Peas (20.89%), Garlic (17.09%), Diesel (16.43%), Apples (9.51%), Petrol (9.35%), Reddish (9.07%), CNG (7.51%), Gram Whole (5.32%) and LPG (3.31%).

RURAL:

Increased:

Chilli Powder (82.44%), Ginger (52.69%), Potatoes (44.77%), Eggs (40.01%), Wheat (32.89%), Gold (31.59%), Pulse Moong (30.56%), Beans (30.26%), Pulse Mash (26.40%), Sugar (24.16%), Wheat Flour Bag (23.29%), Pulse Masoor (23.13%), Vegetable Ghee (20.44%) and Rice Basmati (15.38%).

Decreased:

Cauliflower (29.53%), Onions (25.18%), Turnip (21.05%), Peas (16.63%), Diesel (16.43%), Garlic (14.62%), Apple (12.51%), Kerosine Oil (11.43%), Petrol (9.35%), Gram Whole Yellow (4.83%), CNG (4.32%), LPG (3.52%) and Fish (1.87%).

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