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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, March, 2021 over February, 2021 (Month on Month)	<b>0.36</b>
Inflation Rate, March, 2021 over March, 2020 (Year on Year)	<b>9.05</b>
Average Inflation Rate July- Mar (2020-21) over July- Mar (2019-20)	<b>8.34</b>

**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 [March, 2021 over February, 2021]**

2. **CPI National** for the month of **March, 2021** increased by 0.36% over February, 2021. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 0.27% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 0.51%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2021	Feb, 2021			Mar, 2021	Feb, 2021			Mar, 2021	Feb, 2021	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.0</b>	143.61	143.09	0.36	100.00	142.99	142.61	0.27	100.00	144.55	143.82	0.51
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	147.49	144.96	1.75	30.42	146.51	143.95	1.78	40.87	148.60	146.10	1.71
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	152.12	149.81	1.55	25.97	150.79	148.53	1.52	35.08	153.61	151.23	1.57
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	120.02	116.20	3.29	4.46	121.56	117.22	3.70	5.79	118.23	115.02	2.79
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	144.48	144.01	0.33	0.85	153.44	152.48	0.63	1.28	135.45	135.46	-0.01
Clothing and footwear	8.60	146.94	145.49	1.00	8.01	144.65	143.58	0.75	9.48	149.87	147.93	1.31
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	140.48	142.85	-1.65	27.03	141.07	143.34	-1.58	18.49	139.19	141.76	-1.81
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	139.20	137.79	1.02	4.09	138.33	137.06	0.93	4.10	140.50	138.88	1.17
Health	2.79	151.85	150.81	0.69	2.31	151.94	150.26	1.12	3.51	151.76	151.36	0.26
Transport	5.91	143.25	144.19	-0.65	6.14	144.34	145.36	-0.70	5.56	141.43	142.24	-0.57
Communication	2.21	107.57	107.56	0.01	2.35	108.95	108.95	0.00	1.99	105.11	105.08	0.03
Recreation and culture	1.59	125.06	124.73	0.27	1.73	121.89	121.56	0.27	1.38	131.08	130.73	0.27
Education	3.79	143.83	143.83	0.00	4.88	146.26	146.26	0.00	2.13	135.46	135.46	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	141.25	140.23	0.73	7.41	140.53	139.00	1.10	6.19	142.56	142.46	0.07
Misc. goods and services	4.87	150.17	150.88	-0.47	4.77	149.64	150.08	-0.29	5.02	150.92	152.02	-0.72

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

**URBAN:**

**FOOD**

**Increased:** Eggs (12.96%), Fruits (10.00%), Potatoes (9.54%), Chicken (6.58%), Sugar (4.82%), Tomatoes (4.67%), Pulse mash (4.57%), Pulse gram (4.39%), Rice (1.61%) and Wheat flour (1.46%).

**Decreased:** Onions (2.37%), Dry fruits (2.19%), Fish (1.78%) and Vegetables (1.48%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Cotton cloth (1.77%), Vehicle accessories (1.56%), Drugs & medicines (1.40%), Washing soap/detergents/match box (1.33%) and Plastic products (1.04%).

**Decreased:** Electricity charges (8.05%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (6.84%), Transport services (3.00%) and Personal Effects (2.78%).

**RURAL:**

**FOOD**

**Increased:** Eggs (15.00%), Chicken (12.21%), Potatoes (11.43%), Fruits (6.08%), Sugar (5.77%), Besan (4.71%), Pulse Gram (3.89%), Gram Whole (2.53%), Pulse Mash (2.52%), Pulse Masoor (2.18%), Vegetable ghee (1.58%), Cooking oil (1.53%) and Wheat Flour (0.97%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (6.10%), Fish (1.14%), Condiments & Spices (0.61%) and Wheat (0.33%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Woolen Cloth (3.59%), Cotton Cloth (2.03%), Plastic Products (1.45%) and Washing Soaps, Detergents & Match Box (1.41%).

**Decreased:** Electricity Charges (8.05%), Personal Effects (3.53%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (2.40%) and Construction Input Items (0.54%).

**YEARLY ANALYSIS (Y.o.Y) March, 2021 over March, 2020**

4. CPI National for the month of March, 2021 increased by 9.05% over March, 2020. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 8.75% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 9.51%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight %	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight %	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2021	Mar, 2020			Mar, 2021	Mar, 2020			Mar, 2021	Mar, 2020	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	143.61	131.69	9.05	100.00	142.99	131.49	8.75	100.00	144.55	132.00	9.51
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	147.49	132.18	11.58	30.42	146.51	130.93	11.90	40.87	148.60	133.59	11.24
Non-perishable food items	29.60	152.12	129.99	17.03	25.97	150.79	129.99	17.16	35.08	153.61	129.99	16.88
Perishable food items	4.99	120.02	145.20	-17.34	4.46	121.56	145.20	-15.55	5.79	118.23	145.20	-19.38
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	144.48	136.40	5.92	0.85	153.44	143.54	6.90	1.28	135.45	129.21	4.83
Clothing and footwear	8.60	146.94	132.72	10.72	8.01	144.65	129.69	11.54	9.48	149.87	136.59	9.72
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	140.48	129.17	8.76	27.03	141.07	130.40	8.18	18.49	139.19	126.44	10.08
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	139.20	127.88	8.85	4.09	138.33	128.21	7.89	4.10	140.50	127.38	10.30
Health	2.79	151.85	139.55	8.81	2.31	151.94	139.56	8.87	3.51	151.76	139.54	8.76
Transport	5.91	143.25	139.18	2.92	6.14	144.34	139.85	3.21	5.56	141.43	138.06	2.44
Communication	2.21	107.57	106.96	0.57	2.35	108.95	108.22	0.67	1.99	105.11	104.72	0.37
Recreation and culture	1.59	125.06	119.54	4.62	1.73	121.89	118.01	3.29	1.38	131.08	122.45	7.05
Education	3.79	143.83	142.40	1.01	4.88	146.26	144.98	0.88	2.13	135.46	133.48	1.48
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	141.25	130.63	8.13	7.41	140.53	129.70	8.35	6.19	142.56	132.31	7.75
Misc. goods and services	4.87	150.17	135.75	10.62	4.77	149.64	135.66	10.31	5.02	150.92	135.89	11.06

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

**URBAN:**  
**FOOD**

**Increased:** Eggs (64.62%), Chicken (40.73%), Wheat (35.17%), Condiments & Spices (28.65%), Sugar (23.47%), Mustard oil (22.94%), Pulse mash (19.53%), Wheat flour (18.94%), Vegetable ghee (17.46%), Beans (16.20%) and Cooking oil (15.25%).

**Decreased:** Onions (49.20%), Vegetables (17.29%), Potatoes (5.80%) and Tomatoes (3.79%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Electricity charges (31.54%), Footwear (16.21%), Cotton cloth (15.82%), Cleaning & laundering (13.20%), Clinic fee (12.70%) and Woollen readymade garments (12.08%).

**Decreased:** Liquefied Hydrocarbons (11.01%)

**RURAL:**  
**FOOD**

**Increased:** Eggs (61.29%), Chicken (50.10%), Wheat (32.53%), Condiments & Spices (23.33%), Sugar (22.66%), Mustard oil (21.73%), Wheat Flour (20.75%), Cooking oil (20.49%), Vegetable ghee (18.78%), Pulse Masoor (15.94%), Pulse Mash (15.03%) and Rice (14.18%).

**Decreased:** Onions (50.49%), Vegetables (22.02%), Potatoes (6.25%), Tomatoes (3.00%) and Fruits (2.83%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (31.54%), Clinic Fee (16.02%), Hosiery (15.64%), Plastic Products (14.24%), Woolen Cloth (13.15%), Cotton Cloth (11.84%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (10.01%).

**Decreased:** Liquefied Hydrocarbons (8.84%).

## AVERAGE INFLATION RATE

6. CPI National for the period **July-Mar (2020-21)** increased by 8.34% over July- Mar (2019-20). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 7.36% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 9.83%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Mar, 2020-21	Jul- Mar, 2019-20			Jul- Mar , 2020-21	Jul- Mar, 2019-20			Jul- Mar , 2020-21	Jul- Mar, 2019-20	
General	100.00	140.06	129.28	8.34	100.00	139.14	129.60	7.36	100.00	141.45	128.79	9.83
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	145.50	128.67	13.07	30.42	143.86	127.86	12.51	40.87	147.34	129.59	13.69
Non-perishable food items	29.60	144.60	124.90	15.77	25.97	142.79	124.72	14.49	35.08	146.62	125.02	17.27
Perishable food items	4.99	150.81	151.05	-0.16	4.46	150.04	151.28	-0.82	5.79	151.70	150.39	0.87
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	142.97	135.17	5.77	0.85	151.35	142.67	6.08	1.28	134.52	127.60	5.42
Clothing and footwear	8.60	140.54	127.98	9.81	8.01	137.12	125.44	9.31	9.48	144.89	131.22	10.42
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	135.04	128.24	5.30	27.03	136.18	129.99	4.77	18.49	132.52	124.38	6.55
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	134.58	124.68	7.94	4.09	133.72	125.41	6.63	4.10	135.87	123.58	9.94
Health	2.79	146.75	135.62	8.20	2.31	146.43	136.34	7.40	3.51	147.06	134.91	9.01
Transport	5.91	139.68	142.72	-2.13	6.14	140.39	143.63	-2.26	5.56	138.48	141.20	-1.92
Communication	2.21	107.27	106.80	0.44	2.35	108.58	108.03	0.51	1.99	104.96	104.62	0.32
Recreation and culture	1.59	123.29	118.32	4.21	1.73	120.56	116.89	3.14	1.38	128.48	121.02	6.16
Education	3.79	143.38	141.74	1.16	4.88	145.87	144.38	1.03	2.13	134.79	132.63	1.63
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	137.43	126.62	8.54	7.41	136.18	125.56	8.46	6.19	139.68	128.53	8.68
Misc. goods and services	4.87	147.11	131.45	11.92	4.77	145.99	131.82	10.75	5.02	148.73	130.91	13.61

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

### URBAN:

#### FOOD:

**Increased:** Chillies Powder (80.53%), Cardamom Small (47.15%), Egg (44.54%), Ginger (43.62%), Potatoes (39.06%), Wheat (32.62%), Beans (26.00%), Pulse Mash (24.74%), Sugar (24.27%), Pulse moong (23.95%), Vegetable Ghee (19.35%) and Wheat Flour Bag (15.03%).

**Decreased:** Cauliflower (31.89%), Onions (27.88%), Turnip (22.70%), Garlic (19.92%), Peas (13.11%), Apples (9.82%), Reddish (8.60%) and Gram Whole (4.93%).

#### NON-FOOD:

**Increased:** Gold (29.19%) and Silver (28.37%),

**Decreased:** Diesel (14.94%), Petrol (8.20%), CNG (7.07%) and LPG (4.37%).

### RURAL:

#### FOOD:

**Increased:** Chillies Powder (79.60%), Ginger (44.44%), Eggs (41.90%), Potatoes (37.45%), Wheat (32.25%), Pulse Moong (27.53%), Pulse Mash (24.98%), Sugar (23.99%), Wheat Flour Bag (23.38%), Pulse Masoor (22.26%) and Vegetable Ghee (20.46%).

**Decreased:** Cauliflower (28.63%), Onions (28.48%), Turnip (22.33%), Garlic (17.97%), Peas (12.73%), Apple (12.48%), Gram Whole Yellow (4.44%) and Fish (1.97%).

#### NON-FOOD:

**Increased:** Gold (29.27%) and Clinic Fee (17.79%).

**Decreased:** Diesel (14.94%), Kerosene Oil (10.57%), Petrol (8.20%), LPG (4.20%) and CNG (4.00%).

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