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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2022

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16
Inflation Rate, March, 2022 over February, 2022 (Month on Month)	0.79
Inflation Rate, March, 2022 over March, 2021 (Year on Year)	12.72
Average Inflation Rate, Jul-Mar, 2021-22 over Jul-Mar, 2020-21	10.77

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 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 [Mar, 2022 over Feb, 2022]

2. CPI National for the month of March 2022 increased by 0.79% over February, 2022. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 0.65% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 1.00%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2022	Feb, 2022			Mar, 2022	Feb, 2022			Mar, 2022	Feb, 2022	
General	100.0	161.88	160.61	0.79	100.00	160.07	159.03	0.65	100.00	164.62	162.99	1.00
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	170.06	166.31	2.25	30.42	168.17	164.76	2.07	40.87	172.19	168.06	2.46
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	172.40	167.93	2.66	25.97	170.35	166.05	2.59	35.08	174.70	170.03	2.75
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	156.19	156.72	-0.34	4.46	155.53	157.22	-1.07	5.79	156.95	156.14	0.52
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	147.13	147.07	0.04	0.85	155.67	155.56	0.07	1.28	138.51	138.51	0.00
Clothing and footwear	8.60	161.16	159.56	1.00	8.01	158.48	157.08	0.89	9.48	164.57	162.73	1.13
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	152.19	155.68	-2.25	27.03	151.06	154.52	-2.24	18.49	154.67	158.25	-2.26
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	158.42	156.31	1.36	4.09	155.73	154.01	1.12	4.10	162.48	159.76	1.70
Health	2.79	167.01	166.06	0.57	2.31	167.16	165.61	0.94	3.51	166.87	166.51	0.22
Transport	5.91	180.85	180.29	0.31	6.14	182.29	181.41	0.49	5.56	178.44	178.43	0.01
Communication	2.21	110.31	110.29	0.03	2.35	112.57	112.56	0.01	1.99	106.30	106.24	0.06
Recreation and culture	1.59	136.71	134.90	1.34	1.73	132.47	131.23	0.94	1.38	144.74	141.86	2.03
Education	3.79	155.72	148.76	4.68	4.88	159.39	150.87	5.65	2.13	143.04	141.47	1.11
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	161.81	160.41	0.88	7.41	160.94	159.82	0.70	6.19	163.39	161.47	1.19
Misc. goods and services	4.87	168.77	166.07	1.63	4.77	167.48	164.52	1.80	5.02	170.62	168.29	1.38

3. Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2022 are given below:

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Chicken (33.63%), Fruits (15.17%), Mustard Oil (8.73%), Vegetable ghee (8.32%), Onions (7.01%), Cooking Oil (5.05%), Gram whole (2.11%), Tea (1.92%), Milk (1.52%) and Besan (0.91%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (36.53%), Eggs (14.75%), Wheat (4.89%), Potatoes (3.68%), Condiments & Spices (2.38%), Gur (1.10%), Wheat flour (1.08%) and Sugar (1.02%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (7.79%), Woolen Cloth (3.14%), Furniture & Furnishing (2.53%), Construction Input Items (2.00%), Stationery (1.83%), Motor Vehicles (1.76%), Cotton Cloth (1.42%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (1.36%) and Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (1.01%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (13.40%), Motor Fuel (1.95%) and Solid Fuel (0.09%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Chicken (33.34%), Fruits (16.67%), Cooking Oil (12.35%), Vegetable Ghee (10.30%), Onions (6.50%), Mustard Oil (5.54%), Vegetables (4.65%), Beans (2.83%), Tea (2.33%), Gram Whole (1.74%), Besan (1.62%) and Milk (1.16%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (33.87%), Eggs (13.97%), Potatoes (3.78%), Wheat (2.39%), Wheat Flour (1.32%), Gur (1.20%) and Pulse Moong (0.23%)

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (5.58%), Stationery (3.35%), Construction Input Items (3.34%), Washing Soaps/Detergents/Match Box (2.47%), Cotton Cloth (2.34%), Cleaning & Laundering (2.24%) and Readymade Garments (1.74%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (13.40%), Motor Fuels (2.24%) and Solid Fuel (0.20%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [Mar, 2022 over Mar, 2021]

4. CPI National for the month of Mar, 2022 increased by 12.72% over Mar, 2021. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 11.94% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 13.88%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2022	Mar, 2021			Mar, 2022	Mar, 2021			Mar, 2022	Mar, 2021	
General	100.00	161.88	143.61	12.72	100.00	160.07	142.99	11.94	100.00	164.62	144.55	13.88
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	170.06	147.49	15.30	30.42	168.17	146.51	14.78	40.87	172.19	148.60	15.87
Non-perishable food items	29.60	172.40	152.12	13.33	25.97	170.35	150.79	12.97	35.08	174.70	153.61	13.73
Perishable food items	4.99	156.19	120.02	30.13	4.46	155.53	121.56	27.95	5.79	156.95	118.23	32.75
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	147.13	144.48	1.83	0.85	155.67	153.44	1.45	1.28	138.51	135.45	2.26
Clothing and footwear	8.60	161.16	146.94	9.67	8.01	158.48	144.65	9.56	9.48	164.57	149.87	9.81
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	152.19	140.48	8.33	27.03	151.06	141.07	7.08	18.49	154.67	139.19	11.12
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	158.42	139.20	13.81	4.09	155.73	138.33	12.58	4.10	162.48	140.50	15.64
Health	2.79	167.01	151.85	9.99	2.31	167.16	151.94	10.02	3.51	166.87	151.76	9.96
Transport	5.91	180.85	143.25	26.25	6.14	182.29	144.34	26.29	5.56	178.44	141.43	26.17
Communication	2.21	110.31	107.57	2.55	2.35	112.57	108.95	3.32	1.99	106.30	105.11	1.13
Recreation and culture	1.59	136.71	125.05	9.32	1.73	132.47	121.89	8.68	1.38	144.74	131.05	10.45
Education	3.79	155.72	143.83	8.26	4.88	159.39	146.26	8.98	2.13	143.04	135.46	5.60
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	161.81	141.25	14.56	7.41	160.94	140.53	14.52	6.19	163.39	142.56	14.61
Misc. goods and services	4.87	168.77	150.17	12.39	4.77	167.48	149.64	11.92	5.02	170.62	150.92	13.05

5. Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. March, 2021 are given below:

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (148.65%), Mustard Oil (59.91%), Vegetable Ghee (49.56%), Cooking Oil (48.05%), Pulse Masoor (38.32%), Vegetables (34.92%), Fruits (32.00%), Gram whole (25.37%), Meat (23.68%), Chicken (19.59%) and Beans (13.62%).

Decreased: Pulse Moong (27.11%), Eggs (20.32%), Condiments & Spices (15.41%), Sugar (10.7%) and Potatoes (9.49%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (78.88%), Motor Fuel (36.98%), Cleaning & Laundering (23.60%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (16.71%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (15.63%) and Solid Fuel (12.88%)

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (158.82%), Cooking Oil (63.47%), Mustard Oil (57.2%), Vegetable Ghee (56.43%), Vegetables (45.62%), Fruits (37.80%), Pulse Masoor (37.46%), Gram Whole (33.39%), Meat (25.19%), Beans (17.38%), Wheat Flour (16.22%), Chicken (15.09%) and Tea (11.74%).

Decreased: Pulse Moong (27.05%), Eggs (15.05%), Condiments & Spices (14.89%), Sugar (9.62%) and Potatoes (9.00%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (59.03%), Motor Fuels (35.77%), Washing Soaps/Detergents/Match Box (19.85%), Cleaning & Laundering (19.28%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (16.32%), Construction Input Items (16.07%), Solid Fuel (15.07%) and Hosiery (15.04%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [Jul-Mar, 2021-22 over Jul-Mar, 2020-21]

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Mar (2021-22)** increased by 10.77% over Jul-Mar (2020-21). The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 10.78% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 10.75%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Mar 2021-22	Jul-Mar 2020-21			Jul-Mar 2021-22	Jul-Mar 2020-21			Jul-Mar 2021-22	Jul-Mar 2020-21	
General	100.00	155.15	140.06	10.77	100.00	154.14	139.14	10.78	100.00	156.66	141.45	10.75
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	161.73	145.50	11.16	30.42	160.95	143.86	11.88	40.87	162.61	147.34	10.36
Non-perishable food items	29.60	163.21	144.60	12.87	25.97	162.41	142.79	13.73	35.08	164.11	146.62	11.93
Perishable food items	4.99	152.94	150.81	1.41	4.46	152.49	150.04	1.63	5.79	153.47	151.70	1.17
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	145.97	142.97	2.10	0.85	154.83	151.35	2.30	1.28	137.05	134.52	1.88
Clothing and footwear	8.60	154.42	140.54	9.88	8.01	151.43	137.12	10.44	9.48	158.22	144.89	9.20
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	150.48	135.04	11.43	27.03	150.35	136.18	10.40	18.49	150.76	132.52	13.76
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	149.70	134.58	11.23	4.09	147.95	133.72	10.64	4.10	152.34	135.87	12.12
Health	2.79	159.84	146.75	8.92	2.31	160.32	146.43	9.49	3.51	159.35	147.06	8.36
Transport	5.91	165.38	139.68	18.40	6.14	167.01	140.39	18.96	5.56	162.65	138.48	17.45
Communication	2.21	110.12	107.27	2.65	2.35	112.43	108.58	3.54	1.99	106.00	104.96	0.99
Recreation and culture	1.59	132.51	123.29	7.47	1.73	129.27	120.56	7.22	1.38	138.65	128.48	7.92
Education	3.79	148.14	143.38	3.32	4.88	150.43	145.87	3.13	2.13	140.23	134.79	4.04
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	152.37	137.43	10.87	7.41	151.59	136.18	11.32	6.19	153.77	139.68	10.08
Misc. goods and services	4.87	160.98	147.11	9.43	4.77	159.77	145.99	9.44	5.02	162.73	148.73	9.41

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