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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2023

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, December, 2023 over November, 2023 (Month on Month)	0.82
Inflation Rate, December 2023 over December, 2022 (Year on Year)	29.66
Average Inflation Rate, Jul-Dec, 2023-24 over Jul-Dec, 2022-23	28.79

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 [December, 2023 over November, 2023]

2. CPI National for the month of December, 2023 increased by **0.82%** over November, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.73%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **0.96%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2023	Nov, 2023			Dec, 2023	Nov, 2023			Dec, 2023	Nov, 2023	
General	100.0	255.24	253.15	0.82	100.00	250.68	248.87	0.73	100.00	262.11	259.61	0.96
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	281.55	282.95	-0.49	30.42	275.22	278.07	-1.02	40.87	288.66	288.43	0.08
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	282.99	282.85	0.05	25.97	277.10	277.90	-0.29	35.08	289.57	288.38	0.41
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	272.99	283.54	-3.72	4.46	264.26	279.06	-5.30	5.79	283.14	288.74	-1.94
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	364.72	362.87	0.51	0.85	385.43	382.32	0.81	1.28	343.84	343.26	0.17
Clothing and footwear	8.60	221.64	220.38	0.57	8.01	212.48	211.64	0.40	9.48	233.32	231.52	0.78
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	230.62	222.69	3.56	27.03	236.27	229.11	3.13	18.49	218.16	208.53	4.62
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	260.36	258.02	0.91	4.09	252.29	250.25	0.82	4.10	272.51	269.71	1.04
Health	2.79	233.93	232.28	0.71	2.31	234.20	232.12	0.90	3.51	233.67	232.43	0.53
Transport	5.91	312.86	310.34	0.81	6.14	305.96	302.48	1.15	5.56	324.36	323.43	0.29
Communication	2.21	120.20	120.18	0.01	2.35	125.01	125.00	0.01	1.99	111.63	111.61	0.02
Recreation and culture	1.59	256.21	256.14	0.03	1.73	245.92	245.81	0.04	1.38	275.74	275.74	0.00
Education	3.79	186.04	185.62	0.23	4.88	187.28	186.73	0.29	2.13	181.78	181.78	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	260.16	258.31	0.72	7.41	260.11	258.07	0.79	6.19	260.26	258.73	0.59
Misc. goods and services	4.87	269.77	267.18	0.97	4.77	265.25	262.84	0.92	5.02	276.26	273.42	1.04

3. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. November, 2023 are given below:**

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Onions (30.83%), Dry Fruits (5.16%), Pulse Masoor (5.05%), Eggs (4.73%), Pan Prepared (4.41%), Pulse Gram (3.73%), Fish (3.17%), Sugar (2.50%), Wheat (2.16%), Pulse Moong (2.01%), Pulse Mash (1.18%), Wheat Flour (0.82%), Milk Powder (0.27%) and Meat (0.20%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (42.26%), Potatoes (18.59%), Tea (8.55%), Chicken (4.20%), Gur (3.49%), Vegetable Ghee (2.70%), Rice (2.65%), Fresh Vegetables (2.17%), Fresh Fruits (1.65%), Cooking Oil (1.55%), Condiments and Spices (1.45%), Gram Whole (0.76%) and Mustard Oil (0.11%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Electricity Charges (15.76%), Transport Services (11.95%), Woolen Readymade Garments (4.02%), Solid Fuel (2.43%), Construction Input Items (0.67%), Household Equipments (0.62%), Dental Services (0.61%), Construction Wage Rates (0.54%), Cotton Cloth (0.09%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (0.08%) and Footwear (0.02%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (2.39%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Onions (27.76%), Fresh Vegetables (6.96%), Eggs (4.95%), Pulse Masoor (4.29%), Pulse Mash (3.25%), Fish (3.11%), Wheat Products (2.37%), Pulse Moong (2.33%), Tea (1.15%), Wheat (1.10%), Meat (1.07%), Besan (1.02%), Pulse Gram (0.92%), Milk Fresh (0.88%), Sugar (0.74%), Milk Products (0.52%) and Wheat Flour (0.03%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (34.89%), Potatoes (18.18%), Cooking Oil (3.12%), Vegetable Ghee (2.41%), Gur (2.33%), Fresh Fruits (1.94%), Chicken (1.51%), Gram Whole (0.97%) and Rice (0.08%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Electricity Charges (15.76%), Transport Services (5.25%), Water Supply (5.18%), Solid Fuel (2.85%), Construction Input Items (2.12%), Construction Wage Rates (0.94%), Drugs and Medicines (0.62%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (0.16%) and Motor Vehicles (0.01%).

Decreased: Motor Fuels (2.63%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [December, 2023 over December, 2022]

4. CPI National for the month of December, 2023 increased to **29.23%** over December, 2022. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **30.44%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **27.53%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Dec, 2023	Dec, 2022			Dec, 2023	Dec, 2022			Dec, 2023	Dec, 2022	
General	100.00	255.24	196.86	29.66	100.00	250.68	191.46	30.93	100.00	262.11	205.00	27.86
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	281.55	220.82	27.50	30.42	275.22	215.98	27.43	40.87	288.66	226.26	27.58
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.99	219.92	28.68	25.97	277.10	215.05	28.85	35.08	289.57	225.37	28.49
Perishable food items	4.99	272.99	226.12	20.73	4.46	264.26	221.40	19.36	5.79	283.14	231.60	22.25
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	364.72	199.49	82.83	0.85	385.43	213.06	80.90	1.28	343.84	185.80	85.06
Clothing and footwear	8.60	221.64	183.62	20.71	8.01	212.48	180.13	17.96	9.48	233.32	188.07	24.06
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	230.62	167.51	37.68	27.03	236.27	162.56	45.34	18.49	218.16	178.43	22.27
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	260.36	196.45	32.53	4.09	252.29	194.05	30.01	4.10	272.51	200.06	36.21
Health	2.79	233.93	189.63	23.36	2.31	234.20	183.92	27.34	3.51	233.67	195.30	19.65
Transport	5.91	312.86	243.28	28.60	6.14	305.96	243.22	25.80	5.56	324.36	243.38	33.27
Communication	2.21	120.20	111.96	7.36	2.35	125.01	114.49	9.19	1.99	111.63	107.45	3.89
Recreation and culture	1.59	256.21	185.02	38.48	1.73	245.92	180.24	36.44	1.38	275.74	194.09	42.07
Education	3.79	186.04	163.89	13.52	4.88	187.28	166.24	12.66	2.13	181.78	155.76	16.71
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	260.16	199.03	30.71	7.41	260.11	200.18	29.94	6.19	260.26	196.96	32.14
Misc. goods and services	4.87	269.77	204.99	31.60	4.77	265.25	203.20	30.54	5.02	276.26	207.55	33.11

5. Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. December, 2022 are given below:

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Fresh Vegetables (65.41%), Wheat Flour (59.03%), Sugar (49.00%), Potatoes (46.76%), Rice (45.60%), Pulse Mash (43.70%), Wheat Products (38.94%), Tea (37.77%), Pulse Masoor (32.29%), Wheat (29.04%), Eggs (26.76%), Milk Fresh (21.77%), Tomatoes (20.96%), Fish (20.29%), Meat (17.42%), Chicken (17.07%), Pulse Moong (12.77%), Gram Whole (11.98%), Pulse Gram (3.90%), Fresh Fruits (3.19%) and Cooking Oil (2.58%).

Decreased: Onions (17.71%), Mustard Oil (4.18%) and Vegetable Ghee (1.17%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (519.61%), Electricity Charges (61.60%), Transport Services (38.25%), Drugs and Medicines (32.42%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (25.10%), Hospitals Services (23.52%), Motor Fuel (22.50%), Motor Vehicles (21.90%), Construction Input Items (20.26%), Solid Fuel (19.40%), Dental Services (17.99%), Water Supply (16.03%), Medical Tests (15.23%), Tailoring (14.48%), Construction Wage Rates (12.72%), Education (12.66%), Household Servant (12.20%), Postal Services (11.46%) and House Rent (5.64%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Fresh Vegetables (77.64%), Wheat Flour (59.53%), Potatoes (51.24%), Rice (50.68%), Tea (49.42%), Sugar (48.69%), Wheat Products (45.92%), Pulse Mash (45.11%), Wheat (29.53%), Milk Fresh (24.58%), Pulse Masoor (23.35%), Eggs (22.87%), Meat (22.58%), Fish (22.34%), Chicken (20.64%), Tomatoes (12.73%), Fresh Fruits (12.46%) and Pulse Gram (2.49%).

Decreased: Onions (26.94%), Cooking Oil (5.21%) and Vegetable Ghee (4.98%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Electricity Charges (61.60%), Transport Services (58.18%), Water Supply (31.65%), Motor Fuels (24.44%), Drugs and Medicines (21.79%), Doctor Clinic Fee (20.04%), Tailoring (19.72%), Household Textiles (19.52%), Medical Tests (19.10%), Construction Input Items (18.34%), Motor Vehicles (17.52%), Education (16.71%), Construction Wage Rates(16.45%), Solid Fuel (15.00%), Hospitals Services (14.71%), Dental Services (12.48%) and House Rent (7.83%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [Jul-Dec, 2023-24 over Jul-Dec, 2022-23]

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Dec (2023-24)** increased to **28.79%** over **Jul-Dec (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **27.99%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **29.95%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23			Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23			Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23	
General	100.00	245.57	190.67	28.79	100.00	239.11	186.82	27.99	100.00	255.33	196.48	29.95
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.28	210.88	31.96	30.42	273.58	207.88	31.61	40.87	283.56	214.25	32.35
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.69	208.02	35.90	25.97	277.89	205.14	35.46	35.08	288.05	211.24	36.36
Perishable food items	4.99	252.10	227.85	10.64	4.46	248.49	223.87	11.00	5.79	256.30	232.48	10.25
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	361.44	191.01	89.23	0.85	382.04	203.78	87.47	1.28	340.67	178.13	91.25
Clothing and footwear	8.60	214.23	178.13	20.27	8.01	206.70	175.67	17.66	9.48	223.85	181.26	23.49
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	205.75	167.88	22.56	27.03	204.15	164.46	24.14	18.49	209.29	175.42	19.31
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	253.06	183.83	37.66	4.09	246.30	181.29	35.86	4.10	263.23	187.66	40.27
Health	2.79	223.05	180.14	23.82	2.31	223.69	177.89	25.75	3.51	222.43	182.38	21.96
Transport	5.91	308.30	245.63	25.52	6.14	302.43	246.01	22.93	5.56	318.09	244.99	29.84
Communication	2.21	119.68	111.60	7.24	2.35	124.46	114.02	9.16	1.99	111.17	107.30	3.60
Recreation and culture	1.59	253.68	163.52	55.14	1.73	244.12	157.50	55.00	1.38	271.82	174.94	55.38
Education	3.79	180.85	162.06	11.60	4.88	181.07	164.60	10.01	2.13	180.10	153.31	17.48
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	252.71	190.00	33.00	7.41	252.82	190.03	33.04	6.19	252.51	189.95	32.94
Misc. goods and services	4.87	262.68	192.93	36.15	4.77	258.85	192.23	34.65	5.02	268.17	193.93	38.28

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