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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, October, 2023 over September, 2023 (Month on Month)	1.08
Inflation Rate, October 2023 over October, 2022 (Year on Year)	26.89
Average Inflation Rate, Jul-Oct, 2023-24 over Jul-Oct, 2022-23	28.48

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 [October, 2023 over September, 2023]

2. CPI National for the month of October, 2023 increased by **1.08%** over September, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **1.07%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **1.10%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Oct, 2023	Sep, 2023			Oct, 2023	Sep, 2023			Oct, 2023	Sep, 2023	
General	100.0	246.69	244.05	1.08	100.00	238.51	235.99	1.07	100.00	259.03	256.21	1.10
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	280.27	278.48	0.64	30.42	275.74	273.95	0.65	40.87	285.35	283.57	0.63
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	282.50	285.60	-1.09	25.97	277.98	280.97	-1.06	35.08	287.55	290.78	-1.11
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	267.00	236.20	13.04	4.46	262.70	233.02	12.74	5.79	272.00	239.89	13.39
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	362.24	361.16	0.30	0.85	382.40	382.08	0.08	1.28	341.92	340.06	0.55
Clothing and footwear	8.60	215.31	213.05	1.06	8.01	207.50	205.70	0.88	9.48	225.27	222.41	1.29
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	200.70	194.86	2.99	27.03	194.82	189.18	2.98	18.49	213.67	207.41	3.02
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	255.85	252.67	1.26	4.09	248.56	246.47	0.85	4.10	266.82	262.00	1.84
Health	2.79	228.44	222.31	2.76	2.31	229.53	223.51	2.69	3.51	227.35	221.11	2.82
Transport	5.91	322.33	328.11	-1.76	6.14	310.68	319.47	-2.75	5.56	341.75	342.50	-0.22
Communication	2.21	120.07	119.66	0.34	2.35	124.83	124.41	0.34	1.99	111.61	111.21	0.36
Recreation and culture	1.59	255.78	254.80	0.38	1.73	245.87	245.62	0.10	1.38	274.57	272.22	0.86
Education	3.79	183.74	179.25	2.51	4.88	184.31	178.55	3.23	2.13	181.78	181.67	0.06
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	256.50	252.51	1.58	7.41	256.43	252.06	1.73	6.19	256.62	253.31	1.31
Misc. goods and services	4.87	263.00	262.92	0.03	4.77	258.91	259.03	-0.05	5.02	268.87	268.51	0.13

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

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Onions (38.71%), Fresh Vegetables (17.74%), Fresh Fruits (6.49%), Eggs (6.05%), Potatoes (3.72%), Fish (3.00%), Condiments and Spices (2.87%), Beans (1.51%) and Nimco (1.38%).

Decreased: Sugar (10.23%), Pulse Gram (3.71%), Tomatoes (3.11%), Mustard Oil (2.33%), Pulse Moong (2.05%), Gur (1.88%), Wheat Flour (1.87%), Milk Fresh (1.73%), Tea (1.67%), Wheat (1.66%), Vegetable Ghee (1.61%), Besan (1.60%), Pulse Masoor (1.59%), Cooking Oil (1.54%), Gram Whole (0.88%), Wheat Products (0.79%), Pulse Mash (0.37%) and Chicken (0.13%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Electricity Charges (8.29%), Marriage Hall Charges (5.43%), Accommodation Services (4.50%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (3.87%), Drugs and Medicines (3.72%), Education (3.23%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (3.02%), Woolen Readymade Garments (2.36%), Therapeutic Appliances and Equipments (2.33%), Electrical Appliances for Personal (1.97%), Furniture & Furnishing (1.96%) and Woolen Cloth (1.89%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (4.02%), Transport Services (1.56%) and Construction Input Items (0.97%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Onions (33.96%), Fresh Vegetables (21.76%), Beans (5.14%), Potatoes (4.23%), Condiments and Spices (3.65%), Fish (3.63%), Fresh Fruits (3.40%), Sweetmeat (3.37%), Eggs (2.84%), Dry Fruits (2.34%), Butter (2.23%), Meat (1.93%) and Readymade Food (1.85%).

Decreased: Sugar (9.47%), Gur (5.72%), Vegetable Ghee (4.31%), Cooking Oil (3.83%), Tomatoes (3.28%), Pulse Gram (2.98%), Chicken (2.64%), Pulse Moong (2.21%), Wheat Flour (2.15%), Gram Whole (1.44%), Wheat (1.26%), Mustard Oil (1.17%), Tea (1.00%), Besan (0.99%), Rice (0.69%) and Wheat Products (0.18%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Electricity Charges (8.29%), Doctor Clinic Fee (4.37%), Footwear (3.69%), Medical Tests (3.39%), Drugs and Medicines (3.00%), Furniture and Furnishing (3.00%), Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (2.59%) each, Stationery (2.06%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (1.84%), House Rent (1.65%), Major Tools and Equipments (1.53%), Woolen Readymade Garments (1.53%), Household Textiles (1.46%), Tailoring (1.26%), Recreation and Culture (1.11%), Hosiery (1.09%), Cleaning and Laundering (1.05%), Solid Fuel (1.04%) and Woolen Cloth (1.02%).

Decreased: Personal Effects (2.70%) and Transport Services (0.84%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [October, 2023 over October, 2022]

4. CPI National for the month of October, 2023 increased to **26.89%** over October, 2022. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **25.48%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **28.90%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Oct, 2023	Oct, 2022			Oct, 2023	Oct, 2022			Oct, 2023	Oct, 2022	
General	100.00	246.69	194.42	26.89	100.00	238.51	190.08	25.48	100.00	259.03	200.96	28.90
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	280.27	220.99	26.82	30.42	275.74	217.09	27.02	40.87	285.35	225.37	26.61
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.50	212.37	33.02	25.97	277.98	209.17	32.90	35.08	287.55	215.95	33.16
Perishable food items	4.99	267.00	272.14	-1.89	4.46	262.70	263.27	-0.22	5.79	272.00	282.45	-3.70
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	362.24	196.21	84.62	0.85	382.40	209.33	82.68	1.28	341.92	182.99	86.85
Clothing and footwear	8.60	215.31	178.48	20.64	8.01	207.50	176.60	17.50	9.48	225.27	180.87	24.55
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	200.70	166.56	20.50	27.03	194.82	163.50	19.16	18.49	213.67	173.31	23.29
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	255.85	186.56	37.14	4.09	248.56	184.97	34.38	4.10	266.82	188.95	41.21
Health	2.79	228.44	182.47	25.19	2.31	229.53	179.22	28.07	3.51	227.35	185.70	22.43
Transport	5.91	322.33	245.44	31.33	6.14	310.68	245.33	26.64	5.56	341.75	245.62	39.14
Communication	2.21	120.07	111.84	7.37	2.35	124.83	114.37	9.15	1.99	111.61	107.33	3.99
Recreation and culture	1.59	255.78	163.60	56.34	1.73	245.87	157.14	56.47	1.38	274.57	175.86	56.13
Education	3.79	183.74	162.87	12.82	4.88	184.31	165.49	11.37	2.13	181.78	153.81	18.18
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	256.50	192.77	33.06	7.41	256.43	193.58	32.47	6.19	256.62	191.32	34.13
Misc. goods and services	4.87	263.00	194.49	35.23	4.77	258.91	195.11	32.70	5.02	268.87	193.59	38.89

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

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Condiments and Spices (84.54%), Sugar (69.90%), Gur (64.79%), Wheat Flour (63.36%), Rice (62.27%), Beans (56.82%), Tea (54.92%), Beverages (45.91%), Wheat Products (43.48%), Dry Fruits (42.03%), Dessert Preparation (41.94%), Potatoes (41.38%), Pulse Mash (39.70%), Wheat (37.72%) and Milk Powder (36.62%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (45.62%), Onions (17.20%), Fresh Vegetables (10.55%), Pulse Gram (3.43%) and Mustard Oil (0.21%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Text Books (95.09%), Gas Charges (62.82%), Electricity Charges (50.63%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (48.44%), Stationery (46.79%), Communication Apparatus (39.52%), Household Equipments (37.26%), Marriage Hall Charges (37.16%), Drugs and Medicines (36.69%), Newspapers (34.15%), Personal Effects (33.15%), Accommodation Services (31.87%), Motor Fuel (30.80%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (28.37%) and Solid Fuel (27.12%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Sugar (74.67%), Rice (65.71%), Wheat Flour (59.29%), Tea (58.42%), Gur (57.31%), Dry Fruits (54.64%), Condiments and Spices (51.65%), Dessert Preparation (51.48%), Wheat Products (49.00%), Beverages (46.91%), Beans (46.49%), Bakery and Confectionary (38.79%), Pulse Mash (38.44%), Potatoes (36.90%), Wheat (36.85%) and Milk Products (35.18%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (52.48%), Onions (22.68%), Fresh Vegetables (7.29%), Vegetable Ghee (3.76%), Pulse Gram (2.40%) and Cooking Oil (2.26%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (52.40%) each, Electricity Charges (50.63%), Transport Services (47.85%), Newspapers (46.34%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (45.96%), Stationery (44.73%), Motor Fuels (39.51%), Personal Effects (37.61%), Household Equipments (37.36%) and Marriage Hall Charges (35.67%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Oct (2023-24)** increased to **28.48%** over **Jul-Oct (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **26.59%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **31.21%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Oct 2023-24	Jul-Oct 2022-23			Jul-Oct 2023-24	Jul-Oct 2022-23			Jul-Oct 2023-24	Jul-Oct 2022-23	
General	100.00	241.31	187.82	28.48	100.00	233.77	184.67	26.59	100.00	252.69	192.58	31.21
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	276.29	205.83	34.24	30.42	272.05	203.69	33.56	40.87	281.06	208.23	34.98
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.57	203.34	38.96	25.97	278.08	201.31	38.14	35.08	287.59	205.61	39.87
Perishable food items	4.99	239.02	220.58	8.36	4.46	236.91	217.56	8.89	5.79	241.49	224.09	7.76
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	360.26	187.02	92.63	0.85	381.12	199.24	91.29	1.28	339.23	174.71	94.17
Clothing and footwear	8.60	210.85	175.70	20.00	8.01	204.01	173.73	17.43	9.48	219.56	178.22	23.20
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	195.30	168.07	16.20	27.03	189.89	165.20	14.95	18.49	207.26	174.42	18.83
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	249.99	178.68	39.91	4.09	243.81	176.00	38.53	4.10	259.29	182.71	41.91
Health	2.79	218.03	176.30	23.67	2.31	218.95	175.35	24.86	3.51	217.12	177.24	22.50
Transport	5.91	307.43	246.30	24.82	6.14	301.53	246.95	22.10	5.56	317.26	245.21	29.38
Communication	2.21	119.42	111.44	7.16	2.35	124.19	113.81	9.13	1.99	110.94	107.24	3.45
Recreation and culture	1.59	252.43	157.32	60.46	1.73	243.25	151.46	60.60	1.38	269.86	168.44	60.21
Education	3.79	178.36	161.26	10.61	4.88	178.10	163.87	8.69	2.13	179.26	152.25	17.74
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	249.44	186.12	34.03	7.41	249.68	185.76	34.41	6.19	249.02	186.76	33.33
Misc. goods and services	4.87	259.78	188.40	37.89	4.77	256.25	187.92	36.36	5.02	264.83	189.08	40.06

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