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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, August, 2023 over July, 2023 (Month on Month)	1.72
Inflation Rate, August 2023 over August, 2022 (Year on Year)	27.38

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 [August, 2023 over July, 2023]

2. CPI National for the month of August, 2023 increased by 1.72% over July, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 1.60% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 1.88%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2023	Jul, 2023			Aug, 2023	Jul, 2023			Aug, 2023	Jul, 2023	
General	100.0	239.27	235.23	1.72	100.00	232.12	228.47	1.60	100.00	250.06	245.44	1.88
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	273.99	272.44	0.57	30.42	269.77	268.74	0.38	40.87	278.73	276.60	0.77
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	283.13	279.06	1.46	25.97	279.09	274.29	1.75	35.08	287.64	284.39	1.14
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	219.75	233.15	-5.75	4.46	215.49	236.41	-8.85	5.79	224.69	229.36	-2.04
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	359.45	358.18	0.36	0.85	380.50	379.48	0.27	1.28	338.23	336.70	0.45
Clothing and footwear	8.60	208.74	206.29	1.18	8.01	202.60	200.25	1.17	9.48	216.56	214.00	1.20
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	193.86	191.79	1.08	27.03	188.75	186.79	1.05	18.49	205.13	202.83	1.13
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	248.54	242.90	2.32	4.09	243.00	237.21	2.44	4.10	256.88	251.46	2.16
Health	2.79	212.80	208.58	2.02	2.31	213.56	209.20	2.08	3.51	212.04	207.96	1.96
Transport	5.91	300.68	278.60	7.92	6.14	296.49	279.49	6.08	5.56	307.67	277.13	11.02
Communication	2.21	119.14	118.82	0.27	2.35	123.77	123.76	0.01	1.99	110.90	110.03	0.79
Recreation and culture	1.59	253.82	245.34	3.46	1.73	245.05	236.46	3.63	1.38	270.46	262.18	3.16
Education	3.79	178.19	172.27	3.44	4.88	177.89	171.66	3.63	2.13	179.23	174.37	2.79
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	246.54	242.23	1.78	7.41	247.58	242.65	2.03	6.19	244.66	241.48	1.32
Misc. goods and services	4.87	261.49	251.69	3.89	4.77	257.91	249.16	3.51	5.02	266.63	255.32	4.43

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

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (75.35%), Condiments and Spices (16.98%), Eggs (16.26%), Sugar (9.03%), Beverages (6.18%), Pulse Mash (5.56%), Milk Powder (5.52%), Wheat Products (5.05%), Potatoes (4.38%), Rice (2.68%), Pulse Moong (2.26%), Pulse Gram (2.22%), Milk Fresh (1.57%) and Meat (1.42%).

Decreased: Fresh Fruits (24.70%), Fresh Vegetables (17.18%), Chicken (6.26%), Onions (4.75%), Cooking Oil (4.29%), Mustard Oil (2.70%), Vegetable Ghee (2.67%), Wheat Flour (0.57%) and Wheat (0.23%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (14.64%), Water Supply (11.68%), Motor Fuel (8.29%), Mechanical Services (5.42%), Transport Services (3.95%), Solid Fuel (3.28%), Drugs and Medicines (3.15%), Construction Wage Rates (2.01%), Electricity Charges (1.37%), Construction Input Items (0.69%), Household Servant (0.41%) and Postal Services (0.21%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (82.57%), Eggs (18.24%), Sugar (8.87%), Milk Powder (8.54%), Pulse Mash (5.50%), Beverages (5.05%), Beans (4.76%), Potatoes (4.56%), Gram Whole (2.24%), Onions (2.18%), Pulse Moong (1.79%), Milk Fresh (1.39%), Condiments and Spices (1.25%), Readymade Food (1.18%), Pulse Masoor (1.11%), Meat (1.05%) and Wheat Flour (0.68%).

Decreased: Fresh Fruits (25.75%), Chicken (6.29%), Fresh Vegetables (4.87%), Vegetable Ghee (2.44%), Cooking Oil (1.64%) and Mustard Oil (1.20%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Transport Services (22.00%), Postal Services (20.00%), Motor Fuels (8.73%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (8.13%), Drugs and Medicines (3.49%), Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (2.54%), Medical Tests (2.08%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (1.97%), Mechanical Services (1.85%), Furniture and Furnishing (1.64%), Construction Input Items (1.41%), Electricity Charges (1.37%), Construction Wage Rates (1.21%), Recreation and Culture (0.72%) and Solid Fuel (0.41%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [August, 2023 over August, 2022]

4. CPI National for the month of August, 2023 increased to 27.38% over August, 2022. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 24.98% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 30.89%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Aug, 2023	Aug, 2022			Aug, 2023	Aug, 2022			Aug, 2023	Aug, 2022	
General	100.00	239.27	187.84	27.38	100.00	232.12	185.72	24.98	100.00	250.06	191.04	30.89
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	273.99	197.81	38.51	30.42	269.77	196.59	37.22	40.87	278.73	199.18	39.94
Non-perishable food items	29.60	283.13	198.29	42.79	25.97	279.09	196.88	41.76	35.08	287.64	199.86	43.92
Perishable food items	4.99	219.75	195.00	12.69	4.46	215.49	194.91	10.56	5.79	224.69	195.10	15.17
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	359.45	181.99	97.51	0.85	380.50	193.60	96.54	1.28	338.23	170.28	98.63
Clothing and footwear	8.60	208.74	176.21	18.46	8.01	202.60	174.62	16.02	9.48	216.56	178.23	21.51
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	193.86	182.46	6.25	27.03	188.75	179.33	5.25	18.49	205.13	189.36	8.33
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	248.54	175.38	41.71	4.09	243.00	171.90	41.36	4.10	256.88	180.63	42.21
Health	2.79	212.80	173.64	22.55	2.31	213.56	174.36	22.48	3.51	212.04	172.92	22.62
Transport	5.91	300.68	244.55	22.96	6.14	296.49	245.69	20.68	5.56	307.67	242.64	26.80
Communication	2.21	119.14	111.32	7.03	2.35	123.77	113.61	8.94	1.99	110.90	107.24	3.41
Recreation and culture	1.59	253.82	157.29	61.38	1.73	245.05	151.58	61.66	1.38	270.46	168.11	60.88
Education	3.79	178.19	161.31	10.47	4.88	177.89	163.68	8.68	2.13	179.23	153.12	17.05
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	246.54	183.90	34.06	7.41	247.58	182.80	35.44	6.19	244.66	185.90	31.61
Misc. goods and services	4.87	261.49	185.67	40.84	4.77	257.91	185.12	39.32	5.02	266.63	186.45	43.00

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

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Cigarettes (117.48%), Wheat Flour (99.68%), Tea (94.50%), Condiments and Spices (75.14%), Sugar (70.64%), Chicken (67.56%), Rice (66.82%), Wheat (64.17%), Potatoes (59.71%), Wheat Products (59.03%), Beans (50.36%), Dry Fruits (48.80%), Beverages (46.43%), Milk Powder (44.39%), Pulse Mash (32.40%), Milk Products (31.49%), Milk Fresh (29.25%), Pulse Moong (27.59%), Tomatoes (23.17%), Gram Whole (16.56%), Cooking Oil (3.45%) and Pulse Gram (2.35%).

Decreased: Onions (31.47%), Pulse Masoor (16.28%), Fresh Vegetables (8.69%), Vegetable Ghee (2.27%) and Mustard Oil (1.54%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (62.82%), Household Equipments (40.30%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (34.67%), Solid Fuel (33.27%), Newspapers (32.77%), Personal Grooming Services (31.32%), Furniture and Furnishing (28.2%), Mechanical Services (27.68%), Accommodation Services (27.18%), Construction Input Items (26.55%), Motor Fuel (21.02%), Dental Services (10.9%), Postal Services (9.13%), House Rent (5.25%) and Liquefied Hydrocarbons (3.69%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (8.24%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Cigarettes (102.03%), Tea (98.46%), Wheat Flour (98.17%), Sugar (70.95%), Rice (68.29%), Wheat (67.89%), Chicken (65.09%), Gur (61.13%), Wheat Products (60.59%), Potatoes (56.37%), Condiments and Spices (55.07%), Milk powder (48.14%), Tomatoes (39.63%), Eggs (39.27%), Pulse Mash (35.53%), Milk Fresh (34.83%), Pulse Moong (25.33%), Fresh Fruits (21.83%), Meat (18.89%), Gram Whole (18.12%), Mustard Oil (5.53%), Pulse Gram (3.14%) and Cooking Oil (0.25%).

Decreased: Onions (36.03%), Pulse Masoor (16.69%), Vegetable Ghee (2.06%) and Fresh Vegetables (0.59%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Transport Services (38.23%), Household Equipments (36.73%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (35.08%), Drugs and Medicines (33.72%), Solid Fuel (29.75%), Mechanical Services (23.42%), Motor Fuels (22.53%), Motor Vehicles (20.47%), Postal Services (20%), Construction Wage Rates (17.82%), Construction Input Items (17.67%), Education (17.05%), House Rent (7.45%) and Liquified Hydrocarbons (6.26%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (8.24%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Aug (2023-24)** increased to 27.83% over **Jul-Aug (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 25.61% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 31.09%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Aug 2023-24	Jul-Aug 2022-23			Jul-Aug 2023-24	Jul-Aug 2022-23			Jul-Aug 2023-24	Jul-Aug 2022-23	
General	100.00	237.25	185.59	27.84	100.00	230.30	183.35	25.61	100.00	247.75	188.99	31.09
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	273.22	196.54	39.01	30.42	269.26	195.20	37.94	40.87	277.67	198.05	40.20
Non-perishable food items	29.60	281.09	197.33	42.45	25.97	276.69	195.70	41.38	35.08	286.02	199.15	43.62
Perishable food items	4.99	226.45	191.88	18.01	4.46	225.95	192.29	17.51	5.79	227.03	191.42	18.60
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	358.82	179.61	99.78	0.85	379.99	190.44	99.53	1.28	337.47	168.68	100.06
Clothing and footwear	8.60	207.52	173.81	19.40	8.01	201.43	171.74	17.29	9.48	215.28	176.45	22.01
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	192.82	177.74	8.48	27.03	187.77	174.89	7.36	18.49	203.98	184.04	10.83
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	245.72	173.40	41.71	4.09	240.11	170.01	41.23	4.10	254.17	178.50	42.39
Health	2.79	210.69	172.64	22.04	2.31	211.38	173.02	22.17	3.51	210.00	172.27	21.90
Transport	5.91	289.64	244.90	18.27	6.14	287.99	245.89	17.12	5.56	292.40	243.26	20.20
Communication	2.21	118.98	111.27	6.93	2.35	123.77	113.59	8.96	1.99	110.47	107.15	3.10
Recreation and culture	1.59	249.58	152.60	63.55	1.73	240.76	147.08	63.69	1.38	266.32	163.07	63.32
Education	3.79	175.23	160.42	9.23	4.88	174.78	163.14	7.13	2.13	176.80	151.03	17.06
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	244.39	181.84	34.40	7.41	245.12	180.78	35.59	6.19	243.07	183.76	32.28
Misc. goods and services	4.87	256.59	183.19	40.07	4.77	253.54	182.12	39.21	5.02	260.98	184.72	41.28

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