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

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, September, 2023 over August, 2023 (Month on Month)	2.00
Inflation Rate, September 2023 over September, 2022 (Year on Year)	31.44

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 [September, 2023 over August, 2023]

2. CPI National for the month of September, 2023 increased by 2.00% over August, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 1.67% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 2.46%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Sep, 2023	Aug, 2023			Sep, 2023	Aug, 2023			Sep, 2023	Aug, 2023	
General	100.0	244.05	239.27	2.00	100.00	235.99	232.12	1.67	100.00	256.21	250.06	2.46
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.48	273.99	1.64	30.42	273.95	269.77	1.55	40.87	283.57	278.73	1.74
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	285.60	283.13	0.87	25.97	280.97	279.09	0.67	35.08	290.78	287.64	1.09
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	236.20	219.75	7.49	4.46	233.02	215.49	8.13	5.79	239.89	224.69	6.76
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	361.16	359.45	0.47	0.85	382.08	380.50	0.42	1.28	340.06	338.23	0.54
Clothing and footwear	8.60	213.05	208.74	2.06	8.01	205.70	202.60	1.53	9.48	222.41	216.56	2.70
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	194.86	193.86	0.52	27.03	189.18	188.75	0.23	18.49	207.41	205.13	1.11
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	252.67	248.54	1.66	4.09	246.47	243.00	1.43	4.10	262.00	256.88	1.99
Health	2.79	222.31	212.80	4.47	2.31	223.51	213.56	4.66	3.51	221.11	212.04	4.28
Transport	5.91	328.11	300.68	9.12	6.14	319.47	296.49	7.75	5.56	342.50	307.67	11.32
Communication	2.21	119.66	119.14	0.44	2.35	124.41	123.77	0.52	1.99	111.21	110.90	0.28
Recreation and culture	1.59	254.80	253.82	0.39	1.73	245.62	245.05	0.23	1.38	272.22	270.46	0.65
Education	3.79	179.25	178.19	0.59	4.88	178.55	177.89	0.37	2.13	181.67	179.23	1.36
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	252.51	246.54	2.42	7.41	252.06	247.58	1.81	6.19	253.31	244.66	3.54
Misc. goods and services	4.87	262.92	261.49	0.55	4.77	259.03	257.91	0.43	5.02	268.51	266.63	0.71

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

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Onions (39.32%), Pulse Masoor (19.80%), Fresh Vegetables (11.77%), Sugar (10.28%), Pulse Mash (9.46%), Beans (7.14%), Condiments and Spices (6.30%), Gur (6.27%), Pulse Moong (5.51%), Fresh Fruits (4.46%), Pulse Gram (2.90%), Milk Powder (2.61%), Milk Fresh (2.03%) and Besan (1.94%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (13.80%), Chicken (11.82%), Cooking Oil (1.52%), Potatoes (1.07%), Wheat (0.95%), Vegetable Ghee (0.79%), Tea (0.73%) and Wheat Flour (0.40%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Motor Fuel (11.30%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (9.23%), Transport Services (4.29%), Dental Services (2.51%), Household Servant (2.39%), Medical Tests (1.82%), Communication Apparatus (1.78%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (1.53%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (1.47%) and Construction Input Items (1.37%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (0.36%) and Text Books (0.03%)

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Onions (45.16%), Pulse Masoor (14.05%), Fresh Vegetables (12.66%), Sugar (12.49%), Pulse Mash (8.02%), Gur (6.70%), Beans (4.99%), Pulse Moong (4.90%), Condiments and Spices (4.45%), Pulse Gram (3.52%), Wheat Products (3.05%), Readymade Food (2.96%), Rice (2.74%), Eggs (2.44%), Dry Fruits (2.33%), Meat (2.24%), Milk Powder (2.17%) and Gram Whole (1.65%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (16.09%), Chicken (9.43%), Cooking Oil (1.58%), Dessert Preparation (1.26%), Potatoes (1.22%), Vegetable Ghee (0.59%) and Wheat (0.29%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Transport Services (15.72%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (12.40%), Motor Fuels (12.02%), Medical Tests (5.00%), Accommodation Services (3.05%), Water Supply (2.47%), Tailoring (2.44%), Construction Input Items (2.38%), Household Equipments (2.07%), Stationery (2.06%), Doctor Clinic Fee (1.93%) and Construction Wage Rates (1.88%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (0.36%) and Text Books (0.02%)

YEARLY ANALYSIS [September, 2023 over September, 2022]

4. CPI National for the month of September, 2023 increased to 31.44% over September, 2022. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 29.74% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 33.88%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Sep, 2023	Sep, 2022			Sep, 2023	Sep, 2022			Sep, 2023	Sep, 2022	
General	100.00	244.05	185.68	31.44	100.00	235.99	181.90	29.74	100.00	256.21	191.38	33.88
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.48	209.21	33.11	30.42	273.95	207.23	32.20	40.87	283.57	211.44	34.11
Non-perishable food items	29.60	285.60	206.34	38.41	25.97	280.97	204.67	37.28	35.08	290.78	208.21	39.66
Perishable food items	4.99	236.20	226.31	4.37	4.46	233.02	222.20	4.87	5.79	239.89	231.08	3.81
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	361.16	192.67	87.45	0.85	382.08	206.74	84.81	1.28	340.06	178.49	90.52
Clothing and footwear	8.60	213.05	176.73	20.55	8.01	205.70	174.86	17.64	9.48	222.41	179.11	24.18
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	194.86	150.24	29.70	27.03	189.18	147.50	28.26	18.49	207.41	156.28	32.72
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	252.67	181.36	39.32	4.09	246.47	179.01	37.69	4.10	262.00	184.89	41.71
Health	2.79	222.31	177.45	25.28	2.31	223.51	176.15	26.89	3.51	221.11	178.73	23.71
Transport	5.91	328.11	249.96	31.26	6.14	319.47	250.71	27.43	5.56	342.50	248.72	37.71
Communication	2.21	119.66	111.39	7.42	2.35	124.41	113.68	9.44	1.99	111.21	107.32	3.62
Recreation and culture	1.59	254.80	160.49	58.77	1.73	245.62	154.54	58.94	1.38	272.22	171.77	58.48
Education	3.79	179.25	161.32	11.12	4.88	178.55	163.69	9.08	2.13	181.67	153.12	18.65
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	252.51	188.01	34.30	7.41	252.06	187.90	34.15	6.19	253.31	188.21	34.59
Misc. goods and services	4.87	262.92	192.73	36.42	4.77	259.03	192.34	34.67	5.02	268.51	193.29	38.92

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

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Sugar (89.95%), Wheat flour (81.29%), Condiments and Spices (78.77%), Tea (73.03%), Gur (68.98%), Rice (64.71%), Beans (56.07%), Dry fruits (49.16%), Wheat Products (48.78%), Beverages (45.81%), Wheat (40.97%), Milk Powder (39.53%), Pulse Mash (36.39%), Readymade Food (35.29%) and Potatoes (34.55%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (20.69%), Fresh Vegetables (16.82%), Pulse Gram (1.48%) and Onions (0.70%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Electricity Charges (163.72%), Text Books (101.78%), Gas Charges (62.82%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (52.83%), Stationery (47.16%), Communication Apparatus (41.74%), Household Equipments (38.86%), Newspapers (32.77%), Motor Fuel (30.52%), Marriage Hall Charges (30.46%), Solid Fuel (28.89%), Accommodation Services (27.18%), Furniture and Furnishing (27.03%), Construction Input Items (26.13%), Mechanical Services (25.93%) and Transport Services (20.55%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Sugar (93.46%), Wheat Flour (87.56%), Tea (83.65%), Gur (70.57%), Rice (69.27%), Wheat Products (57.70%), Wheat (52.65%), Condiments and Spices (51.94%), Beverages (47.92%), Pulse Mash (39.59%), Milk Products (37.22%), Potatoes (37.09%), Chicken (34.80%), Readymade Food (33.36%), Milk Fresh (29.49%), Butter (28.76%), Fresh Fruits (27.06%) and Eggs (23.13%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (32.01%), Fresh Vegetables (11.33%), Onions (7.92%), Pulse Masoor (1.97%), Vegetable Ghee (1.06%) and Cooking Oil (0.68%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Electricity Charges (163.72%), Transport Services (55.68%), Stationery (42.70%), Household Equipments (38.27%), Motor Fuels (33.44%), Motor Vehicles Accessories (32.98%), Cleaning and Laundering (28.70%), Solid Fuel (27.79%), Furniture and Furnishing (27.51%), Woolen Cloth (26.82%), Dopatta (26.24%), Water Supply (25.17%), Cotton Cloth (24.30%), Footwear (23.96%), Mechanical Services (22.89%), Household Textiles (22.57%) and Medical Tests (21.64%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Sep (2023-24)** increased to 29.03% over **Jul-Sep (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of 26.98% while Rural CPI recorded an increase of 32.03%.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Sep 2023-24	Jul-Sep 2022-23			Jul-Sep 2023-24	Jul-Sep 2022-23			Jul-Sep 2023-24	Jul-Sep 2022-23	
General	100.00	239.52	185.62	29.04	100.00	232.19	182.86	26.98	100.00	250.57	189.79	32.02
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	274.97	200.77	36.96	30.42	270.82	199.21	35.95	40.87	279.63	202.51	38.08
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.60	200.33	41.06	25.97	278.12	198.69	39.98	35.08	287.60	202.17	42.26
Perishable food items	4.99	229.70	203.36	12.95	4.46	228.31	202.26	12.88	5.79	231.31	204.64	13.03
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	359.60	183.96	95.47	0.85	380.69	195.87	94.35	1.28	338.33	171.95	96.76
Clothing and footwear	8.60	209.36	174.78	19.78	8.01	202.85	172.78	17.41	9.48	217.66	177.33	22.74
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	193.50	168.57	14.79	27.03	188.24	165.76	13.56	18.49	205.12	174.79	17.36
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	248.04	176.05	40.89	4.09	242.23	173.01	40.01	4.10	256.78	180.63	42.16
Health	2.79	214.56	174.24	23.14	2.31	215.42	174.06	23.76	3.51	213.70	174.42	22.52
Transport	5.91	302.46	246.59	22.66	6.14	298.48	247.49	20.60	5.56	309.10	245.08	26.12
Communication	2.21	119.21	111.31	7.10	2.35	123.98	113.62	9.12	1.99	110.71	107.20	3.26
Recreation and culture	1.59	251.32	155.23	61.90	1.73	242.38	149.57	62.05	1.38	268.29	165.97	61.65
Education	3.79	176.57	160.72	9.86	4.88	176.03	163.32	7.78	2.13	178.42	151.73	17.60
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	247.09	183.90	34.37	7.41	247.43	183.15	35.10	6.19	246.48	185.24	33.06
Misc. goods and services	4.87	258.70	186.37	38.81	4.77	255.37	185.53	37.64	5.02	263.49	187.58	40.47

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