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**PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2024**

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, March, 2024 over February, 2024 (Month on Month)	<b>1.71</b>
Inflation Rate, March, 2024 over March, 2023 (Year on Year)	<b>20.68</b>
Average Inflation Rate, Jul-Mar, 2023-24 over Jul-Mar, 2022-23	<b>27.06</b>

**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 [March, 2024 over February, 2024]**

2. CPI National for the month of March, 2024 increased by **1.71%** over February, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **1.43%** while Rural CPI recorded a increase of **2.13%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2024	Feb, 2024			Mar, 2024	Feb, 2024			Mar, 2024	Feb, 2024	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.0</b>	264.46	260.01	1.71	<b>100.00</b>	259.47	255.82	1.43	100.00	272.00	266.33	2.13
<b>Food &amp; non-alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>34.58</b>	293.36	285.06	2.91	<b>30.42</b>	286.46	278.76	2.76	40.87	301.11	292.14	3.07
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<b>29.60</b>	286.00	286.82	-0.29	<b>25.97</b>	279.63	280.67	-0.37	35.08	293.12	293.70	-0.20
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<b>4.99</b>	337.05	274.60	22.74	<b>4.46</b>	326.28	267.61	21.92	5.79	349.57	282.72	23.65
<b>Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco</b>	<b>1.02</b>	365.80	365.61	0.05	<b>0.85</b>	386.20	386.05	0.04	1.28	345.24	345.01	0.07
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	<b>8.60</b>	228.13	224.43	1.65	<b>8.01</b>	216.67	214.12	1.19	9.48	242.74	237.58	2.17
<b>Housing, Water, Elec., Gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>23.63</b>	244.24	240.63	1.50	<b>27.03</b>	250.13	247.13	1.21	18.49	231.25	226.28	2.20
<b>Furnishing &amp; HH equipment maintenance</b>	<b>4.10</b>	265.47	263.23	0.85	<b>4.09</b>	256.37	255.20	0.46	4.10	279.16	275.31	1.40
<b>Health</b>	<b>2.79</b>	236.68	235.39	0.55	<b>2.31</b>	236.76	235.03	0.74	3.51	236.60	235.75	0.36
<b>Transport</b>	<b>5.91</b>	311.46	311.93	-0.15	<b>6.14</b>	305.33	306.81	-0.48	5.56	321.67	320.47	0.37
<b>Communication</b>	<b>2.21</b>	134.83	134.74	0.07	<b>2.35</b>	138.77	138.73	0.03	1.99	127.82	127.63	0.15
<b>Recreation and culture</b>	<b>1.59</b>	256.67	256.41	0.10	<b>1.73</b>	246.16	246.00	0.07	1.38	276.61	276.15	0.17
<b>Education</b>	<b>3.79</b>	187.50	186.15	0.72	<b>4.88</b>	188.09	187.42	0.36	2.13	185.46	181.78	2.02
<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>	<b>6.92</b>	266.35	264.17	0.82	<b>7.41</b>	265.74	263.47	0.86	6.19	267.45	265.44	0.76
<b>Misc. goods and services</b>	<b>4.87</b>	276.81	274.65	0.78	<b>4.77</b>	271.71	269.89	0.67	5.02	284.12	281.49	0.93

3. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2024 are given below:**

**URBAN:**

**FOOD**

**Increased:** Tomatoes (52.14%), Onions (28.04%), Potatoes (23.65%), Fresh Fruits (21.90%), Fresh Vegetables (12.82%), Meat (3.99%), Pulse Moong (1.95%), Gram Whole (1.92%), Beverages (1.75%), Sweetmeat (1.19%), Nimco (1.13%), Readymade Food (1.08%), Sugar (0.65%), Condiments and Spices (0.60%), Besan (0.60%) and Pulse Masoor (0.54%).

**Decreased:** Chicken (5.54%), Cooking Oil (3.42%), Eggs (2.78%), Wheat (2.02%), Wheat Flour (1.29%), Vegetable Ghee (0.80%), Mustard Oil (0.79%), Bakery and Confectionary (0.76%) and Dry Fruits (0.06%).

**NON-FOOD:**

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (5.11%), Tailoring (3.13%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (2.90%), Readymade Garments (2.22%), Motor Fuel (1.70%), Personal Grooming Services (1.36%), Personal Effects (1.30%), Drugs and Medicines (1.19%).

**Decreased:** Transport Services (6.43%).

**RURAL:**  
**FOOD**

**Increased:** Tomatoes (56.91%), Onions (28.50%), Potatoes (26.23%), Fresh Fruits (25.33%), Fresh Vegetables (13.12%), Meat (2.78%), Nimco (2.67%), Condiments and Spices (2.04%), Honey (1.84%), Beans (1.82%), Beverages (1.60%), Sweetmeat (1.51%), Butter (1.47%), Besan (1.43%), Bakery and Confectionary (1.34%), Wheat Products (1.13%), Milk Products (1.09%) and Pulse Moong (1.07%).

**Decreased:** Eggs (4.44%), Chicken (3.99%), Wheat (1.47%), Pulse Mash (1.39%), Mustard Oil (0.75%), Wheat Flour (0.68%), Pulse Masoor (0.67%) and Gram Whole (0.58%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (5.11%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (4.11%), Tailoring (3.60%), Cotton Cloth (3.18%), Woolen Cloth (2.60%), Furniture and Furnishing (2.53%), Dopatta (2.51%), Education (2.02%), Solid Fuel (1.90%), Motor Fuels (1.84%), Personal Effects (1.69%), Household Equipments (1.63%), Readymade Garments (1.46%),

**Decreased:** Transport Services (1.78%).

**YEARLY ANALYSIS [March, 2024 over March, 2023]**

4. CPI National for the month of March, 2024 increased to **20.68%** over March, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **21.90%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **18.97%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2024	Mar, 2023			Mar, 2024	Mar, 2023			Mar, 2024	Mar, 2023	
General	100.00	264.46	219.14	20.68	100.00	259.47	212.85	21.90	100.00	272.00	228.63	18.97
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	293.36	250.25	17.22	30.42	286.46	244.66	17.08	40.87	301.11	256.54	17.37
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	286.00	252.47	13.28	25.97	279.63	246.76	13.32	35.08	293.12	258.85	13.24
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	337.05	237.11	42.15	4.46	326.28	232.43	40.38	5.79	349.57	242.54	44.13
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	365.80	353.14	3.59	0.85	386.20	374.90	3.01	1.28	345.24	331.19	4.24
Clothing and footwear	8.60	228.13	196.50	16.10	8.01	216.67	194.04	11.66	9.48	242.74	199.63	21.59
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	244.24	178.80	36.60	27.03	250.13	173.72	43.98	18.49	231.25	190.01	21.70
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	265.47	220.20	20.56	4.09	256.37	217.40	17.93	4.10	279.16	224.41	24.40
Health	2.79	236.68	197.84	19.63	2.31	236.76	197.03	20.16	3.51	236.60	198.64	19.11
Transport	5.91	311.46	280.20	11.16	6.14	305.33	281.79	8.35	5.56	321.67	277.55	15.90
Communication	2.21	134.83	117.64	14.61	2.35	138.77	122.10	13.65	1.99	127.82	109.70	16.52
Recreation and culture	1.59	256.67	205.86	24.68	1.73	246.16	200.57	22.73	1.38	276.61	215.91	28.11
Education	3.79	187.50	166.90	12.34	4.88	188.09	168.64	11.53	2.13	185.46	160.90	15.26
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	266.35	224.10	18.85	7.41	265.74	225.06	18.08	6.19	267.45	222.37	20.27
Misc. goods and services	4.87	276.81	226.88	22.00	4.77	271.71	224.93	20.80	5.02	284.12	229.69	23.70

5. Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. March, 2023 are given below:

**URBAN:**  
**FOOD**

**Increased:** Tomatoes (188.44%), Onions (84.06%), Fresh Vegetables (55.31%), Condiments and Spices (49.08%), Gur (44.04%), Sugar (37.29%), Potatoes (36.03%), Beans (34.52%), Wheat flour (32.68%), Beverages (27.69%), Pulse Mash (27.01%), Fish (25.13%), Dry Fruits (24.48%), Sweetmeat (23.01%), Meat (22.42%) and Pulse Masoor (21.84%).

**Decreased:** Cooking Oil (22.59%), Vegetable Ghee (20.13%), Mustard Oil (15.78%), Fresh Fruits (4.15%), Besan (0.68%) and Gram Whole (0.38%).

**NON-FOOD:**

**Increased:** Gas Charges (318.74%), Electricity Charges (73.08%), Newspapers (34.15%), Text Books (33.70%), Accommodation Services (30.61%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (24.17%), Woolen Readymade Garments (23.44%), Furniture and Furnishing (22.20%), Transport Services (21.93%) and Stationery (21.36%).

**Decreased:** Liquified Hydrocarbons (1.60%).

**RURAL:**  
**FOOD**

**Increased:** Tomatoes (183.36%), Onions (70.67%), Fresh Vegetables (67.63%), Gur (43.47%), Wheat Flour (40.71%), Sugar (40.42%), Beans (38.21%), Potatoes (36.78%), Beverages (26.96%), Pulse Mash (25.20%), Fish (23.61%), Bakery and Confectionary (23.35%), Meat (23.26%), Butter (23.18%), Milk Products (23.05%), Nimco (22.38%), Ice Cream (22.27%), Milk Powder (21.05%) and Tea (21.01%).

**Decreased:** Cooking Oil (21.68%), Vegetable Ghee (19.25%), Mustard Oil (11.96%), Fresh Fruits (10.68%), Pulse Gram (0.53%) and Chicken (0.29%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (73.08%), Text Books (50.15%), Newspapers (46.34%), Transport Services (45.94%), Woolen Readymade Garments (38.42%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (33.28%), Water Supply (31.65%), Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (27.99%), Dopatta (26.95%) and Furniture & Furnishing (24.70%).

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

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Mar (2023-24)** increased to **27.06** over **Jul-Mar (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **27.13%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **26.97%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Mar 2023-24	Jul-Mar 2022-23			Jul-Mar 2023-24	Jul-Mar 2022-23			Jul-Mar 2023-24	Jul-Mar 2022-23	
General	100.00	250.87	197.44	27.06	100.00	245.02	192.74	27.13	100.00	259.70	204.54	26.97
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	281.98	220.96	27.62	30.42	276.77	216.76	27.69	40.87	287.84	225.69	27.54
Non-perishable food items	29.60	284.29	219.67	29.42	25.97	279.12	215.47	29.54	35.08	290.07	224.37	29.28
Perishable food items	4.99	268.28	228.63	17.34	4.46	263.06	224.30	17.28	5.79	274.35	233.66	17.41
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	362.80	213.17	70.19	0.85	383.36	227.98	68.16	1.28	342.07	198.25	72.54
Clothing and footwear	8.60	217.92	181.82	19.85	8.01	209.39	179.18	16.86	9.48	228.79	185.20	23.54
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	217.31	170.38	27.55	27.03	218.17	166.36	31.14	18.49	215.43	179.26	20.18
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	256.54	192.47	33.28	4.09	249.19	189.77	31.31	4.10	267.60	196.55	36.15
Health	2.79	227.22	185.45	22.52	2.31	227.63	183.42	24.10	3.51	226.82	187.47	20.99
Transport	5.91	308.74	251.93	22.55	6.14	303.00	252.44	20.03	5.56	318.31	251.08	26.78
Communication	2.21	124.71	112.62	10.73	2.35	129.22	115.39	11.99	1.99	116.67	107.70	8.33
Recreation and culture	1.59	254.62	175.56	45.03	1.73	244.77	169.82	44.14	1.38	273.30	186.47	46.57
Education	3.79	182.77	163.12	12.04	4.88	183.26	165.46	10.76	2.13	181.07	155.06	16.77
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	256.69	198.35	29.41	7.41	256.54	198.75	29.08	6.19	256.96	197.65	30.01
Misc. goods and services	4.87	266.67	201.92	32.06	4.77	262.48	200.78	30.73	5.02	272.68	203.56	33.95

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