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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, March, 2025 over February, 2025 (Month on Month)	0.89
Inflation Rate, March, 2025 over March, 2024 (Year on Year)	0.69
Average Inflation Rate, July-Mar, 2024-25 over July- Mar, 2023-24	5.25

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, 2025 over February, 2025]

2. CPI National for the month of **March, 2025** increased by **0.89%** over **February, 2024**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.78%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **1.05%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2025	Feb, 2025			Mar, 2025	Feb, 2025			Mar, 2025	Feb, 2025	
General	100.00	266.29	263.95	0.89	100.00	262.48	260.46	0.78	100.00	272.05	269.22	1.05
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.34	273.24	1.87	30.42	277.04	271.84	1.91	40.87	279.81	274.82	1.82
Non-perishable food items	29.60	285.59	282.41	1.13	25.97	284.44	281.18	1.16	35.08	286.87	283.78	1.09
Perishable food items	4.99	235.33	218.84	7.53	4.46	233.91	217.41	7.59	5.79	236.98	220.51	7.47
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	393.38	389.99	0.87	0.85	414.86	410.59	1.04	1.28	371.72	369.21	0.68
Clothing and footwear	8.60	258.98	255.41	1.40	8.01	249.74	246.69	1.24	9.48	270.77	266.53	1.59
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	238.95	239.26	-0.13	27.03	244.31	244.76	-0.18	18.49	227.13	227.13	0.00
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	275.38	274.96	0.15	4.09	264.94	264.72	0.08	4.10	291.09	290.37	0.25
Health	2.79	269.34	269.16	0.07	2.31	271.71	271.35	0.13	3.51	266.98	266.98	0.00
Transport	5.91	307.71	308.55	-0.27	6.14	302.14	303.09	-0.31	5.56	317.00	317.65	-0.20
Communication	2.21	134.89	134.89	0.00	2.35	138.38	138.38	0.00	1.99	128.68	128.68	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	276.36	277.89	-0.55	1.73	258.99	260.96	-0.75	1.38	309.31	310.02	-0.23
Education	3.79	209.89	206.38	1.70	4.88	203.07	200.61	1.23	2.13	233.45	226.30	3.16
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	284.79	284.26	0.19	7.41	280.73	280.26	0.17	6.19	292.11	291.47	0.22
Misc. goods and services	4.87	313.93	309.92	1.29	4.77	304.14	299.81	1.44	5.02	327.98	324.44	1.09

3. Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2025 are given below:

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (36.35%), Fresh Fruits (18.66%), Eggs (14.92%), Sugar (11.48%), Chicken (10.87%), Fresh Vegetables (6.13%), Condiments and Spices (2.79%), Butter (2.70%), Meat (1.60%) and Pulse Moong (0.70%).

decreased: Onions (14.89%), Tea (7.69%), Potatoes (6.83%), Besan (5.10%), Pulse Gram (4.62%), Pulse Mash (3.40%), Gram Whole (2.78%), Beans (2.59%), Fish (2.11%), Vegetable Ghee (1.59%), Wheat Flour (1.03%), Pulse Masoor (0.79%), Cooking Oil (0.73%), Rice (0.51%), Wheat Products (0.13%), Milk Products (0.09%) and Dry Fruits (0.09%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Readymade Garments (2.15%), Tailoring (1.84%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (1.83%), Cotton Cloth (1.74%), Accommodation Services (1.47%), Hosiry (1.33%), Education (1.23%) and Plastic Products (1.02%).

Decreased: Text Books (1.44%), Electricity Charges (1.27%), Transport Services (0.56%), Motor Fuel (0.35%), Stationery (0.17%) and Construcion Input Items (0.15%).

RURAL: **FOOD**

Increased: Fresh Fruits (24.62%), Tomatoes (22.11%), Chicken (15.40%), Eggs (14.32%), Sugar (11.31%), Fresh Vegetables (6.34%), Meat (2.92%), Wheat (1.50%), Honey (1.39%) and Beverages (0.86%).

Decreased: Onions (18.09%), Tea (10.01%), Pulse Gram (8.29%), Besan (8.04%), Pulse Mash (4.96%), Gram Whole (2.94%), Fish (2.88%), Potatoes (1.76%), Pulse Masoor (1.38%), Wheat Products (1.18%), Pulse Moong (1.04%), Condiments and Spices (0.72%), Beans (0.59%), Vegetable Ghee (0.47%) and Wheat Flour (0.46%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Tailoring (5.13%), Education (3.16%), Readymade Garments (2.97%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (2.53%), Cotton Cloth (1.56%), Footwear (0.95%), Medical Tests (0.83%) and Construction Wage Rates (0.63%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (1.27%), Text Books (0.91%), Woolen Cloth (0.89%), Cleaning and Laundering (0.6%), Construction Input Items (0.57%), Motor Fuels (0.38%) and Drugs & Medicines (0.15%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [March, 2025 over March, 2024]

4. CPI National for the month of **March, 2025** increased to **0.69%** over **March, 2024**. The Urban CPI increased to **1.16%** while Rural CPI increased to **0.02%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Mar, 2025	Mar, 2024			Mar, 2025	Mar, 2024			Mar, 2025	Mar, 2024	
General	100.00	266.29	264.46	0.69	100.00	262.48	259.47	1.16	100.00	272.05	272.00	0.02
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.34	293.36	-5.12	30.42	277.04	286.46	-3.29	40.87	279.81	301.11	-7.07
Non-perishable food items	29.60	285.59	286.00	-0.14	25.97	284.44	279.63	1.72	35.08	286.87	293.12	-2.13
Perishable food items	4.99	235.33	337.05	-30.18	4.46	233.91	326.28	-28.31	5.79	236.98	349.57	-32.21
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	393.38	365.80	7.54	0.85	414.86	386.20	7.42	1.28	371.72	345.24	7.67
Clothing and footwear	8.60	258.98	228.13	13.53	8.01	249.74	216.67	15.26	9.48	270.77	242.74	11.55
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	238.95	244.24	-2.17	27.03	244.31	250.13	-2.33	18.49	227.13	231.25	-1.78
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	275.38	265.47	3.73	4.09	264.94	256.37	3.34	4.10	291.09	279.16	4.27
Health	2.79	269.34	236.68	13.80	2.31	271.71	236.76	14.76	3.51	266.98	236.60	12.84
Transport	5.91	307.71	311.46	-1.20	6.14	302.14	305.33	-1.04	5.56	317.00	321.67	-1.45
Communication	2.21	134.89	134.83	0.04	2.35	138.38	138.77	-0.28	1.99	128.68	127.82	0.67
Recreation and culture	1.59	276.36	256.67	7.67	1.73	258.99	246.16	5.21	1.38	309.31	276.61	11.82
Education	3.79	209.89	187.50	11.94	4.88	203.07	188.09	7.96	2.13	233.45	185.46	25.88
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	284.79	266.35	6.92	7.41	280.73	265.74	5.64	6.19	292.11	267.45	9.22
Misc. goods and services	4.87	313.93	276.81	13.41	4.77	304.14	271.71	11.94	5.02	327.98	284.12	15.44

5. Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. February, 2024 are given below:

URBAN: **FOOD**

Increased: Pulse Moong (31.02%), Butter (23.84%), Besan (21.66%), Honey (21.02%), Milk Powder (20.63%), Pulse Gram (19.42%), Sugar (18.75%), Fresh Fruits (18.31%), Chicken (17.20%), Meat (15.87%), Vegetable Ghee (15.69%), Fish (13.42%), Mustard Oil (11.81%), Milk Fresh (11.20%) and Cooking Oil (11.08%).

Decreased: Onions (71.15%), Tomatoes (53.77%), Wheat (34.53%), Wheat Flour (34.52%), Fresh Vegetables (31.36%), Tea (17.13%), Pulse Mash (15.41%), Wheat Products (12.51%), Pulse Masoor (12.39%), Potatoes (7.40%) and Rice (5.75%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (168.79%), Footwear (31.89%), Dental Services (27.20%), Medical Tests (15.53%) and Drugs & Medicines (15.26%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (21.65%), Motor Fuel (7.01%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (3.77%), Communication Apparatus (1.28%) and Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (0.79%).

RURAL: **FOOD**

Increased: Pulse Moong (29.40%), Milk Powder (26.72%), Besan (21.35%), Meat (21.17%), Honey (19.97%), Pulse Gram (19.94%), Fresh Fruits (19.15%), Sugar (18.55%), Chicken (16.76%), Butter (16.36%), Vegetable Ghee (15.92%) and Cooking Oil (14.69%).

Decreased: Onions (71.13%), Tomatoes (56.33%), Wheat Flour (36.38%), Wheat (34.83%), Fresh Vegetables (34.25%), Tea (15.38%), Wheat Products (15.14%), Pulse Mash (13.39%), Pulse Masoor (7.72%), Potatoes (6.39%) and Rice (5.69%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (126.61%), Education (25.88%), Dental Services (19.53%), Drugs and Medicines (17.23%), Recreation and Culture (16.43%), Cotton Cloth (13.69%), Tailoring (12.71%), Plastic Products (12.47%) and Stationery (12.34%).

Decreased: Electricity Charges (21.65%), Motor Fuels (7.71%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (4.79%) and Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (0.65%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [July-Mar, 2024-25 over July-Mar, 2023-24]

6. CPI National for the period **July-Mar (2024-25)** increased by **5.25%** over **July-Mar (2023-24)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **6.35%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **3.68%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul- Mar 2024-25	Jul- Mar 2023-24			Jul- Mar 2024-25	Jul- Mar 2023-24			Jul- Mar 2024-25	Jul- Mar 2023-24	
General	100.00	264.03	250.87	5.25	100.00	260.57	245.02	6.35	100.00	269.25	259.70	3.68
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	279.33	281.98	-0.94	30.42	277.89	276.77	0.40	40.87	280.95	287.84	-2.39
Non-perishable food items	29.60	279.11	284.29	-1.83	25.97	278.12	279.12	-0.36	35.08	280.20	290.07	-3.40
Perishable food items	4.99	280.68	268.28	4.62	4.46	276.53	263.06	5.12	5.79	285.51	274.35	4.07
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	386.05	362.80	6.41	0.85	407.92	383.36	6.41	1.28	364.00	342.07	6.41
Clothing and footwear	8.60	250.70	217.92	15.04	8.01	242.05	209.39	15.60	9.48	261.73	228.79	14.40
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	238.78	217.31	9.88	27.03	244.78	218.17	12.20	18.49	225.54	215.43	4.69
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	272.54	256.54	6.24	4.09	262.29	249.19	5.26	4.10	287.97	267.60	7.61
Health	2.79	260.23	227.22	14.53	2.31	263.65	227.63	15.83	3.51	256.85	226.82	13.24
Transport	5.91	306.37	308.74	-0.77	6.14	301.32	303.00	-0.55	5.56	314.78	318.31	-1.11
Communication	2.21	134.82	124.71	8.11	2.35	138.36	129.22	7.07	1.99	128.53	116.67	10.16
Recreation and culture	1.59	275.15	254.62	8.06	1.73	259.60	244.77	6.06	1.38	304.67	273.30	11.48
Education	3.79	204.10	182.77	11.67	4.88	198.35	183.26	8.23	2.13	223.95	181.07	23.68
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	278.42	256.69	8.46	7.41	274.55	256.54	7.02	6.19	285.40	256.96	11.07
Misc. goods and services	4.87	300.60	266.67	12.72	4.77	291.55	262.48	11.08	5.02	313.59	272.68	15.00

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