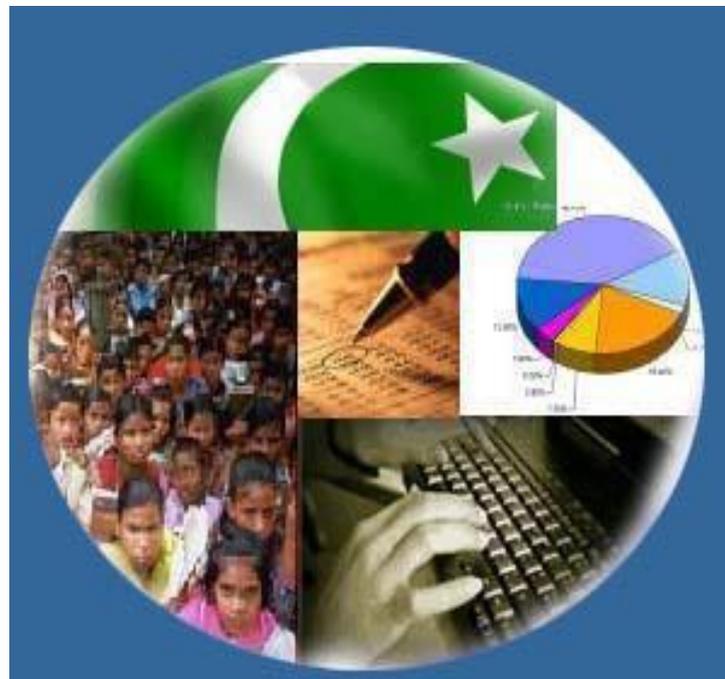




# Monthly Review on Price Indices



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**(Base Year 2015-16)**

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## Inflation in Brief

- CPI inflation General**, increased by 7.3% on year-on-year basis in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 7.0% in the previous month and 0.7% in March 2025. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 1.2% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.3% in the previous month and an increase of 0.9% in March 2025.
- CPI inflation Urban**, increased by 7.4% on year-on-year basis in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 6.8% in the previous month and an increase of 1.2% in March 2025. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 1.3% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.3% in the previous month and an increase of 0.8% in March 2025.
- CPI inflation Rural**, increased by 7.2% on year-on-year basis in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 7.3% in the previous month and no change observed in March 2025. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 1.0% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.3% in the previous month and an increase of 1.1% in March 2025.
- SPI inflation** on YoY basis increased by 5.6% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 4.8% in the previous month and a decrease of 2.3% in March 2025. On MoM basis, it increased by 0.7% in March 2026 as compared to a decrease of 0.1% in the previous month and March 2025.
- WPI inflation** on YoY basis increased by 6.7% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 1.0% in the previous month and a decrease of 1.6% in March 2025. On month-on-month basis, it increased by 5.9% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.7% in the previous month and an increase of 0.3% in March 2025.
- Figures 1 and 2 show graphically the yearly data of Table 1.a for Urban and Rural CPI while Table 1.1 shows "Period Average" and "YoY" percentage changes in indices.

Table 1.a General Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)																		
PERIOD	CPI														SPI*		WPI	
	General						Food				Non-Food							
	National		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural		YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	
June-24	12.6	0.5	14.9	0.6	9.3	0.3	2.6	0.4	1.3	-0.2	24.3	0.7	17.9	0.8	16.6	1.3	10.6	0.4
July-24	11.1	2.1	13.2	2.0	8.1	2.2	3.4	4.5	1.3	3.6	20.7	0.5	15.5	0.9	15.7	2.0	10.4	2.3
Aug-24	9.6	0.4	11.7	0.3	6.7	0.6	4.1	1.3	1.9	1.3	17.4	-0.4	11.9	-0.2	10.8	-0.3	6.3	0.3
Sep-24	6.9	-0.5	9.3	-0.5	3.6	-0.5	1.7	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	15.0	-0.3	8.4	-0.1	9.2	0.2	1.9	-1.1
Oct-24	7.2	1.2	9.3	1.1	4.2	1.5	2.7	1.6	0.6	2.2	14.2	0.7	8.0	0.8	9.7	0.6	3.9	0.0
Nov-24	4.9	0.5	5.2	0.5	4.3	0.5	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	7.8	1.0	9.1	0.8	7.3	1.0	2.3	-0.1
Dec-24	4.1	0.1	4.4	-0.1	3.6	0.3	2.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	5.7	-0.2	7.6	0.5	4.2	0.8	1.9	-0.4
Jan-25	2.4	0.2	2.7	0.2	1.9	0.2	-0.6	-0.3	-2.9	-0.4	5.0	0.5	7.0	0.9	0.7	-1.4	0.6	0.2
Feb-25	1.5	-0.8	1.8	-0.7	1.1	-1.1	-0.9	-1.8	-4.3	-2.5	3.6	0.1	6.6	0.3	-0.2	-1.6	-0.7	-0.2
<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Apr-25	0.3	-0.8	0.5	-0.7	-0.1	-1.0	-1.9	-1.6	-4.6	-1.8	2.2	-0.1	4.4	-0.4	-3.6	-2.1	-2.2	-1.3
May-25	3.5	-0.2	3.5	0.1	3.4	-0.5	5.3	0.6	2.1	-1.0	2.4	-0.3	4.6	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0	0.4	0.0
June-25	3.2	0.2	3.0	0.1	3.6	0.5	4.2	-0.6	2.4	0.1	2.2	0.5	4.7	0.8	-1.9	0.0	0.6	0.6
July-25	4.1	2.9	4.4	3.4	3.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	1.5	2.7	5.9	4.1	5.4	1.6	-0.9	3.1	-0.5	1.2
Aug-25	3.1	-0.6	3.5	-0.7	2.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.3	-0.5	-0.7	6.1	-0.3	5.3	-0.3	2.6	3.2	-1.0	-0.2
Sep-25	5.8	2.1	5.7	1.6	5.9	2.8	4.4	4.0	6.0	5.5	6.5	0.1	5.8	0.4	4.5	2.0	0.6	0.5
Oct-25	6.2	1.7	6.0	1.4	6.6	2.1	4.5	1.7	6.8	3.0	7.0	1.1	6.4	1.3	4.8	0.9	1.1	0.5
Nov-25	6.1	0.4	6.1	0.5	6.3	0.2	5.0	0.3	5.9	-0.7	6.7	0.7	6.7	1.0	4.2	0.4	1.1	-0.2
Dec-25	5.6	-0.4	5.8	-0.4	5.4	-0.6	3.2	-1.7	3.8	-1.9	7.5	0.5	6.9	0.7	2.5	-0.8	0.6	-0.9
Jan-26	5.8	0.4	5.8	0.2	5.8	0.6	3.3	-0.2	4.7	0.4	7.4	0.5	6.9	0.8	3.3	-0.8	0.2	-0.2
Feb-26	7.0	0.3	6.8	0.3	7.3	0.3	4.4	-0.8	6.8	-0.5	8.3	0.9	7.7	1.0	4.8	-0.1	1.0	0.7
<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>

\* SPI for quintile 1. Digits 0.0\* are due to rounding off.

**Core inflation (NFNE)**

7. Measured by **non-food non-energy Urban** increased by 7.4% on (YoY) basis in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 7.1% of the previous month and 8.2% in March 2025. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.7% in March 2026 as compared to 0.2% in previous month and an increase of 0.5% in the corresponding month of last year i.e. March 2025.
8. Measured by **non-food non-energy Rural** increased by 8.4% on (YoY) basis in March 2026 as compared to 8.3% of the previous month and an increase of 10.2% in March 2025. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.8% in March 2026 as compared to 0.4% in the previous month and an increase of 0.7% in the corresponding month of last year i.e. March 2025.

**Core inflation (Trimmed)**

9. Measured by 20% **weighted trimmed mean Urban** increased by 5.9% on (YoY) basis in March 2026 as compared to 5.1% in the previous month and 4.8% in March 2025. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.6% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.2% a month earlier and an increase of 0.3% in the corresponding month of last year i.e. March 2025.
10. Measured by 20% **weighted trimmed mean Rural** increased by 6.3% on (YoY) basis in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 5.6% of the previous month and 4.8% in March 2025. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.5% in March 2026 as compared to an increase of 0.3% in the previous month and an increase of 0.4% in the corresponding month of last year i.e. March 2025.

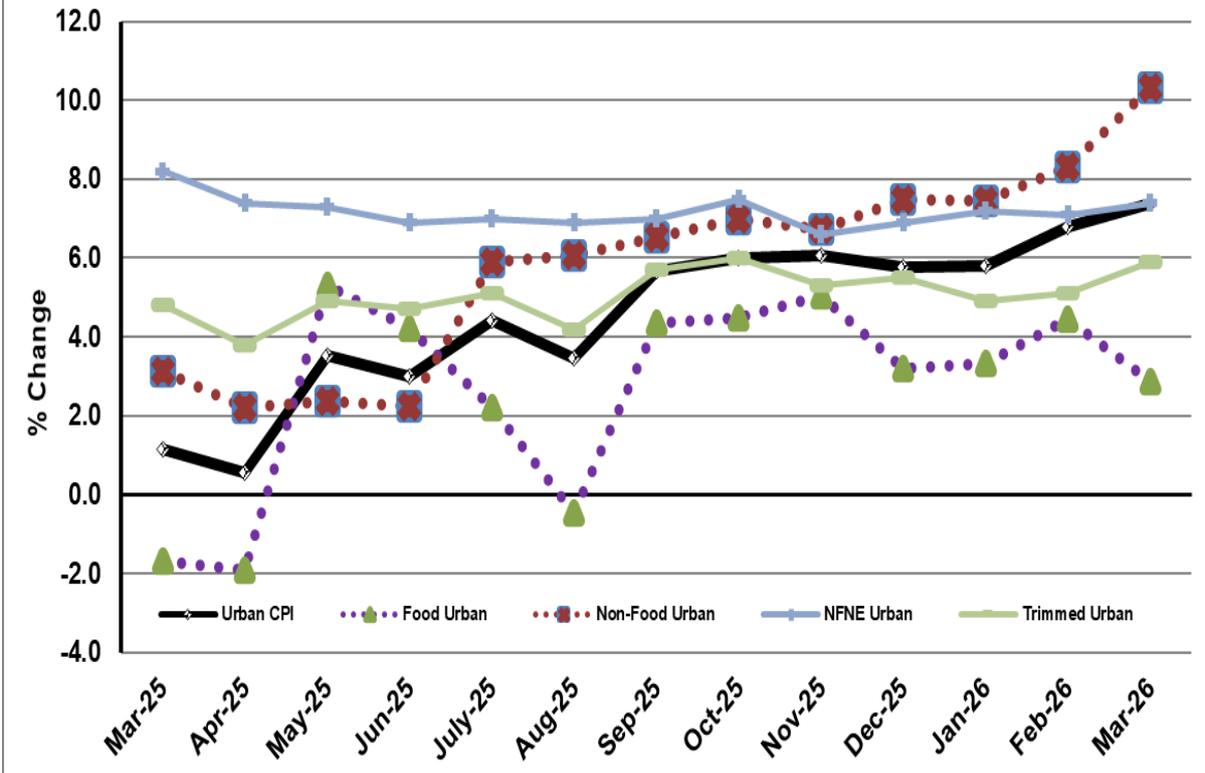
**Table 1.b Core Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)**

Period	NFNE				Trimmed			
	Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural	
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
Mar-25	8.2	0.5	10.2	0.7	4.8	0.3	4.8	0.4
Apr-25	7.4	1.3	9.0	0.9	3.8	0.3	3.3	-0.1
May-25	7.3	0.4	8.8	0.4	4.9	0.1	4.7	-0.2
June-25	6.9	0.2	8.6	0.7	4.7	0.3	5.2	0.5
July-25	7.0	0.8	8.1	0.7	5.1	1.0	4.9	0.7
Aug-25	6.9	0.3	7.8	0.2	4.2	0.0	3.5	0.3
Sep-25	7.0	0.3	7.8	0.6	5.7	0.3	6.5	0.7
Oct-25	7.5	1.1	8.4	1.3	6.0	0.9	6.8	1.2
Nov-25	6.6	0.3	8.2	0.5	5.3	0.3	6.4	0.4
Dec-25	6.9	0.5	8.1	0.6	5.5	0.3	6.0	0.4
Jan-26	7.2	1.0	8.3	1.1	4.9	0.5	5.4	0.7
Feb-26	7.1	0.2	8.3	0.4	5.1	0.2	5.6	0.3
<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**Table 1.1 Period Average and Y-o-Y % Change**

INDEX	Average July - March % Changes			March over March % Changes		
	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
<b>CPI (National)</b>	5.67	5.25	27.06	7.30	0.69	20.68
<b>CPI (Urban)</b>	5.71	6.35	27.13	7.39	1.16	21.90
<b>CPI (Rural)</b>	5.61	3.68	26.97	7.17	0.02	18.97
<b>SPI</b>	3.49	5.84	31.26	5.63	-2.31	25.86
<b>WPI</b>	1.08	2.68	23.43	6.69	-1.60	14.78

**Figure 1: Urban Inflation - YoY, Special Indices**



**Figure 2: Rural Inflation - YoY, Special Indices**

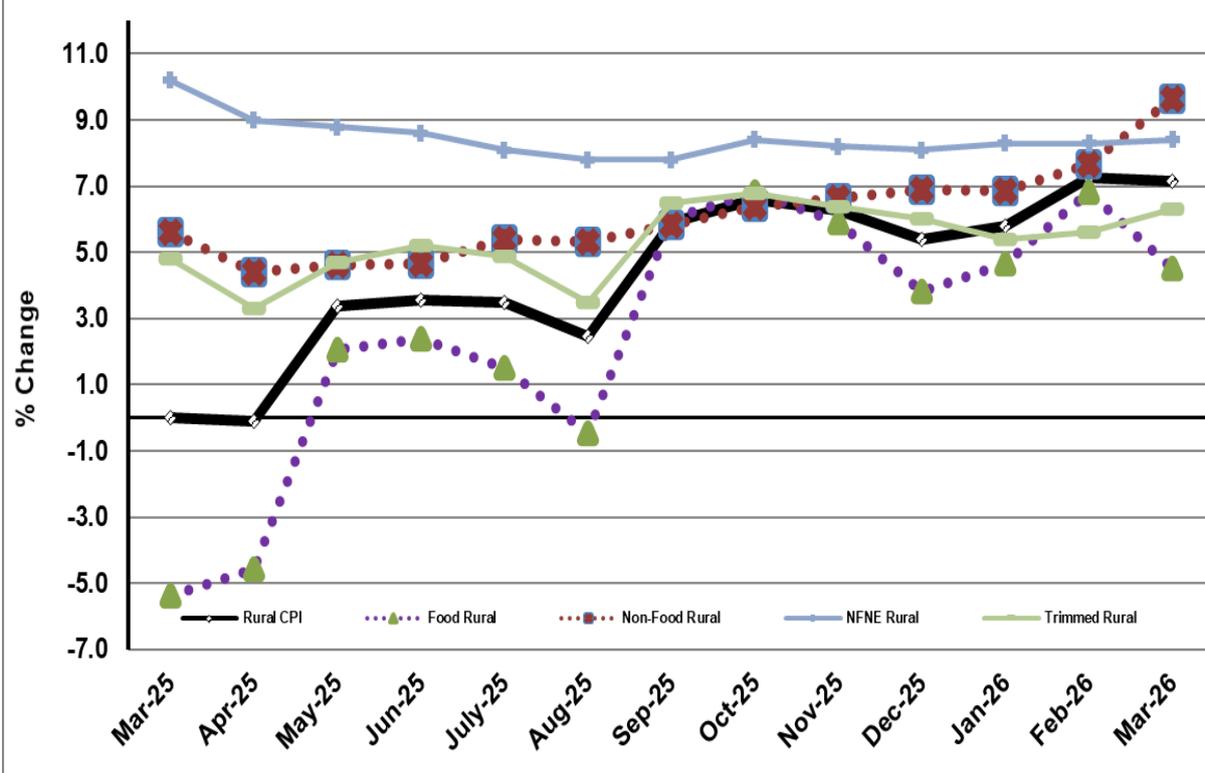


Figure 3: Urban Inflation - MoM, Special Indices

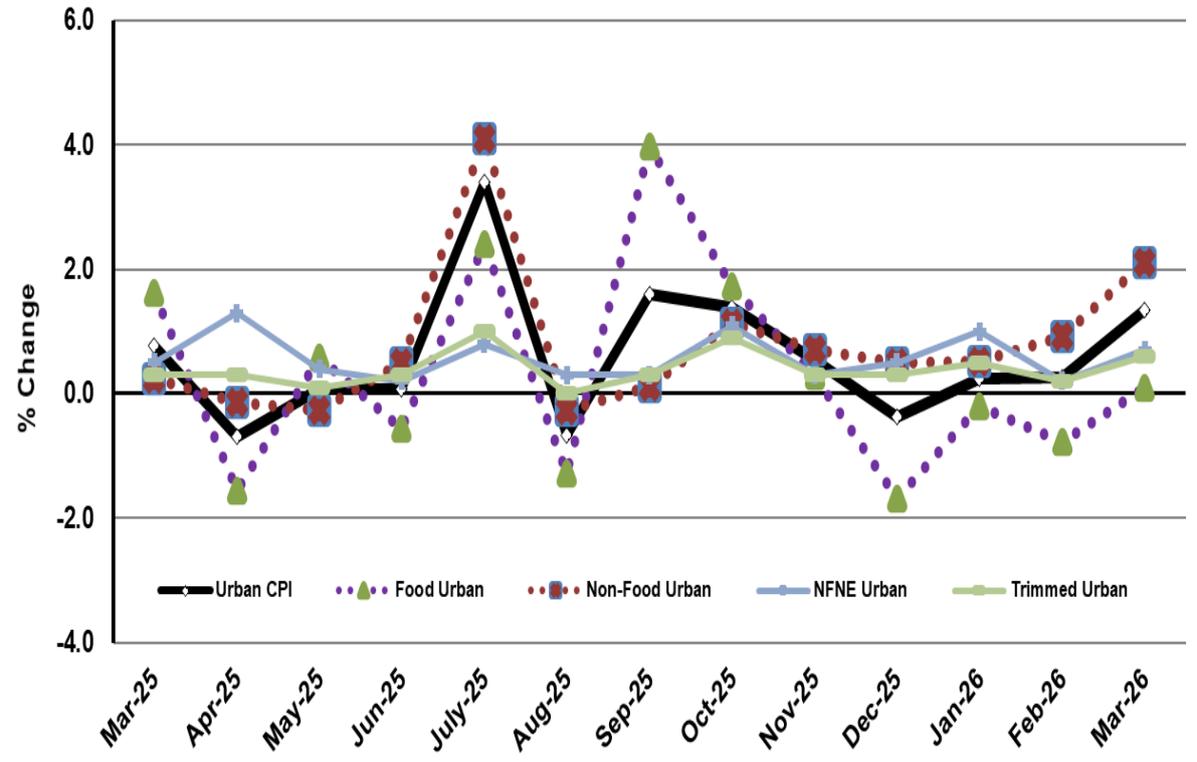
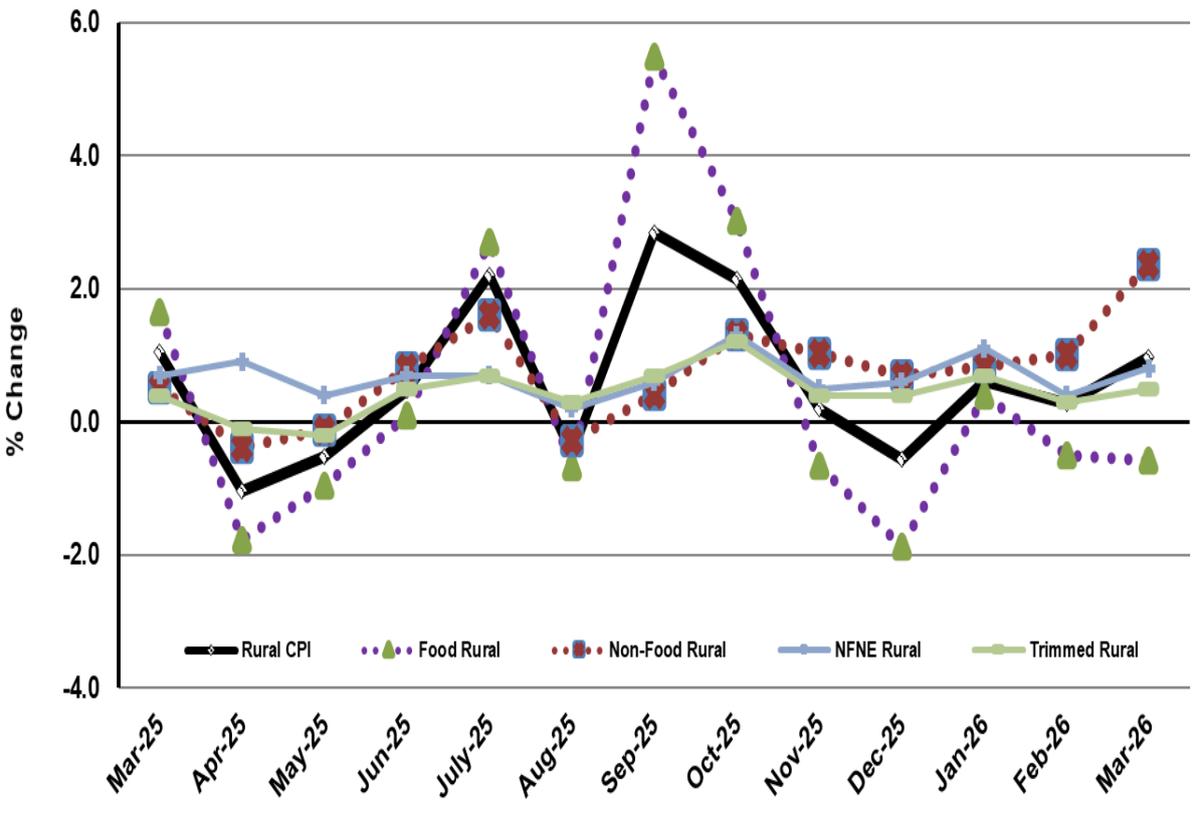
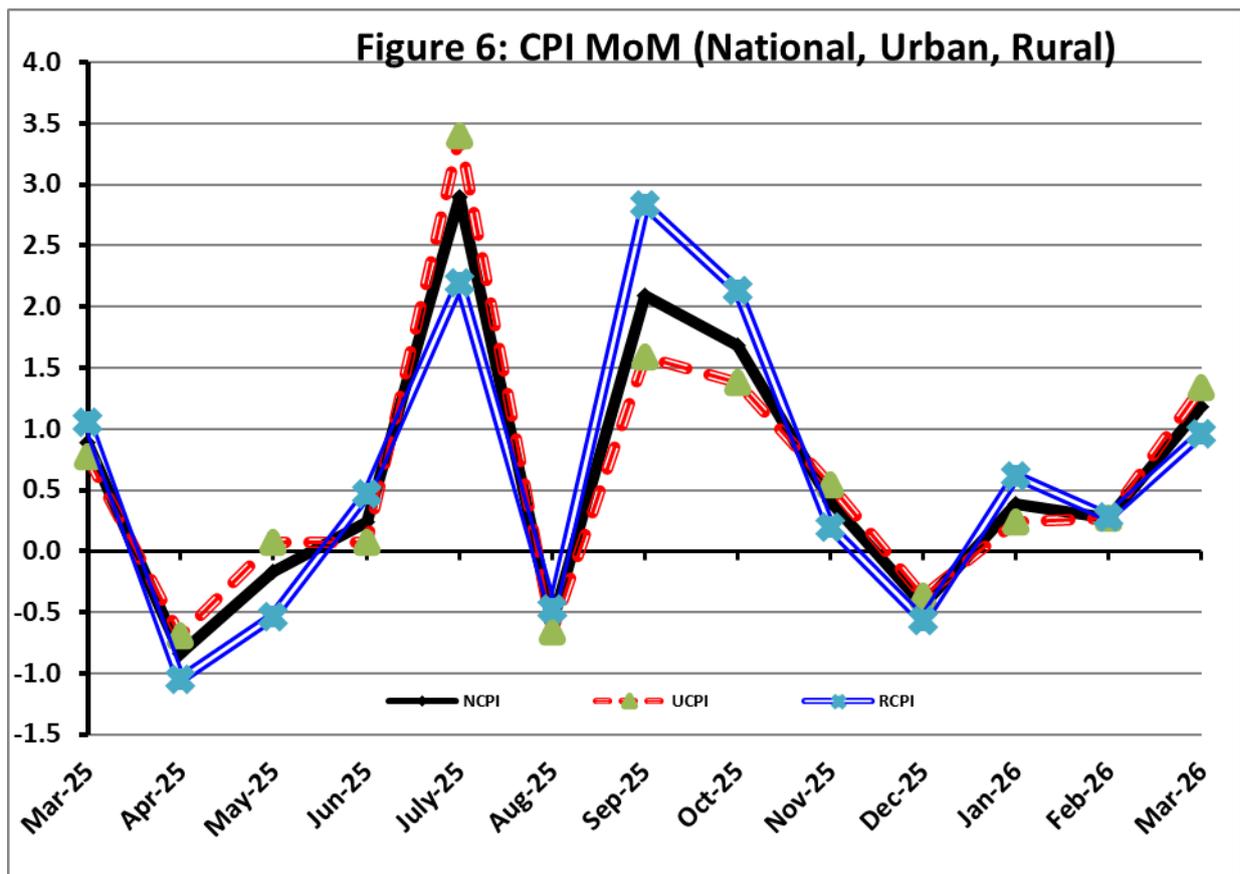
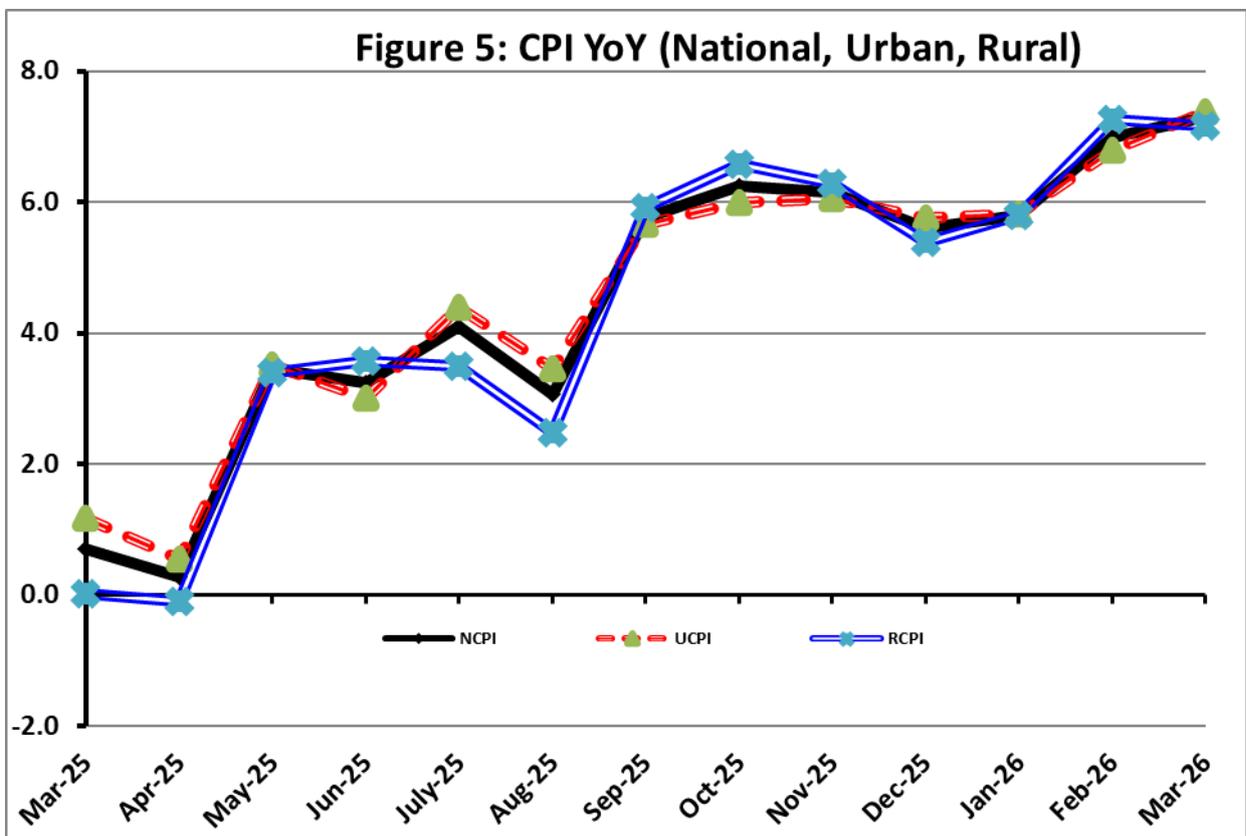


Figure 4: Rural Inflation - MoM, Special Indices





## I. National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)

The **National Consumer Price Index** for **March 2026** is increased by **1.18%** over **February 2026** and increased by **7.30%** over corresponding month of the last year i.e. **March 2025**.

**Table 1: Consumer Price Index (National) by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2015-16)**

No	Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change Mar 2026 Over		Impact (In % points) Mar 2026 Over	
			Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25
	<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>285.73</b>	<b>282.39</b>	<b>266.29</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>7.30</b>
1.	Food & Non-alcoholic Bev.	34.58	288.22	289.14	278.34	-0.32	3.55	-0.11	1.28
	<i>Non-perishable Food Items</i>	29.60	299.87	301.93	285.59	-0.68	5.00	-0.22	1.59
	<i>Perishable Food Items</i>	4.99	219.07	213.21	235.33	2.75	-6.91	0.10	-0.30
2.	Alcoholic Bev. & Tobacco	1.02	402.41	401.38	393.38	0.26	2.30	0.00	0.03
3.	Clothing & Footwear	8.60	274.01	271.19	258.98	1.04	5.80	0.09	0.48
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Fuels	23.63	266.40	262.35	238.95	1.54	11.49	0.34	2.44
5.	Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.10	286.14	284.50	275.38	0.58	3.91	0.02	0.17
6.	Health	2.79	289.16	288.52	269.34	0.22	7.36	0.01	0.21
7.	Transport	5.91	346.13	309.69	307.71	11.77	12.49	0.76	0.85
8.	Communication	2.21	135.97	135.75	134.89	0.16	0.80	0.00	0.01
9.	Recreation & Culture	1.59	265.15	265.16	276.36	0.00	-4.06	0.00	-0.07
10.	Education	3.79	228.85	226.28	209.89	1.14	9.03	0.03	0.27
11.	Restaurants & Hotels	6.92	299.38	298.26	284.79	0.37	5.12	0.03	0.38
12.	Miscellaneous	4.87	381.76	381.22	313.93	0.14	21.61	0.01	1.24

## II. Urban Consumer Price Index (UCPI)

The Urban Consumer Price Index for **March 2026** is increased by **1.34%** over **February 2026** and increased by **7.39%** over corresponding month of the last year i.e. **March 2025**.

**Table 2: Consumer Price Index (Urban) by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2015-16)**

No	Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change Mar 2026 Over		Impact (In % points) Mar 2026 Over	
			Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25
	<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>281.87</b>	<b>278.15</b>	<b>262.48</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>7.39</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>7.39</b>
1.	Food & Non-alcoholic Bev.	30.42	284.32	284.29	277.04	0.01	2.63	0.00	0.84
	<i>Non-perishable Food Items</i>	25.97	295.00	295.92	284.44	-0.31	3.71	-0.09	1.04
	<i>Perishable Food Items</i>	4.46	222.03	216.49	233.91	2.56	-5.08	0.09	-0.20
2.	Alcoholic Bev. & Tobacco	0.85	426.28	425.08	414.86	0.28	2.75	0.00	0.04
3.	Clothing & Footwear	8.01	262.74	260.80	249.74	0.74	5.21	0.06	0.40
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Fuels	27.03	273.89	270.49	244.31	1.26	12.11	0.33	3.05
5.	Furnishing & Household Equip. & Maintenance	4.09	274.82	273.11	264.94	0.63	3.73	0.03	0.15
6.	Health	2.31	289.27	288.28	271.71	0.34	6.46	0.01	0.15
7.	Transport	6.14	340.79	303.91	302.14	12.14	12.79	0.81	0.90
8.	Communication	2.35	139.25	139.11	138.38	0.10	0.63	0.00	0.01
9.	Recreation & Culture	1.73	249.70	249.21	258.99	0.20	-3.59	0.00	-0.06
10.	Education	4.88	221.05	218.23	203.07	1.29	8.85	0.05	0.33
11.	Restaurants & Hotels	7.41	294.18	292.50	280.73	0.57	4.79	0.04	0.38
12.	Miscellaneous	4.77	369.43	369.72	304.14	-0.08	21.47	-0.01	1.19

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year percentage changes are given below and detail is given in **Annexure-A**.

**MONTH-ON-MONTH:** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2026 are given below:

### **FOOD**

**Increased:** Chicken (13.00%), Fresh Fruits (11.25%), Fresh Vegetables (5.01%), Pulse Mash (2.78%), Meat (1.53%), Sweetmeat (1.49%), Bakery and Confectionary (0.72%), Dry Fruits (0.66%), Wheat Products (0.57%), Readymade Food (0.53%), Mustard Oil (0.50%), Cigarettes (0.22%), Pulse Moong (0.15%), Milk Powder (0.10%), Milk Fresh (0.06%) and Rice (0.06%)

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (29.16%), Eggs (17.98%), Potatoes (12.02%), Wheat (5.48%), Besan (3.90%), Beverages (3.47%), Gram Whole (3.35%), Wheat Flour (2.83%), Sugar (2.11%), Onions (1.53%), Pulse Masoor (1.37%), Cooking Oil (1.19%), Pulse Gram (0.85%), Fish (0.65%), Condiments and Spices (0.46%), Beans (0.29%), Gur (0.08%), Vegetable Ghee (0.07%) and Milk products (0.03%).

### **NON-FOOD:**

**Increased:** Motor Fuel (18.01%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons(12.63%), Transport Services (9.15%), Electricity Charges (5.08%), Major Tools & Equipments (3.21%), Accommodation Services (2.92%), Electrical Appliances for Personal (2.46%), Postal Services (2.15%), Tailoring (2.04%), Education (1.29%), Mechanical Services (1.29%), Plastic Products(0.92%), Readymade Garments (0.90%) and Household Equipments(0.84%),

**Decreased:** Personal Effects (0.74%).

**YEAR-ON-YEAR:** Top few commodities, which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. March 2025, are given below:

### **FOOD:**

**Increased:** Wheat (34.24%), Wheat Flour (23.64%), Butter (14.13%), Meat (11.21%), Dessert Preparation (10.43%), Milk Powder (9.50%), Condiments and Spices (9.30%), Dry Fruits (8.9%), Fish (8.27%), Wheat Products (8.15%), Gur (7.68%), Pan Prepared (7.49%), Rice (5.92%), Fresh Fruits (5.91%), Sweetmeat (5.87%), Bakery and Confectionary (5.22%), Readymade Food (4.24%), Milk Products (2.96%), Milk Fresh (2.46%), Vegetable Ghee (2.08%), Cooking Oil (2.00%), Cigarettes (1.75%) and Pulse Mash(1.18%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (43.17%), Eggs (24.95%), Chicken (20.34%), Besan (18.92%), Pulse Gram (18.64%), Gram Whole (17.07%), Sugar (11.79%), Pulse Masoor(11.76%), Beans (7.83%), Tomatoes (5.41%), Fresh vegetables (4.89%), Onions (3.98%), Pulse Moong (3.7%), Tea (0.96% and Mustard oil(0.23%).

### **NON-FOOD:**

**Increased:** Personal Effects (56.52%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (23.46%), Gas Charges (22.91%), Motor Fuel (18.22%), Postal Services (14.98%), Electricity Charges (14.22%) and Newspapers (11.93%).

**Decreased:** Text books (9.60%).

### III. Rural Consumer Price Index (RCPI)

The Rural Consumer Price Index for March 2026 is increased by 0.96% over February 2026 and increased by 7.17% over corresponding month of the last year i.e. March 2025.

**Table 3: Consumer Price Index (Rural) by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2015-16)**

No	Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change Mar 2026 Over		Impact (In % points) Mar 2026 Over	
			Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25
	<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>291.55</b>	<b>288.78</b>	<b>272.05</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>7.17</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>7.17</b>
1.	Food & Non-alcoholic Bev.	40.87	292.61	294.59	279.81	-0.67	4.57	-0.28	1.92
	<i>Non-perishable Food Items</i>	35.08	305.32	308.65	286.87	-1.08	6.43	-0.40	2.38
	<i>Perishable Food Items</i>	5.79	215.63	209.40	236.98	2.98	-9.01	0.12	-0.45
2.	Alcoholic Bev. & Tobacco	1.28	378.34	377.49	371.72	0.23	1.78	0.00	0.03
3.	Clothing & Footwear	9.48	288.37	284.44	270.77	1.38	6.50	0.13	0.61
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Fuels	18.49	249.88	244.39	227.13	2.25	10.02	0.35	1.55
5.	Furnishing & Household Equip. & Maintenance	4.10	303.19	301.65	291.09	0.51	4.16	0.02	0.18
6.	Health	3.51	289.05	288.76	266.98	0.10	8.27	0.00	0.29
7.	Transport	5.56	355.04	319.33	317.00	11.18	12.00	0.69	0.78
8.	Communication	1.99	130.13	129.76	128.68	0.29	1.13	0.00	0.01
9.	Recreation & Culture	1.38	294.46	295.42	309.31	-0.32	-4.80	0.00	-0.08
10.	Education	2.13	255.80	254.06	233.45	0.68	9.57	0.01	0.18
11.	Restaurants & Hotels	6.19	308.76	308.67	292.11	0.03	5.70	0.00	0.38
12.	Miscellaneous	5.02	399.47	397.74	327.98	0.43	21.80	0.03	1.32

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year percentage changes are given below and detail is given in **Annexure-B**.

**MONTH-ON-MONTH** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2026 are given below:

#### **FOOD**

**Increased:** Fresh Fruits (14.68%), Fresh Vegetables (6.84%), Chicken (6.76%), Pulse Mash (2.07%), Meat (1.62%), Cooking Oil (1.09%), Pulse Moong (1.08%), Vegetable Ghee (1.07%), Sweetmeat (0.83%), Honey(0.78%), Bakery and Confectionary (0.48%), Cigarettes(0.23%) and Wheat Products(0.13%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (27.47%), Eggs (20.69%), Potatoes (18.02%), Besan (5.34%), Wheat (4.88%), Wheat Flour (4.29%), Pulse Gram (3.47%), Beverages (3.24%), Gram Whole (2.83%), Sugar (2.16%), Beans (1.85%), Pulse Masoor (1.81%), Gur (1.60%) and Onions (1.38%).

#### **NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Motor Fuels (19.3%), Liquified Hydrocarbons(13.79%), Electricity Charges (5.08%), Transport Services (4.73%), Plastic Products (2.93%), Tailoring (2.72%), Footware (2.06%), Major Tools and Equipments (1.89%), Construction Input Items (1.85%), Dopatta (1.46%) and Cotton Cloth (1.41%).

**Decreased:** Recreation and Culture(1.23%).

**Year-On-Year:** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. March, 2025 are given below:

#### **FOOD**

**Increased:** Wheat (38.81%), Wheat Flour (34.8%), Meat (11.01%), Dessert Preparation (10.52%), Wheat Products (10.34%), Dry Fruits (10.19%), Butter (9.37%), Milk Powder (8.85%), Gur (6.93%), Bakery and Confectionary (6.53%), Pan Prepared (6.15%), Fish (6.14%) and Milk Fresh (5.32%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (54.47%), Chicken (24.01%), Eggs (22.63%), Besan (18.43%), Pulse Gram (17.34%), Gram Whole (15.77%), Sugar (11.25%), Pulse Masoor (9.62%), Onions (5.14%), Tea (5.14%), Tomatoes (4.01%), Pulse Mash (3.46%), Pulse Moong (1.5%) and Fresh Vegetables (1.50%).

#### **NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Personal Effects (50.31%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (19.77%), Motor Fuels (19.46%), Dental Services (17.58%), Newspapers (16.67%), Electricity Charges (14.22%), Doctor Clinic Fee (14.10%), Personal Grooming Services (10.59%), Plastic Products (10.42%), Medical Tests (10.11%), Construction Input Items (9.95%), Education (9.57%), Hospitals Services (9.44%) and Household Textiles (8.64%).

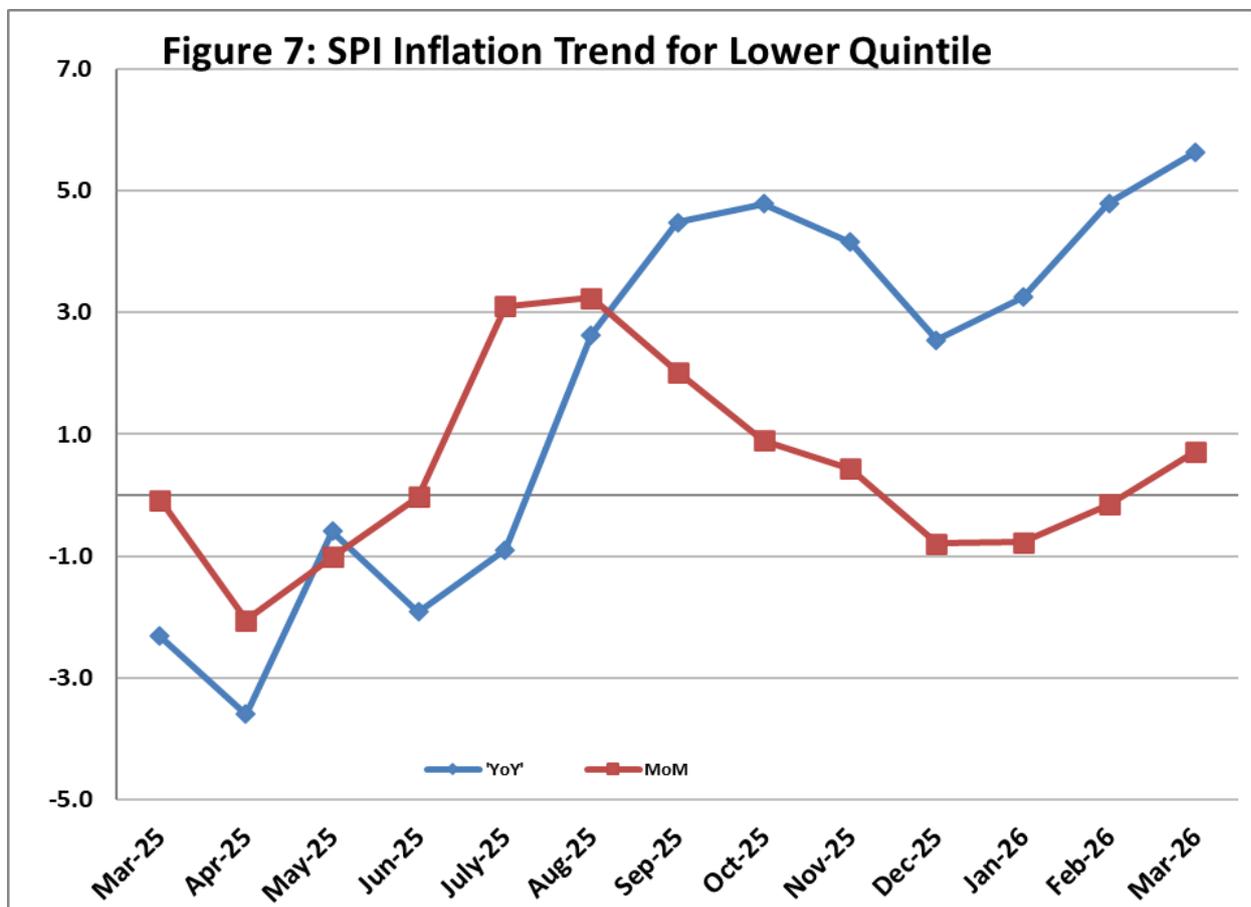
**Decreased:** Text Books(14.52%).

## IV. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)

Quintile-wise percentage changes YoY and MoM are given below in Table 4. The series from March 2025 to March 2026 is also graphed below in Figure 7.

Table 4: Sensitive Price Indicator (Base 2015-16)					
Quintiles	Indices			% Change Mar 2026 Over	
	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2025
1	326.11	323.76	308.72	0.73	5.63
2	328.92	324.69	306.82	1.30	7.20
3	350.23	345.91	329.72	1.25	6.22
4	337.73	332.53	319.46	1.56	5.72
5	340.17	331.49	321.34	2.62	5.86
<b>Combined</b>	<b>340.87</b>	<b>333.64</b>	<b>319.83</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>6.58</b>

Table 4.1: Weekly Percentage Change of SPI During March 2026				
Quintiles	% Change over Previous week			
	05-03-2026	11-03-2026	18-03-2026	26-03-2026
Quintile 1	0.00	0.66	0.18	0.97
<b>Combined</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.97</b>



## V. Wholesale Price Index

The Wholesale Price Index for **March 2026** increased by **5.89%** over **February 2026** and increased by **6.69%** over the corresponding month of the last year i.e. **March, 2025**. YoY and MoM movements from March, 2025 to March, 2026 are also graphed below in Figure 8.

**Table 5: Wholesale Price Index by Group of Commodities (Base 2015-16)**

No	Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change Mar 2026 Over		Impact (In % points) Feb 2026 Over	
			Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 25
	<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	333.78	315.21	312.85	5.89	6.69	5.89	6.69
1	Agriculture Forestry & Fishery	25.77	274.02	273.24	280.94	0.29	-2.46	0.06	-0.57
2	Ores/Minerals, Elec., Gas & Water	12.01	368.50	361.74	353.52	1.87	4.24	0.26	0.57
3	Food, Beverages, Tobacco, Textiles & Leather Products	31.11	294.64	295.45	282.50	-0.27	4.30	-0.08	1.21
	i. Food Products, Beverages & Tobacco	20.07	316.37	317.77	299.83	-0.44	5.52	-0.09	1.06
	ii. Textiles & Apparels	10.33	260.38	260.08	256.00	0.12	1.71	0.01	0.14
	iii. Leather Products	0.71	179.03	179.03	178.56	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.00
4	Other Transportable Goods	22.40	413.56	335.17	340.78	23.39	21.36	5.57	5.21
5	Metal Product, Machinery & Equipment	8.72	397.26	394.46	387.74	0.71	2.46	0.08	0.27

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year percentage changes are given below and detail is given in **Annexure-C**.

**MONTH-ON-MONTH: Top few commodities which varied from previous month are given below:**

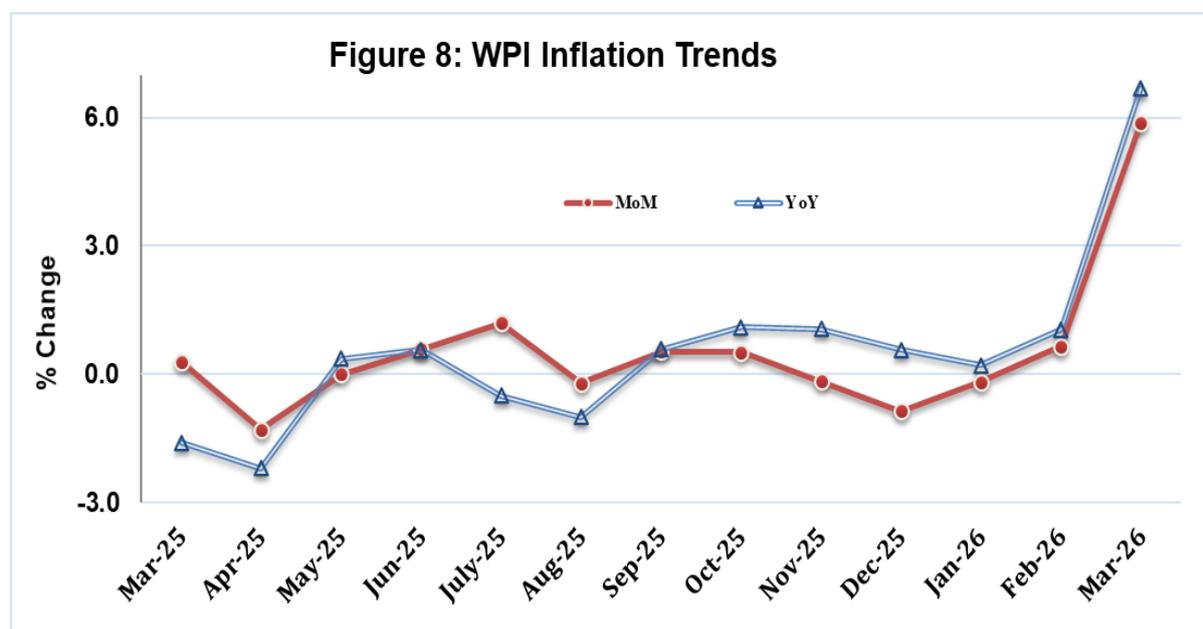
**Increased:** Kerosine Oil (93.94%), Diesel Oil (50.88%), Furnace Oil (40%), Sorghum/Jowar (34.53%), Motor Spirit (21.95%), Poultry (16.05%), Fresh Fruits (9.09%), Steel Bar & Sheets (5.41%), Electrical Energy (3.86%), Ceramics & Sanitary Fixture (3.41%), Vegetable Oils Refined (2.72%), Cement (2.19%) and Chemicals (2.12%).

**Decreased:** Eggs (14.77%), Edible Roots / Potatoes (7.63%), Oil Cakes (7.58%), other Oil Seeds (6.27%), Wheat (6.09%), other Cereal Flour (4.34%), Wheat Flour(3.94%), Stimulant & Spice Crops (3.74%), Vegetables (3.14%), Glass Sheets (2.54%), Raw Animal Materials / Wool (1.99%), Beverages (1.69%), Sugar Refined (1.68%), Pulses (1.13%) and Vegetables & Fruit Juice (0.53%).

**YEAR-ON-YEAR: Top few commodities which varied from previous year are given below:**

**Increased:** Kerosine Oil (105.54%), Sorghum / Jowar (92.27%), Diesel Oil (57.13%), Wheat (34%), Wheat Flour (27.26%), Dried Fruits & Nuts (27.24%), Other Food Products (26.96%), Dyeing Material (22.99%), Motor Spirit (21.97%), Maize (21.8%), Woven Fabrics (20.13%) and Engines & Motors (18.64%).

**Decreased:** Edible Roots/Potatoes (50.60%), Eggs (26.22%), Other Cereal Flour (21.42%), Poultry (21.22%), Pulses (14.27%), Sugar Refined (12.80%), Stimulant & Spice Crops (9.54%), Cotton Seeds (9.02%), Fibre Crops (8.85%), Millet / Bajra (4.34%), Rice (3.11%) and Vegetables & Fruit Juice (2.78%).



**Annexure A: CPI (Urban) Index Numbers by Commodity Groups & Commodities (2015-16=100)**

Item and Specification	Weight	Index Numbers			% Change in Mar 2026 over			
		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025		
<b>General</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>281.87</b>	<b>278.15</b>	<b>262.48</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>7.39</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>30.4215</b>	<b>284.32</b>	<b>284.29</b>	<b>277.04</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>2.63</b>
01 Wheat	0.6120	313.60	331.77	233.62	-	5.48	+	34.24
02 Wheat flour	3.0075	284.79	293.08	230.33	-	2.83	+	23.64
03 Wheat products	0.0936	308.30	306.55	285.06	+	0.57	+	8.15
04 Besan	0.0830	214.64	223.35	264.73	-	3.90	-	18.92
05 Rice	1.1804	328.41	328.22	310.05	+	0.06	+	5.92
06 Bakery and confectionary	0.4770	279.30	277.31	265.44	+	0.72	+	5.22
07 Nimco	0.1224	305.66	303.87	298.32	+	0.59	+	2.46
08 Meat	2.0411	371.36	365.75	333.93	+	1.53	+	11.21
09 Chicken	1.3631	275.43	243.75	345.76	+	13.00	-	20.34
10 Fish	0.3855	231.96	233.48	214.24	-	0.65	+	8.27
11 Milk fresh	7.1070	269.49	269.32	263.01	+	0.06	+	2.46
12 Milk products	0.6407	273.12	273.21	265.27	-	0.03	+	2.96
13 Milk powder	0.3106	332.39	332.05	303.55	+	0.10	+	9.50
14 Eggs	0.5083	250.66	305.60	333.99	-	17.98	-	24.95
15 Butter	0.0932	497.52	492.40	435.93	+	1.04	+	14.13
16 Mustard oil	0.0120	319.15	317.56	319.90	+	0.50	-	0.23
17 Cooking oil	1.1016	337.75	341.83	331.14	-	1.19	+	2.00
18 Vegetable ghee	1.0324	356.70	356.94	349.44	-	0.07	+	2.08
19 Dry fruits	0.3299	323.41	321.30	296.97	+	0.66	+	8.90
20 Fresh fruits	1.4363	312.92	281.27	295.45	+	11.25	+	5.91
21 Pulse masoor	0.1624	178.33	180.81	202.09	-	1.37	-	11.76
22 Pulse moong	0.1697	238.39	238.03	247.56	+	0.15	-	3.70
23 Pulse mash	0.1152	198.35	192.99	196.04	+	2.78	+	1.18
24 Pulse gram	0.1660	208.59	210.37	256.39	-	0.85	-	18.64
25 Gram whohe	0.0912	236.36	244.54	285.02	-	3.35	-	17.07
26 Beans	0.0408	349.82	350.83	379.53	-	0.29	-	7.83
27 Potatoes	0.4496	150.03	170.52	264.00	-	12.02	-	43.17
28 Onions	0.5928	164.49	167.04	171.31	-	1.53	-	3.98
29 Tomatoes	0.3459	153.52	216.70	162.30	-	29.16	-	5.41
30 Fresh vegetables	1.5306	193.93	184.67	203.90	+	5.01	-	4.89
31 Sugar	1.1130	242.77	248.00	275.23	-	2.11	-	11.79
32 Gur	0.0379	263.02	263.24	244.27	-	0.08	+	7.68
33 Honey	0.1017	222.56	222.56	220.90	+	0.00	+	0.75
34 Sweetmeat	0.3535	343.57	338.53	324.52	+	1.49	+	5.87
35 Ice cream	0.1044	208.30	200.62	199.45	+	3.83	+	4.44
36 Condiments and Spices	1.3340	381.87	383.64	349.39	-	0.46	+	9.30
37 Dessert preparation	0.0419	300.57	300.63	272.19	-	0.02	+	10.43
38 Tea	0.8427	273.67	273.67	276.33	+	0.00	-	0.96
39 Beverages	0.8906	257.52	266.79	257.84	-	3.47	-	0.12
<b>Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco</b>	<b>0.8540</b>	<b>426.28</b>	<b>425.08</b>	<b>414.86</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>2.75</b>
40 Cigarettes	0.7167	414.97	414.06	407.84	+	0.22	+	1.75
41 Pan prepared	0.1373	485.35	482.61	451.52	+	0.57	+	7.49
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	<b>8.0096</b>	<b>262.74</b>	<b>260.80</b>	<b>249.74</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>5.21</b>
42 Cotton cloth	2.2227	303.09	300.73	286.41	+	0.78	+	5.82
43 Woolen cloth	0.8361	260.04	258.39	238.44	+	0.64	+	9.06
44 Readymade garments	1.3196	228.64	226.61	217.20	+	0.90	+	5.27
45 Woolen readymade garments	0.4307	273.83	273.83	257.23	+	0.00	+	6.45
46 Tailoring	1.0741	254.08	248.99	234.07	+	2.04	+	8.55
47 Hosiry	0.4070	242.82	242.09	237.73	+	0.30	+	2.14
48 Dopatta	0.1713	208.81	206.93	203.87	+	0.91	+	2.42
49 Cleaning and laundrying	0.0665	289.51	288.04	266.43	+	0.51	+	8.66
50 Footware	1.4816	247.65	247.61	247.14	+	0.02	+	0.21
<b>Housing, water, Elec., Gas an</b>	<b>27.0332</b>	<b>273.89</b>	<b>270.49</b>	<b>244.31</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>12.11</b>
51 House rent	19.2558	178.39	178.39	168.09	+	0.00	+	6.13
52 Construcion input items	0.3765	273.08	270.88	263.38	+	0.81	+	3.68
53 Construction wage rates	0.2025	236.79	236.62	224.08	+	0.07	+	5.67
54 Water supply	0.5269	245.91	244.90	228.99	+	0.41	+	7.39
55 Garbage collection	0.1064	268.46	266.52	262.68	+	0.73	+	2.20
56 Electricity charges	4.5562	303.97	289.28	266.13	+	5.08	+	14.22
57 Gas charges	1.0807	1817.96	1817.96	1479.08	+	0.00	+	22.91
58 Liquified Hydrocarbons	0.5064	407.82	362.10	330.32	+	12.63	+	23.46
59 Solid Fuel	0.4218	247.07	246.24	228.41	+	0.34	+	8.17

**Annexure A: CPI (Urban) Index Numbers by Commodity Groups & Commodities (2015-16=100)**

Item and Specification	Weight	Index Numbers			% Change in Mar 2026 over			
		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025		
<b><i>Furnishing and household equi</i></b>	<b>4.0937</b>	<b>274.82</b>	<b>273.11</b>	<b>264.94</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>3.73</b>
60 Furniture and furnishing	0.4750	267.40	265.61	258.89	+	0.67	+	3.29
61 Carpets	0.0308	158.14	157.75	150.80	+	0.25	+	4.87
62 Household textiles	0.3420	215.92	215.67	208.79	+	0.12	+	3.41
63 Household equipments	1.0032	280.78	278.43	265.51	+	0.84	+	5.75
64 Plastic products	0.0536	236.80	234.65	222.91	+	0.92	+	6.23
65 Major tools & equipments	0.0084	266.40	258.12	242.00	+	3.21	+	10.08
66 Washing soap/detergents/match	1.4112	325.27	323.42	319.91	+	0.57	+	1.68
67 Household servant	0.7695	212.67	211.55	199.81	+	0.53	+	6.44
<b><i>Health</i></b>	<b>2.3098</b>	<b>289.27</b>	<b>288.28</b>	<b>271.71</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>6.46</b>
68 Drugs and medicines	1.0735	311.69	311.17	292.70	+	0.17	+	6.49
69 Therapeutic Appliances and Eq	0.0054	157.09	156.87	154.81	+	0.14	+	1.47
70 Doctor (MBBS) clinic fee	0.4044	365.39	362.01	337.27	+	0.93	+	8.34
71 Dental services	0.0156	238.75	236.82	225.18	+	0.81	+	6.03
72 Medical tests	0.2367	223.67	223.28	213.60	+	0.17	+	4.71
73 Hospitals services	0.5742	223.41	223.00	212.62	+	0.18	+	5.07
<b><i>Transport</i></b>	<b>6.1368</b>	<b>340.79</b>	<b>303.91</b>	<b>302.14</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>12.14</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>12.79</b>
74 Motor vehicles	0.8097	267.63	267.62	259.38	+	0.00	+	3.18
75 Motor vehicle accessories	0.1941	272.82	271.30	265.06	+	0.56	+	2.93
76 Motor fuel	2.9088	413.40	350.32	349.70	+	18.01	+	18.22
77 Mechanical services	0.4290	254.09	250.86	233.29	+	1.29	+	8.92
78 Motor vehicle tax	0.0482	399.23	399.23	399.23	+	0.00	+	0.00
79 Transport services	1.7470	281.05	257.50	261.11	+	9.15	+	7.64
<b><i>Communication</i></b>	<b>2.3536</b>	<b>139.25</b>	<b>139.11</b>	<b>138.38</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.63</b>
80 Postal services	0.0190	250.41	245.15	217.79	+	2.15	+	14.98
81 Communication apparatus	0.4524	191.56	191.06	188.43	+	0.26	+	1.66
82 Communication Services	1.8822	125.55	125.55	125.55	+	0.00	+	0.00
<b><i>Recreation and culture</i></b>	<b>1.7301</b>	<b>249.70</b>	<b>249.21</b>	<b>258.99</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.59</b>
83 Recreation and culture	0.6478	157.66	156.46	154.84	+	0.77	+	1.82
84 Text books	0.6655	297.49	297.49	329.07	+	0.00	-	9.60
85 Newspapers	0.0716	242.82	242.82	216.94	+	0.00	+	11.93
86 stationery	0.3452	331.73	331.50	328.06	+	0.07	+	1.12
<b><i>Education</i></b>	<b>4.8807</b>	<b>221.05</b>	<b>218.23</b>	<b>203.07</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>8.85</b>
87 Education	4.8807	221.05	218.23	203.07	+	1.29	+	8.85
<b><i>Restaurants and hotels</i></b>	<b>7.4050</b>	<b>294.18</b>	<b>292.50</b>	<b>280.73</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>4.79</b>
88 Readymade food	5.5235	300.65	299.06	288.41	+	0.53	+	4.24
89 Marriage Hall Charges	1.7514	281.71	280.00	263.95	+	0.61	+	6.73
90 Accommodation Services	0.1301	187.35	182.04	180.92	+	2.92	+	3.55
<b><i>Misc. goods and services</i></b>	<b>4.7720</b>	<b>369.43</b>	<b>369.72</b>	<b>304.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>21.47</b>
91 Personal Grooming Services	0.8001	276.33	274.58	259.17	+	0.64	+	6.62
92 Electrical Appliances for Per	0.0465	196.81	192.09	177.90	+	2.46	+	10.63
93 Appliances/Articles/Products	2.9807	296.60	295.99	275.56	+	0.21	+	7.64
94 Personal Effects n.e.c.	0.9447	686.55	691.68	438.64	-	0.74	+	<u>56.52</u>

**Annexure B: CPI (Rural) Index Numbers by Commodity Groups & Commodities (2015-16=100)**

Item and Specification	Weight	Index Numbers			% Change in Mar 2026 over	
		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025
<b>General</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>291.55</b>	<b>288.78</b>	<b>272.05</b>	<b>+ 0.96</b>	<b>+ 7.17</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>40.8668</b>	<b>292.61</b>	<b>294.59</b>	<b>279.81</b>	<b>- 0.67</b>	<b>+ 4.57</b>
01 Wheat	3.4736	332.45	349.51	239.50	- 4.88	+ 38.81
02 Wheat Flour	3.4297	312.72	326.73	231.99	- 4.29	+ 34.80
03 Wheat Products	0.1068	312.73	312.31	283.42	+ 0.13	+ 10.34
04 Besan	0.0728	230.32	243.31	282.35	- 5.34	- 18.43
05 Rice	1.5501	428.17	430.80	411.75	- 0.61	+ 3.99
06 Bakery and Confectionary	0.3702	328.46	326.89	308.32	+ 0.48	+ 6.53
07 Nimco	0.0774	317.55	316.73	302.00	+ 0.26	+ 5.15
08 Meat	1.7146	391.12	384.89	352.34	+ 1.62	+ 11.01
09 Chicken	1.4641	277.45	259.87	365.12	+ 6.76	- 24.01
10 Fish	0.2640	244.96	244.96	230.79	+ 0.00	+ 6.14
11 Milk fresh	10.3803	273.68	273.77	259.86	- 0.03	+ 5.32
12 Milk products	0.9624	267.22	267.40	256.54	- 0.07	+ 4.16
13 Milk powder	0.1062	301.39	302.22	276.89	- 0.27	+ 8.85
14 Eggs	0.5665	248.87	313.80	321.67	- 20.69	- 22.63
15 Butter	0.3333	335.38	332.82	306.65	+ 0.77	+ 9.37
16 Mustard oil	0.0136	339.54	341.71	338.75	- 0.64	+ 0.23
17 Cooking oil	0.6011	375.81	371.75	370.68	+ 1.09	+ 1.38
18 Vegetable ghee	2.3764	394.06	389.87	380.91	+ 1.07	+ 3.45
19 Dry fruits	0.2496	397.58	398.96	360.80	- 0.35	+ 10.19
20 Fresh fruits	1.4505	324.86	283.27	316.98	+ 14.68	+ 2.49
21 Pulse Masoor	0.2076	203.77	207.52	225.45	- 1.81	- 9.62
22 Pulse Moong	0.2510	261.51	258.71	265.50	+ 1.08	- 1.50
23 Pulse Mash	0.1465	198.73	194.70	205.85	+ 2.07	- 3.46
24 Pulse Gram	0.2751	215.59	223.34	260.82	- 3.47	- 17.34
25 Gram Whole	0.1116	252.50	259.86	299.78	- 2.83	- 15.77
26 Beans	0.0896	402.31	409.88	407.69	- 1.85	- 1.32
27 Potatoes	0.7437	126.68	154.53	278.25	- 18.02	- 54.47
28 Onions	0.8965	157.55	159.76	166.09	- 1.38	- 5.14
29 Tomatoes	0.5069	146.35	201.79	152.47	- 27.47	- 4.01
30 Fresh Vegetables	2.0947	211.51	197.96	214.73	+ 6.84	- 1.50
31 Sugar	2.0296	245.15	250.57	276.21	- 2.16	- 11.25
32 Gur	0.1522	255.80	259.97	239.22	- 1.60	+ 6.93
33 Honey	0.0296	227.46	225.70	226.54	+ 0.78	+ 0.41
34 Sweetmeat	0.3967	305.52	303.02	292.08	+ 0.83	+ 4.60
35 Ice Cream	0.0568	204.64	200.83	199.34	+ 1.90	+ 2.66
36 Condiments and Spices	1.4919	292.48	292.64	295.57	- 0.05	- 1.05
37 Dessert Preparation	0.0133	296.76	296.76	268.52	+ 0.00	+ 10.52
38 Tea	1.2566	271.09	271.09	285.79	+ 0.00	- 5.14
39 Beverages	0.5537	250.82	259.21	248.40	- 3.24	+ 0.97
<b>Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco</b>	<b>1.2786</b>	<b>378.34</b>	<b>377.49</b>	<b>371.72</b>	<b>+ 0.23</b>	<b>+ 1.78</b>
40 Cigarettes	1.2364	378.14	377.27	372.06	+ 0.23	+ 1.63
41 Pan Prepared	0.0422	384.22	383.86	361.97	+ 0.09	+ 6.15
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	<b>9.4826</b>	<b>288.37</b>	<b>284.44</b>	<b>270.77</b>	<b>+ 1.38</b>	<b>+ 6.50</b>
42 Cotton Cloth	2.8381	313.39	309.03	297.45	+ 1.41	+ 5.36
43 Woolen Cloth	1.0959	277.33	275.18	255.94	+ 0.78	+ 8.36
44 Readymade Garments	1.1345	265.21	264.06	247.56	+ 0.44	+ 7.13
45 Woolen Readymade Garments	0.5401	334.48	334.48	309.66	+ 0.00	+ 8.02
46 Tailoring	1.2999	276.25	268.94	259.23	+ 2.72	+ 6.57
47 Hosiry	0.4322	360.53	357.87	346.74	+ 0.74	+ 3.98
48 Dopatta	0.2078	262.68	258.89	248.36	+ 1.46	+ 5.77
49 Cleaning and Laundering	0.0176	267.84	267.84	257.03	+ 0.00	+ 4.21
50 Footware	1.9165	253.29	248.18	235.78	+ 2.06	+ 7.43
<b>Housing, water, Elec., Gas an</b>	<b>18.4853</b>	<b>249.88</b>	<b>244.39</b>	<b>227.13</b>	<b>+ 2.25</b>	<b>+ 10.02</b>
51 House Rent	8.6110	188.80	188.80	175.84	+ 0.00	+ 7.37
52 Construction Input Items	0.6306	274.74	269.74	249.88	+ 1.85	+ 9.95
53 Construction Wage Rates	0.2526	255.80	254.94	241.26	+ 0.34	+ 6.03
54 Water Supply	0.0645	325.72	325.72	311.91	+ 0.00	+ 4.43
55 Garbage Collection	0.0080	204.36	204.36	204.36	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
56 Electricity Charges	3.4431	303.97	289.28	266.13	+ 5.08	+ 14.22
57 Liquified Hydrocarbons	0.9994	369.80	324.98	308.76	+ 13.79	+ 19.77
58 Solid Fuel	4.4761	294.18	293.56	272.39	+ 0.21	+ 8.00
<b>Furnishing and household equi</b>	<b>4.1031</b>	<b>303.19</b>	<b>301.65</b>	<b>291.09</b>	<b>+ 0.51</b>	<b>+ 4.16</b>
59 Furniture and Furnishing	0.5786	301.98	301.48	285.58	+ 0.17	+ 5.74

**Annexure B: CPI (Rural) Index Numbers by Commodity Groups & Commodities (2015-16=100)**

Item and Specification	Weight	Index Numbers			% Change in Mar 2026 over	
		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025
60 Household Textiles	0.4382	262.22	261.14	241.37	+ 0.41	+ 8.64
61 Household Equipments	1.2774	301.39	300.74	289.33	+ 0.22	+ 4.17
62 Plastic Products	0.0776	325.63	316.37	294.90	+ 2.93	+ 10.42
63 Major Tools and Equipments	0.0324	255.51	250.77	242.21	+ 1.89	+ 5.49
64 Washing Soaps, Detergents and	1.6989	315.40	313.15	307.88	+ 0.72	+ 2.44
<b>Health</b>	<b>3.5141</b>	<b>289.05</b>	<b>288.76</b>	<b>266.98</b>	<b>+ 0.10</b>	<b>+ 8.27</b>
65 Drugs and Medicines	1.5792	335.58	335.09	317.73	+ 0.15	+ 5.62
66 Doctor Clinic Fee	0.5128	346.60	346.60	303.77	+ 0.00	+ 14.10
67 Dental Services	0.0181	264.76	264.76	225.18	+ 0.00	+ 17.58
68 Medical Tests	0.3967	248.01	247.30	225.24	+ 0.29	+ 10.11
69 Hospitals Services	1.0073	203.42	203.42	185.87	+ 0.00	+ 9.44
<b>Transport</b>	<b>5.5580</b>	<b>355.04</b>	<b>319.33</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>+ 11.18</b>	<b>+ 12.00</b>
70 Motor Vehicles	0.7305	194.82	194.80	193.17	+ 0.01	+ 0.85
71 Motor Vehicles Accessories	0.1572	276.15	275.47	271.27	+ 0.25	+ 1.80
72 Motor Fuels	2.4932	418.98	351.20	350.72	+ 19.30	+ 19.46
73 Mechanical Services	0.3645	237.30	237.30	230.99	+ 0.00	+ 2.73
74 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.0174	342.03	342.03	342.03	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
75 Transport Services	1.7952	362.37	346.02	341.79	+ 4.73	+ 6.02
<b>Communication</b>	<b>1.9940</b>	<b>130.13</b>	<b>129.76</b>	<b>128.68</b>	<b>+ 0.29</b>	<b>+ 1.13</b>
76 Postal Services	0.0070	179.32	179.32	179.32	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
77 Communication Apparatus	0.3362	170.22	168.00	161.60	+ 1.32	+ 5.33
78 Communication Services	1.6508	121.76	121.76	121.76	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
<b>Recreation and culture</b>	<b>1.3764</b>	<b>294.46</b>	<b>295.42</b>	<b>309.31</b>	<b>- 0.32</b>	<b>- 4.80</b>
79 Recreation and Culture	0.4763	259.70	262.93	253.92	- 1.23	+ 2.28
80 Text Books	0.5047	305.32	305.32	357.19	+ 0.00	- 14.52
81 Newspapers	0.0230	282.94	282.94	242.52	+ 0.00	+ 16.67
82 Stationery	0.3724	324.92	324.36	319.40	+ 0.17	+ 1.73
<b>Education</b>	<b>2.1342</b>	<b>255.80</b>	<b>254.06</b>	<b>233.45</b>	<b>+ 0.68</b>	<b>+ 9.57</b>
83 Education	2.1342	255.80	254.06	233.45	+ 0.68	+ 9.57
<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>	<b>6.1895</b>	<b>308.76</b>	<b>308.67</b>	<b>292.11</b>	<b>+ 0.03</b>	<b>+ 5.70</b>
84 Readymade Food	3.8001	334.37	334.23	318.89	+ 0.04	+ 4.85
85 Marriage Hall Charges	2.2525	277.43	277.43	257.78	+ 0.00	+ 7.62
86 Accommodation Services	0.1369	113.40	113.40	113.40	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
<b>Misc. goods and services</b>	<b>5.0174</b>	<b>399.47</b>	<b>397.74</b>	<b>327.98</b>	<b>+ 0.43</b>	<b>+ 21.80</b>
87 Personal Grooming Services	1.5363	340.49	338.01	307.89	+ 0.73	+ 10.59
88 Appliances/Articles/Products	2.2746	272.13	271.12	263.33	+ 0.37	+ 3.34
89 Personal Effects n.e.c.	1.2065	714.64	712.50	475.45	+ 0.30	+ <u>50.31</u>

**Annexure C: Wholesale Price Indices by Major Groups & Commodities (2015-16=100)**

Item and Specification	Weight	Index Numbers			% Change in Mar 2026 over			
		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025		
<b>General</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>333.78</b>	<b>315.21</b>	<b>312.85</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>5.89</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>6.69</b>
<b>Agriculture Forestry &amp; Fisher</b>	<b>25.7674</b>	<b>274.02</b>	<b>273.24</b>	<b>280.94</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.46</b>
001 Wheat	0.6297	306.58	326.45	228.79	-	6.09	+	34.00
002 Maize	0.6764	333.38	334.06	273.70	-	0.20	+	21.80
003 Rice	2.4413	316.18	316.08	326.34	+	0.03	-	3.11
004 Sorghum / Jowar	0.0214	526.10	391.06	273.62	+	34.53	+	92.27
005 Millet / Bajra	0.0374	313.72	314.33	327.96	-	0.19	-	4.34
006 Vegetables	1.2441	208.77	215.54	210.04	-	3.14	-	0.60
007 Fresh Fruits	1.5144	350.16	320.97	359.52	+	9.09	-	2.60
008 Dry Fruits	0.2478	385.10	382.79	366.01	+	0.60	+	5.22
009 Cotton Seeds	1.1511	181.04	181.16	198.99	-	0.07	-	9.02
010 Other Oil Seeds	0.0722	277.36	295.91	275.39	-	6.27	+	0.72
011 Edible Roots / Potatoes	0.2540	145.18	157.17	293.87	-	7.63	-	50.60
012 Stimulant & Spice Crops	0.1634	301.57	313.29	333.37	-	3.74	-	9.54
013 Pulses	0.4901	234.91	237.59	274.02	-	1.13	-	14.27
014 Sugar Crops	1.0725	346.42	346.42	330.31	+	0.00	+	4.88
015 Fibre Crops	5.3169	296.04	296.04	324.80	+	0.00	-	8.85
016 Unmanufactured Tobacco	0.0742	563.64	562.34	571.81	+	0.23	-	1.43
017 Poultry	0.5633	273.50	235.68	347.17	+	16.05	-	21.22
018 Raw Milk from Bovine Animals	7.0279	257.45	257.05	251.70	+	0.16	+	2.28
019 Eggs	0.5034	243.10	285.22	329.50	-	14.77	-	26.22
020 Raw Animal Materials / Wool	0.0351	295.22	301.21	254.30	-	1.99	+	16.09
021 Hides, Skins & Fur Skins, Raw	0.4834	59.98	60.04	59.69	-	0.10	+	0.49
022 Fuel Wood in Logs	0.0179	244.23	244.23	215.73	+	0.00	+	13.21
023 Fish Live Fresh or Chilled	1.7295	240.20	241.02	225.84	-	0.34	+	6.36
<b>Ores/Minerals, Elec., Gas &amp; W</b>	<b>12.0069</b>	<b>368.50</b>	<b>361.74</b>	<b>353.52</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>4.24</b>
024 Coal not Agglomerated	0.7508	219.17	219.17	219.17	+	0.00	+	0.00
025 Natural Gas Liquified	5.7065	451.82	448.40	418.86	+	0.76	+	7.87
026 Salt & Pure Sodium Chloride	0.0584	432.51	432.51	407.95	+	0.00	+	6.02
027 Electrical Energy	5.4912	301.65	290.43	303.42	+	3.86	-	0.58
<b>Food, Beverages, Tobacco, Textil</b>	<b>31.1122</b>	<b>294.64</b>	<b>295.45</b>	<b>282.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>4.30</b>
<b>Food Products, Beverages &amp;</b>	<b>20.0718</b>	<b>316.37</b>	<b>317.77</b>	<b>299.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>5.52</b>
028 Meat of Animals	3.4559	369.14	367.67	329.76	+	0.40	+	11.94
029 Vegetables & Fruit Juice	0.0058	244.66	245.96	251.66	-	0.53	-	2.78
030 Dried Fruits & Nuts	0.1733	496.13	487.29	389.92	+	1.81	+	27.24
031 Fruit Juices	0.3880	290.69	290.35	277.93	+	0.12	+	4.59
032 Vegetable Oils Refined	1.9242	302.90	294.87	286.79	+	2.72	+	5.62
033 Vegetable Ghee	1.5632	374.46	368.34	369.68	+	1.66	+	1.29
034 Oil Cakes	0.9611	261.99	283.48	267.02	-	7.58	-	1.88
035 Processed Liquid Milk	4.4437	333.03	333.29	320.55	-	0.08	+	3.89
036 Milk & Cream in Solid Form	0.0316	316.55	313.07	289.59	+	1.11	+	9.31
037 Ice Cream	0.0047	209.31	200.56	200.56	+	4.36	+	4.36
038 Dairy Products N.E.C	0.0117	343.34	342.99	326.20	+	0.10	+	5.25
039 Wheat Flour	2.3034	290.32	302.24	228.14	-	3.94	+	27.26
040 Other Cereal Flour	0.0604	217.62	227.50	276.94	-	4.34	-	21.42
041 Sugar Refined	1.7975	241.94	246.07	277.44	-	1.68	-	12.80
042 Chocolate	0.0139	144.39	144.39	143.40	+	0.00	+	0.69
043 Sugar Confectionary	0.0738	317.00	316.68	314.51	+	0.10	+	0.79
044 Coffee & Tea	0.7303	269.94	269.99	269.83	-	0.02	+	0.04
045 Spices	0.1449	338.13	337.90	301.74	+	0.07	+	12.06
046 Other Food Products	0.0336	364.90	364.87	287.42	+	0.01	+	26.96
047 Mineral Water	0.0207	213.58	213.84	205.96	-	0.12	+	3.70
048 Beverages	0.6303	258.40	262.85	261.10	-	1.69	-	1.03
049 Tobacco Products	1.2998	301.20	301.20	301.20	+	0.00	+	0.00
<b>Textiles &amp; Apparels</b>	<b>10.3289</b>	<b>260.38</b>	<b>260.08</b>	<b>256.00</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.71</b>
050 Cotton Yarn	5.2491	239.61	239.61	239.61	+	0.00	+	0.00
051 Nylon Yarn	0.1719	95.24	95.24	95.24	+	0.00	+	0.00
052 Blended Yarn	0.1689	148.12	148.12	148.12	+	0.00	+	0.00
053 Woven Fabrics	0.0128	307.27	307.27	255.78	+	0.00	+	20.13
054 Cotton Fabrics	0.6343	378.63	376.67	341.71	+	0.52	+	10.80
055 Other Fabrics	1.1016	274.50	273.30	260.31	+	0.44	+	5.45
056 Silk & Reyon Fabrics	0.7350	403.64	403.43	400.42	+	0.05	+	0.80
057 Towels	0.1235	205.34	205.34	202.83	+	0.00	+	1.24
058 Blankets	0.0029	168.88	168.88	158.72	+	0.00	+	6.40
059 Bed Sheets	0.0913	222.66	222.66	203.39	+	0.00	+	9.47

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		Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	Feb 2026	Mar 2025
060 Quilts	0.0019	243.70	243.70	243.00	+ 0.00	+ 0.29
061 Woolen Carpets	0.0383	184.00	180.61	177.15	+ 1.88	+ 3.87
062 Synthetic Carpets	0.0566	160.49	160.49	156.16	+ 0.00	+ 2.77
063 Hosiery Products	0.8832	214.46	214.44	213.56	+ 0.01	+ 0.42
064 Readymade Garments	1.0576	278.92	278.68	279.10	+ 0.09	- 0.06
<b>Leather Products</b>	<b>0.7115</b>	<b>179.03</b>	<b>179.03</b>	<b>178.56</b>	<b>+ 0.00</b>	<b>+ 0.26</b>
065 Leather Without Hair	0.2973	175.98	175.98	174.84	+ 0.00	+ 0.65
066 Other Leather N.E.C	0.2567	141.18	141.18	141.18	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
067 Footwears	0.1575	246.48	246.48	246.48	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
<b>Other Transportable Goods</b>	<b>22.3979</b>	<b>413.56</b>	<b>335.17</b>	<b>340.78</b>	<b>+ 23.39</b>	<b>+ 21.36</b>
068 Timber	0.0165	247.16	247.16	237.52	+ 0.00	+ 4.06
069 Printing Paper	0.4279	296.27	296.27	258.64	+ 0.00	+ 14.55
070 Hard Board	0.1579	261.62	261.62	261.62	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
071 Motor Spirit	1.6268	441.79	362.26	362.21	+ 21.95	+ 21.97
072 Diesel Oil	5.4849	513.26	340.18	326.65	+ <u>50.88</u>	+ <u>57.13</u>
073 Kerosine Oil	0.2151	677.68	349.42	329.71	+ <u>93.94</u>	+ <u>105.5</u>
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074 Furnace Oil	3.2664	620.95	443.53	556.43	+ 40.00	+ 11.60
075 Mobil Oil	0.7114	251.76	251.76	251.76	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
076 Chemicals	1.7720	295.20	289.06	269.81	+ 2.12	+ 9.41
077 Dyeing Material	0.1539	335.16	335.16	272.52	+ 0.00	+ 22.99
078 Fertilizers	2.8657	284.13	283.13	269.90	+ 0.35	+ 5.27
079 Pesticides	0.2763	241.86	237.67	210.57	+ 1.76	+ 14.86
080 Insecticides	0.1276	197.82	197.82	174.37	+ 0.00	+ 13.45
081 Paints & Varnishes	0.1916	279.10	279.10	278.01	+ 0.00	+ 0.39
082 Medicines	1.1428	393.07	392.99	377.95	+ 0.02	+ 4.00
083 Soaps & Detergents	0.8168	240.21	240.12	238.91	+ 0.04	+ 0.54
084 Auto Tyres	0.2703	269.10	269.64	262.60	- 0.20	+ 2.48
085 Plastic Products	0.4550	216.42	215.07	209.21	+ 0.63	+ 3.45
086 Glass sheets	0.2089	395.53	405.83	393.19	- 2.54	+ 0.60
087 Other Glass Articles	0.1635	242.48	238.98	217.11	+ 1.46	+ 11.69
088 Ceramics & Sanitary Fixture	0.0244	245.03	236.96	227.85	+ 3.41	+ 7.54
089 Bricks, Blocks & Tiles	0.1566	220.49	218.23	202.76	+ 1.04	+ 8.74
090 Cement	1.8145	286.11	279.98	266.54	+ 2.19	+ 7.34
091 Bed Foam	0.0006	329.14	329.14	333.84	+ 0.00	- 1.41
092 Matches	0.0505	3375.83	3351.94	3348.99	+ 0.71	+ 0.80
<b>Metal Product, Machinery &amp; Eq</b>	<b>8.7156</b>	<b>397.26</b>	<b>394.46</b>	<b>387.74</b>	<b>+ 0.71</b>	<b>+ 2.46</b>
093 Steel Bar & Sheets	1.4615	317.00	300.74	315.39	+ 5.41	+ 0.51
094 Pipe Fittings	0.0780	511.16	511.21	485.91	- 0.01	+ 5.20
095 Steel Products	0.3879	285.42	285.41	276.50	+ 0.00	+ 3.23
096 Engines & Motors	0.0046	242.26	242.26	204.19	+ 0.00	+ 18.64
097 Vacuum Pumps	0.0155	107.56	107.56	107.56	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
098 Air Conditioners	0.0049	310.77	310.77	309.58	+ 0.00	+ 0.38
099 Cultivators	0.0551	361.67	361.67	361.67	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
100 Chuff Cutter	0.1293	519.00	519.00	519.00	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
101 Tractors	0.0028	348.19	348.19	320.14	+ 0.00	+ 8.76
102 Lathe Machines	0.0525	531.22	531.22	523.49	+ 0.00	+ 1.48
103 Concrete Mixture	0.0107	450.82	450.82	426.37	+ 0.00	+ 5.73
104 Fridge,WashM,SewM,Fans,Iron	1.1645	316.18	314.16	304.01	+ 0.64	+ 4.00
105 Electric Wires	0.0912	403.73	391.71	361.81	+ 3.07	+ 11.59
106 Lighting Equipments	1.4431	757.41	757.41	757.41	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
107 Radio & Television	0.1843	191.49	191.49	190.53	+ 0.00	+ 0.50
108 Motor Vehicles	0.0244	271.56	271.56	261.82	+ 0.00	+ 3.72
109 Motorcycles	0.2570	271.57	271.57	263.76	+ 0.00	+ 2.96
110 Bicycles	3.3483	332.61	333.45	316.55	- 0.25	+ 5.07

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