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**PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, February, 2026 over January, 2026 (Month on Month)	<b>0.27</b>
Inflation Rate, February, 2026 over February, 2025 (Year on Year)	<b>6.98</b>
Average Inflation Rate, July- February, 2025-26 over July- February, 2024-25	<b>5.46</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 [February, 2026 over January, 2026]**

2. CPI National for the month of **February, 2026** increased by **0.27%** over **January, 2026**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.27%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **0.28%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2026	Jan, 2026			Feb, 2026	Jan, 2026			Feb, 2026	Jan, 2026	
General	100.00	282.39	281.62	0.27	100.00	278.15	277.41	0.27	100.00	288.78	287.97	0.28
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	289.14	291.63	-0.85	30.42	284.29	287.32	-1.05	40.87	294.59	296.48	-0.64
Non-perishable food items	29.60	301.93	305.54	-1.18	25.97	295.92	300.44	-1.50	35.08	308.65	311.24	-0.83
Perishable food items	4.99	213.21	209.09	1.97	4.46	216.49	210.86	2.67	5.79	209.40	207.03	1.14
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	401.38	399.91	0.37	0.85	425.08	423.06	0.48	1.28	377.49	376.56	0.25
Clothing and footwear	8.60	271.19	270.26	0.35	8.01	260.80	259.76	0.40	9.48	284.44	283.64	0.28
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	262.35	257.56	1.86	27.03	270.49	265.90	1.73	18.49	244.39	239.16	2.19
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	284.50	283.90	0.21	4.09	273.11	272.57	0.20	4.10	301.65	300.95	0.23
Health	2.79	288.52	286.76	0.61	2.31	288.28	287.22	0.37	3.51	288.76	286.31	0.86
Transport	5.91	309.69	315.65	-1.89	6.14	303.91	310.77	-2.21	5.56	319.33	323.79	-1.38
Communication	2.21	135.75	135.74	0.00	2.35	139.11	139.10	0.01	1.99	129.76	129.76	0.00
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.16	265.07	0.03	1.73	249.21	249.18	0.01	1.38	295.42	295.21	0.07
Education	3.79	226.28	226.13	0.06	4.88	218.23	218.20	0.01	2.13	254.06	253.53	0.21
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	298.26	297.24	0.35	7.41	292.50	291.46	0.36	6.19	308.67	307.67	0.33
Misc. goods and services	4.87	381.22	368.85	3.36	4.77	369.72	356.81	3.62	5.02	397.74	386.13	3.01

3. **Top few commodities which varied in February, 2026 from previous month are given below:**

**URBAN:**

**FOOD**

**Increased:** **Increased:** Tomatoes (23.05%), Fresh Fruits (11.48%), Pulse Mash (8.19%), Beverages (1.65%), Meat (1.45%), Pulse Moong (1.25%), Mustard Oil (1.20%), Dry Fruits (0.78%), Wheat Products (0.68%), Readymade Food (0.44%) and Pulse Gram (0.34%).

**Decreased:** Eggs (22.39%), Chicken (19.99%), Potatoes (15.89%), Pulse Masoor (4.03%), Onions (3.90%), Fresh Vegetables (3.88%), Besan (1.67%), Vegetable Ghee (0.99%), Cooking Oil (0.94%), Gur (0.39%), Sugar (0.35%) and Gram Whole (0.17%).

**NON-FOOD:**

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (10.03%), Cleaning and Laundering (2.09%), Tailoring (2.04%), Solid Fuel (1.71%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.05%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (0.97%), Motor Fuel (0.88%) and Mechanical Services (0.76%).

**Decreased:** Transport Services (10.38%) and Stationery (0.03%).

## RURAL:

### FOOD

**Increased:** Tomatoes (17.61%), Fresh Fruits (11.47%), Pulse Mash (3.21%), Wheat Flour (2.74%), Beans (1.66%), Meat (1.60%), Beverages (1.46%) and Wheat Products (1.20%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (21.50%), Eggs (19.18%), Chicken (18.68%), Onions (5.91%), Pulse Masoor (2.60%), Besan (1.91%), Gram Whole (1.75%), Wheat (1.03%), Sugar (0.81%), Fresh Vegetables (0.48%), Gur (0.32%), Butter (0.17%), Vegetable Ghee (0.13%) and Cooking Oil (0.04%).

### NON-FOOD

**Increased:** Electricity Charges (10.03%), Doctor Clinic Fee (1.75%), Hospital Services (1.68%), Construction Wage Rates (1.37%), Tailoring (1.28%) and Household Textiles (0.98%).

**Decreased:** Transport Services (5.06%).

## YEARLY ANALYSIS [February, 2026 over February, 2025]

4. CPI National for the month of **February, 2026** increased by **6.98%** over **February, 2025**. The Urban CPI increased by **6.79%** while Rural CPI increased by **7.27%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2026	Feb, 2025			Feb, 2026	Feb, 2025			Feb, 2026	Feb, 2025	
General	100.00	282.39	263.95	6.98	100.00	278.15	260.46	6.79	100.00	288.78	269.22	7.27
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	289.14	273.24	5.82	30.42	284.29	271.84	4.58	40.87	294.59	274.82	7.19
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	301.93	282.41	6.91	25.97	295.92	281.18	5.24	35.08	308.65	283.78	8.76
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	213.21	218.84	-2.57	4.46	216.49	217.41	-0.42	5.79	209.40	220.51	-5.04
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	401.38	389.99	2.92	0.85	425.08	410.59	3.53	1.28	377.49	369.21	2.24
Clothing and footwear	8.60	271.19	255.41	6.18	8.01	260.80	246.69	5.72	9.48	284.44	266.53	6.72
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	262.35	239.26	9.65	27.03	270.49	244.76	10.51	18.49	244.39	227.13	7.60
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	284.50	274.96	3.47	4.09	273.11	264.72	3.17	4.10	301.65	290.37	3.88
Health	2.79	288.52	269.16	7.19	2.31	288.28	271.35	6.24	3.51	288.76	266.98	8.16
Transport	5.91	309.69	308.55	0.37	6.14	303.91	303.09	0.27	5.56	319.33	317.65	0.53
Communication	2.21	135.75	134.89	0.63	2.35	139.11	138.38	0.53	1.99	129.76	128.68	0.84
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.16	277.89	-4.58	1.73	249.21	260.96	-4.50	1.38	295.42	310.02	-4.71
Education	3.79	226.28	206.38	9.64	4.88	218.23	200.61	8.78	2.13	254.06	226.30	12.27
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	298.26	284.26	4.93	7.41	292.50	280.26	4.37	6.19	308.67	291.47	5.90
Misc. goods and services	4.87	381.22	309.92	23.01	4.77	369.72	299.81	23.32	5.02	397.74	324.44	22.59

5. Top few commodities which varied in February, 2026 from corresponding month of previous year i.e. February, 2025 are given below:

## URBAN:

### Food

**Increased:** Tomatoes (82.05%), Wheat (42.63%), Wheat Flour (25.94%), Butter (16.00%), Fresh Fruits (12.96%), Condiments and Spices (12.87%), Dessert Preparation (11.29%), Meat (11.29%), Milk Powder (9.42%), Dry Fruits (8.10%), Gur (8.03%), Wheat Products (7.40%), Fish (6.68%), Rice (5.32%) and Eggs (5.15%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (39.82%), Chicken (21.84%), Pulse Gram (21.74%), Besan (19.94%), Onions (17.02%), Gram Whole (16.59%), Pulse Masoor (11.24%), Beans (9.96%), Tea (8.58%), Pulse Mash (4.90%), Fresh Vegetables (3.88%) and Pulse Moong (3.18%).

### NON-FOOD:

**Increased:** Gas Charges (22.91%), Postal Services (12.56%), Newspapers (11.93%), Liquefied Hydrocarbons (11.63%) and Education (8.78%).

**Decreased:** Text Books (10.90%), Transport Services (1.93%) and Motor Fuel (0.18%).

**RURAL:**

**Food**

**Increased:** Tomatoes (61.61%), Wheat (48.12%), Wheat Flour (40.19%), Meat (12.43%), Eggs (11.52%), Fresh Fruits (11.37%), Dry Fruits (10.35%), Milk Powder (9.51%), Gur (9.41%) and Wheat Products (8.89%),.

**Decreased:** Potatoes (45.44%), Pulse Gram (21.47%), Onions (21.22%), Besan (20.76%), Chicken (17.87%), Gram Whole (15.86%), Tea (14.64%), Pulse Mash (10.11%), Pulse Masoor (9.23%), Pulse Moong (3.57%) and Fresh Vegetables (1.97%).

**NON-FOOD**

**Increased:** Newspapers (16.67%), Doctor Clinic Fee (14.10%), Education (12.27%), Medical Tests (10.70%), Personal Grooming Services (10.44%) and Readymade Garments (9.83%).

**Decreased:** Text Books (15.30%) and Motor Fuels (0.24%).

**PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [July-February, 2025-26 over July- February, 2024-25]**

6. CPI National for the period **July-February (2025-26)** increased by **5.46%** over **July-February (2024-25)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **5.50%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **5.41%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
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General	100.00	278.16	263.75	5.46	100.00	274.65	260.33	5.50	100.00	283.45	268.90	5.41
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	289.29	279.46	3.52	30.42	286.19	278.00	2.95	40.87	292.77	281.10	4.15
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	294.54	278.29	5.84	25.97	291.45	277.34	5.09	35.08	298.00	279.37	6.67
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	258.11	286.35	-9.86	4.46	255.53	281.86	-9.34	5.79	261.12	291.57	-10.44
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	399.04	385.14	3.61	0.85	421.95	407.06	3.66	1.28	375.93	363.04	3.55
Clothing and footwear	8.60	267.57	249.66	7.17	8.01	257.58	241.09	6.84	9.48	280.31	260.60	7.56
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	252.27	238.76	5.66	27.03	261.57	244.84	6.83	18.49	231.75	225.34	2.85
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	281.89	272.18	3.57	4.09	271.42	261.95	3.61	4.10	297.65	287.58	3.50
Health	2.79	282.32	259.10	8.96	2.31	283.20	262.64	7.83	3.51	281.44	255.58	10.12
Transport	5.91	317.68	306.20	3.75	6.14	312.56	301.22	3.77	5.56	326.20	314.51	3.72
Communication	2.21	135.56	134.81	0.55	2.35	138.92	138.36	0.41	1.99	129.57	128.51	0.83
Recreation and culture	1.59	265.54	275.00	-3.44	1.73	249.75	259.67	-3.82	1.38	295.51	304.09	-2.82
Education	3.79	223.97	203.37	10.13	4.88	216.56	197.76	9.51	2.13	249.55	222.77	12.02
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	294.15	277.62	5.95	7.41	288.38	273.78	5.33	6.19	304.58	284.56	7.03
Misc. goods and services	4.87	352.79	298.93	18.02	4.77	341.46	289.98	17.75	5.02	369.05	311.79	18.37

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