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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**

**Week ending on (01-04-21)**

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is computed on weekly basis to assess the price movements of essential items at shorter interval of time so as to review the current price situation in the country. SPI comprises of 51 necessary commodities which are being collected from 50 markets in 17 cities of the country.

**SPI Review by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:**

The SPI for the week ended on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 recorded a decrease of 0.43% in the prices of Food items i.e. Chicken (8.44%), Tomatoes (5.70%), Onions (1.95%), Pulse Moong (0.84%), Potatoes (0.74%), Pulse Gram (0.24%), Mustard Oil and Pulse Masoor (0.15% each) and Pulse Mash (0.05%) and Non Food items i.e. Diesel (2.56%), Petrol (1.36%) and LPG (0.51%) with joint impact of (-0.68%) into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.43%).

On the other hand, increase was observed in the prices of Bananas (2.19%), Sugar (1.92%), Cooking Oil (1.23%) and Mutton (1.04%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 15 (29.41%) items increased, 12 (23.53%) items decreased and 24 (47.06%) items remained constant.

The year on year trend depicts increase of 17.21% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (139.64%), Chicken (80.59%), Electricity for Q1 (69.19%), Eggs (42.26%), Tomatoes (33.96%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (29.43%), Gents Sponge Chapel (25.13%), Sugar (22.73%), Washing Soap (21.47%) and Vegetable Ghee 1 Kg (20.86%) While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (49.28%), Garlic (44.92%), Potatoes (11.11%), Pulse Moong (10.36%), Pulse Gram (4.20%) and LPG (0.67%).

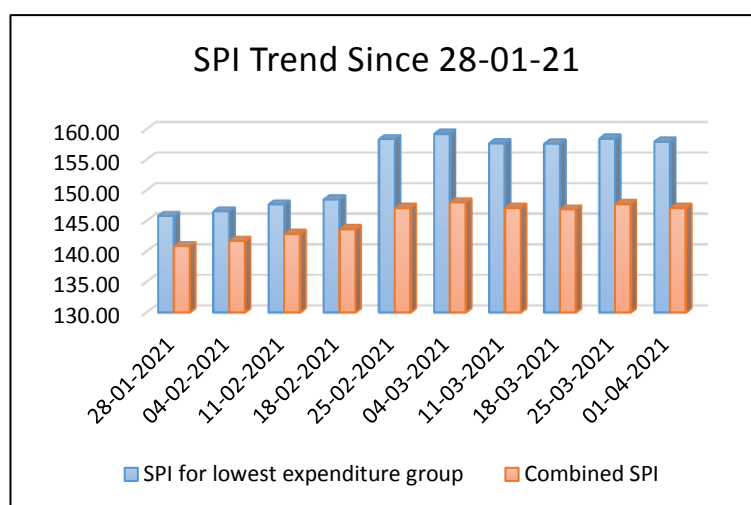
The following table reveals that declining price affected all expenditures groups in positive manner.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change	
		01/04/2021	25/03/2021	02/04/2020	25/04/2021	02/04/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	157.93	158.43	131.03	-0.32	20.53
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	147.90	148.46	125.54	-0.38	17.81
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	149.01	149.59	127.64	-0.39	16.74
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	145.46	146.09	124.51	-0.43	16.83
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	147.19	147.87	126.90	-0.46	15.99
-	<u>Combined</u>	147.12	147.76	125.52	-0.43	17.21

## Analysis of Price Impact of 27 kitchen items on combined & lowest expenditure group

For the week ended on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, price impact witnessed a decrease of **0.58%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of fall in price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.03%), Chicken Farm (0.72 %), Pulse Moong (0.01 %), Potatoes (0.09%), Onions (0.08%), Tomatoes (0.10%), however an increase in price impact was witnessed in Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.09 %) and Sugar Refined (0.16 %). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **19.45 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.41 %) Rice Basmati Broken (0.26%), Chicken (4.07%), Milk Fresh (7.28%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.09 %), Beef (0.62%), Mutton (0.51%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.19%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.67%), and Sugar (1.33 %).

In lowest income group Q1, a falling price impact of **0.49 %** was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed an increasing impact of **17.44 %**. During the week ended on 11-03-21, the below graph reveals that after 04-03-21 lowest expenditure Q1 started showing downward price impact trend.



## Consumer Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 01-04-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1225.72	960.00	964.54
2	Rice Basmati Broken	109.00	99.87	80.46	108.97	94.91	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1245.09	1242.82	1051.19	1096.41	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	244.85	242.29	218.00	252.03	264.97	231.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	127.01	121.12	96.07	127.81	120.00	125.15
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	169.75	167.99	166.00	167.09	184.95	180.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1495.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	256.40	242.49	235.54	251.61	269.97	216.61
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	284.63	270.56	287.06	257.77	269.97	273.17
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	177.22	165.14	145.54	165.58	169.95	160.00
11	Potatoes	60.00	47.10	42.63	35.49	34.76	48.27
12	Onions 1kg	51.54	43.73	29.63	34.56	34.76	40.80
13	Tomatoes 1kg	67.99	57.01	50.14	33.15	34.76	48.55
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	108.73	105.80	106.64	99.98	100.00	103.79
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	110.87	110.89	110.80	110.88	110.88	110.87

## **CONCLUSION**

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed a fall of **0.43%** compared to last week. The decline was caused by ease in average prices Chicken, Tomatoes, Onions, Pulse Moong, Potatoes, Pulse Gram, Mustard Oil and Pulse Masoor and Pulse Mash and Non-Food items i.e. Diesel, Petrol and LPG. On YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **17.21%** over corresponding week of last year. The falling sugar prices in world markets will help in reduction of upward pressure on rates of the commodity in domestic market. Moreover, measures are being taken to ensure availability of basic items at subsidized prices under the “Ramazan Relief Package “, it is expected that SPI in coming weeks will register decline.