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## Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

**Week ending on (07-01-21)**

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 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 recorded an increase of **0.06%** over last week. This increase is mainly due to rise in prices of food items i.e. Sugar (7.21%), Chilies Powder (5.54%), Mustard Oil (2.72%), Gur (1.56%), Cooking Oil 5 litre (1.51%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg (1.29%) and Vegetable Ghee 1kg (1.21%) and non-food items LPG (10.02%), Petrol (2.15%), Diesel (1.66%), with joint impact of (0.83) into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.06%).

On the other hand, a decrease was observed in the prices of Chicken (10.74%), Tomatoes (7.21%), Onions (4.65%), Eggs (3.63%), Wheat Flour Bag (2.61%) and Potatoes (2.54%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 22 (43.14%) items increased, 06 (11.76%) items decreased and 23 (46.10%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q4(-0.01%) was the only group which was not affected by increase in prices as compared to other expenditures groups affected by increasing price impact. On YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 5.81% over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	07/01/21	31/12/2020	02/01/2019	31/12/2020	09/01/2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	144.92	144.68	135.82	0.17	6.70
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	140.20	140.13	131.51	0.05	6.61
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	142.07	142.04	133.21	0.02	6.65
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	139.02	139.04	130.28	-0.01	6.71
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	141.08	140.94	134.22	0.10	5.11
Combined	140.01	139.92	132.32	0.06	5.81

### Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen item

For the week ended on 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, price impact witnessed a decrease of **0.49%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of fall in price impact of Chicken Farm Broiler (0.88%), Eggs Hen (0.11%), Wheat Flour Bag(0.11%), Onions (0.08%), Tomatoes (0.21%), however an increasing price impact was witnessed in Potatoes (0.04%), Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.10%), Sugar Refined(0.31%),

### HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 5.81% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (96.62%), Eggs (47.67%), Match Box (21.48%), Sugar (21.16%), Mustard Oil (18.29%), Sufi Washing Soap (18.03%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (15.73%), Long Cloth (15.65%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg (15.29%), Shirting (15.27%), Rice Irri 6/9 (14.64%), Bread Plain (14.47%), Curd (13.05%), Georgette (12.51%) and Milk Fresh (12.18%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Tomatoes (43.06%), Onions (32.79%), LPG (16.86%), Garlic (16.23%), Diesel (13.30%), Pulse Gram (12.32%), Petrol (9.07%), Potatoes (6.82%), Electricity for Q1 (3.34%), Bananas (2.07%) and Pulse Moong (0.94%).

In lowest income group **Q1**, an increasing price impact of **0.07 %** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **10.11 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.26 %) Rice Basmati Broken (0.12%), Milk Fresh (4.44 %), Eggs Hen Farm (1.43%), Chicken (0.40 %) Beef (0.11%), Mutton (0.49 %), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.59%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.46 %), and Sugar (0.99%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (1.76 %), Onions (1.00 %) , Potatoes(0.16%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **9.03 %** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

### **Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 07-02-21**

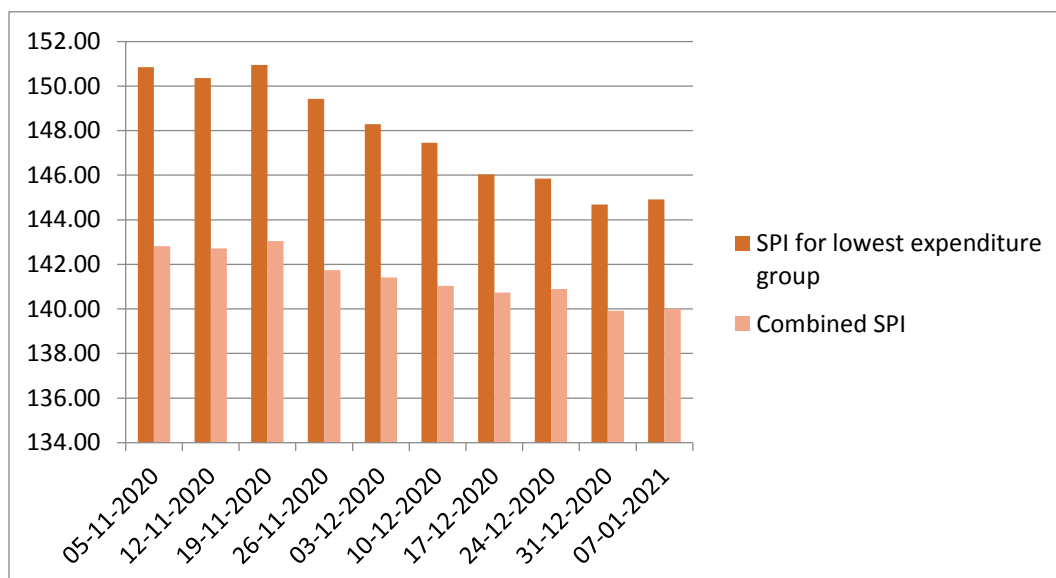
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1192.66	1102.00	1026.24
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	99.43	104.92	80.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1166.08	1189.83	1051.19	1081.51	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	182.66	178.88	152.00	185.64	209.90	171.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	100.00	120.00	120.00	121.85
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	199.32	196.72	196.00	208.32	219.91	200.48
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1355.00	1355.00	1295.00	1355.00	1295.00	1295.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	248.17	234.47	219.12	243.19	259.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	256.46	250.52	246.56	244.87	274.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	121.30	157.11	164.95	148.99
11	Potatoes	62.60	54.90	44.48	41.38	49.58	47.58
12	Onions 1kg	59.48	53.81	41.30	40.94	49.58	44.17
13	Tomatoes 1kg	108.04	96.64	88.73	74.84	69.70	81.05
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	92.69	93.11	87.11	87.73	88.49	93.30
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	106.50	106.51	106.51	106.53	106.51	106.51

The Price difference of items in different cities as shown in the table above can be related to transportation costs. This applies to those commodities that are physically transported from one city to another as they are not grown/produced in that particular area.

### **Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)**

Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		07/01/2021	31/12/2020	09/01/2020	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	977.89	995.93	939.99	-0.11	0.26
2	Rice Basmati	88.78	88.78	84.17	0.00	0.12
3	Mutton	1040.37	1040.37	942.94	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	170.65	196.82	159.95	-0.88	0.40
5	Milk Fresh	108.82	108.82	94.64	0.00	4.44
6	Eggs Hen	200.18	205.62	136.16	-0.11	1.43
7	Onions	41.89	43.54	60.78	-0.08	-1.00
8	Pulse Moong	227.47	226.57	225.49	0.00	0.01
10	Potatoes	43.88	42.96	46.24	0.06	-0.16
11	Tomatoes	83.34	91.27	144.55	-0.21	-1.76
12	Sugar Refined	88.96	83.96	74.33	0.31	0.99

## SPI Trend Since 05-11-20



## CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed nominal increase of **0.06%** compared to last week. The rise was caused by increase in average prices of essential kitchen items, on YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **5.81%** over corresponding week of last year. The decline in price impact of **0.49%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 07-01-2021 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **10.11%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed a decreasing impact of **0.28%** over last week; however an increasing price impact of **9.03%** was witnessed in Q1. The prices of eggs, chicken, potatoes and tomatoes reported significant reduction for the week ended on 07-01-2021. The rise in international prices of palm oil impacted edible oil prices across the country.