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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 08th April, 2021 recorded an increase of 0.60% in the prices of Chicken (11.21%), Potatoes (9.98%), Tomatoes (7.51%) and Bananas (4.99%) with joint impact of (0.85%) into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.60%).

On the other hand, decrease was observed in the prices of Sugar (3.07%), LPG (2.28%), Garlic (2.27%), Eggs (1.41%), Firewood (1.32%), Electricity for Q1 (1.28%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.69%), Pulse Maash (0.46%), Pulse Gram (0.33%), Onions (0.18%), Pulse Masoor (0.13%) and Rice Broken (0.11%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 18 (35.29%) items increased, 13 (25.49%) items decreased and 20 (39.22%) items remained constant.

The year on year trend depicts increase of 18.43% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (139.64%), Chicken (100.00%), Electricity for Q1 (67.03%), Tomatoes (55.43%), Eggs (40.90%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (30.21%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%) and Vegetable Ghee (21.88%). While a major decrease was observed in the prices of Garlic (38.82%), Onions (38.15%), Pulse Moong (16.47%), Pulse Gram (6.69%) and Pulse masoor (6.01%).

The following table reveals that price increase affected Q3 (0.61%), Q4(0.69%), Q5(0.62%) in higher manner.

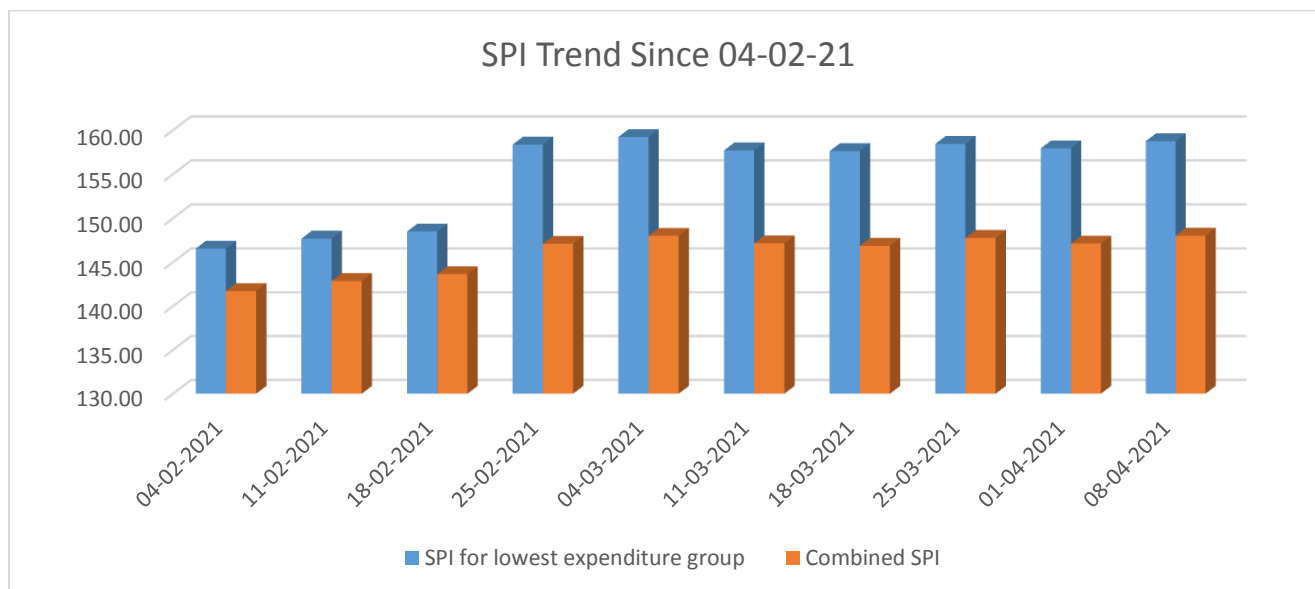
Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change	
		08/04/2021	01/04/2021	09/04/2020	01/04/2021	09/04/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	158.74	157.93	130.15	0.51	21.97
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	148.69	147.90	124.80	0.53	19.14
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	149.92	149.01	126.99	0.61	18.06
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	146.46	145.46	123.95	0.69	18.16
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	148.10	147.19	126.42	0.62	17.15
-	<u>Combined</u>	148.00	147.12	124.97	0.60	18.43

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

For the week ended on 08th April, 2021, price impact witnessed an increase of **1.40%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of increase in price impact of Chicken Farm (1.02%), Milk fresh (0.02%), Potatoes (0.26%), Onions (0.04%), Tomatoes (0.13%), Bananas (0.06%) however a decrease in price impact was witnessed in Wheat Flour Bag (0.05%) and Sugar Refined (0.12%). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of

21.83% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.48%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.26%), Chicken (5.21%), Milk Fresh (7.05%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.12%), Beef (0.62%), Mutton (0.53%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.22%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.72%), and Sugar (1.24%).

In lowest income group Q1, a rising price impact of 1.18% was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed a higher impact of 20.05%. During the week ended on 08 -04-21, the below graph reveals lowest expenditure Q1 is showing upward price impact trend.



Consumer Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 08-04-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1199.92	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	1259.57	1051.19	1105.40	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	259.86	258.56	242.00	299.62	284.97	261.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	127.01	123.13	96.07	127.81	120.00	125.15
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	170.56	167.99	166.00	168.77	174.95	170.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	256.40	242.49	235.54	248.58	269.97	216.61
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	284.63	270.56	287.06	256.53	269.97	276.63
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	177.22	165.14	145.54	164.99	169.95	160.00
11	Potatoes	60.00	51.62	50.88	36.24	34.76	52.07
12	Onions 1kg	51.54	43.73	31.49	35.40	34.76	41.21
13	Tomatoes 1kg	71.33	65.63	61.99	34.93	54.85	53.13
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	100.82	100.11	104.27	100.16	100.00	99.78
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 an increase of **0.60%** compared to last week. items with a joint impact of 0.85 percent on the WoW increase were chicken, potatoes, tomatoes and bananas. Commodities that

recorded a decrease in prices included, sugar, LPG, garlic, eggs, firewood, electricity for Q1, and wheat flour bag.