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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**  
**Week ending on (10-09-20)**

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 by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:**

The SPI for the week ended on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 for combined group recorded **an increase of 0.37%** over last week. This increase resulted due to rise in prices of food items i.e. Chicken (16.74%), Pulse Moong (6.02%), Pulse Mash (3.11%), Eggs (2.10%), Pulse Gram (1.88%), Wheat Flour Bag (1.48%) and Pulse Masoor (1.15%) and **non-food items** i.e. Georgette (1.57%) with joint impact of 0.56% for 51 items into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.37%).

On the other hand, **a decrease** was observed in the prices of Tomatoes (6.37%), Garlic (2.57%), Bananas (1.80%), Potatoes (0.98%), Onions (0.57%) and Sugar (0.35%).

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 22 (43.13%) items increased, 06 (11.77%) items decreased and 23 (45.10%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that lowest income group Q1 showed minimum increase of 0.13% in SPI for 27 kitchen items whereas for Q2 it was 0.23%, Q3 0.30%, Q4 0.37% & Q5 0.43% as compared to last week.

On YOY basis it witnessed an increase of 9.04% over corresponding week of last year. This analysis reveals that most affected group for price increase in the week under review is Q5(the highest income group) which is reversal of previous trend.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The SPI (Combined Group) for the week ended on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 recorded **an increase of 0.37% over last week**. This increase in SPI resulted due to a rise in prices of essential **food items** i.e. Chicken (16.74%), Pulse Moong (6.02%), Pulse Mash (3.11%), Eggs (2.10%), Pulse Gram (1.88%), Wheat Flour Bag (1.48%) and Pulse Masoor (1.15%) and **non-food items** i.e. Georgette (1.57%).
- On the other hand, **a decrease** was observed in the prices of Tomatoes (6.37%), Garlic (2.57%), Bananas (1.80%), Potatoes (0.98%), Onions (0.57%) and Sugar (0.35%).
- The year on year trend depicts an increase of 9.04% with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (73.75%), Pulse Moong (41.50%), Tomatoes (36.60%), Eggs (34.76%), Pulse Mash (34.75%), Sugar (24.73%), Pulse Masoor (24.39%), Bread (18.80%), Match Box (18.03%), Wheat Flour Bag (17.33%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (17.32%), Gur (17.03%), Long Cloth (16.51%), Veg Ghee 2.5Kg (15.55%) and Rice IRRI-6/9 (15.45%) While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (32.22%), Chicken (20.66%), Diesel (16.10%), Garlic (10.00%) and Potato (9.80%).

expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	10/9/2020	3/9/2020	12/9/2019	3/9/2020	12/9/2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	143.19	143.00	128.19	0.13	11.7
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	137.99	137.68	123.77	0.23	11.49
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	139.38	138.97	126.31	0.30	10.35
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	135.88	135.38	123.95	0.37	9.62
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	137.1	136.51	127.31	0.43	7.69
- <u>Combined</u>	<u>136.62</u>	136.11	<u>125.29</u>	<u>0.37</u>	<u>9.04</u>

## Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 10<sup>th</sup> ,September, an increasing price impact of 0.61% was witnessed in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of increasing price impact of Milk Fresh (0.03%), Eggs Hen (0.07%), Cooking Oil 5 liter tin (0.01%),Chicken (0.81%), Pulse Moong (0.03%),Pulse Mash (0.01%) and Pulse Gram (0.02%). Whereas, declining price impact in week under review in combined group was witnessed in Potatoes (0.05%), Onions (0.08%), Tomatoes (0.25%), and Sugar Refined (0.02%).Similarly, lowest income group recoded an increasing impact of 0.18% over last week as rising price impact was observed in Chicken (0.53%), Milk Fresh (0.02%), Cooking Oil 5 litre tin (0.01%),Eggs(0.05%), Pulse Moong (0.04%), Pulse Gram (0.03%) and Pulse Gram (0.03%).

On year on year basis, combined group witnessed a rising impact of 13.01% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.99%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.15%), Milk Fresh (4.23%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.85%), Potatoes (1.92%), Sugar Refined (1.35%), Chillies Powder (1.47%), Beef(0.91%),Mutton(0.53%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.57%),Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.41%),Tomatoes(0.63%), however, a declining price impact was shown in Chicken Farm(1.57%),Onions(1.22%),and Garlic (0.08%). For the Q1 price impact on YOY basis was 15.24 % which is more than the combined group.

## Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	867.42	862.64	860.00	1329.88	1200.00	1113.25
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	106.56	98.54	76.87	95.74	114.93	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1158.24	1051.19	1030.39	1096.96	1000.00
4	Milk fresh 1liter	118.68	118.56	90.00	119.68	115.00	130.00
5	Potatoes 1kg	84.85	78.24	73.19	55.23	59.86	80.00
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	154.67	147.24	141.00	155.23	164.95	166.00
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	132.14	128.79	130.00	134.57	134.94	140.00
8	Tomato 1kg	78.24	70.72	73.19	81.31	64.87	60.00
9	Chillies Powder 200gm	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
10	Onions 1kg	71.45	65.63	59.32	45.48	34.76	60.00
11	Cooking Oil 5 Kg	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1265.00	1250.00	1300.00
12	Pulse Moong 1kg	245.61	233.84	237.40	236.18	259.97	250.00
13	Pulse Mash 1g	254.76	242.18	248.01	230.96	279.88	270.00
14	Pulse Gram 1kg	163.06	147.13	133.72	153.74	174.95	160.00
15	Sugar Refined 1kg	97.72	96.57	94.66	95.03	95.00	100.00

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

Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		10/9/2020	3/9/2020	12/9/2019
1	Wheat Flour	1026.22	1025.25	889.32
2	Rice Basmati	88.46	88.29	83.14
3	Mutton	1022.42	1019.04	921.33
4	Chicken Farm	150.11	126.82	190.41
5	Milk Fresh	104.94	104.85	92.10
6	Eggs Hen	130.89	127.54	94.47
7	Cooking Oil	1254.52	1251.83	1141.32
8	Pulse Gram	143.39	138.94	131.08
9	Pulse Mash	240.76	235.29	178.81
10	Pulse Moong	235.76	228.72	170.52
11	Potatoes	67.93	68.78	40.37
12	Sugar Refined	94.55	94.92	75.60
13	Tomatoes	74.20	83.57	53.39
14	Onions	51.67	53.31	73.59

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.

## **CONCLUSION**

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 10<sup>th</sup> September, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded increasing impact of 0.61 % over corresponding last week. The increase is caused by rise in price impact of essential kitchen items and on YOY basis it showed an increase of 13.01% over corresponding week of last year. In lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of 0.18% over last week and 15.24 % on YOY basis. The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered an increase of 0.37% over last week due to rise in prices of food items and non-food items. On year on year basis, it depicts a rise of 9.04% because of rise in prices of essential food items.