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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**

**Week ending on (11-03-21)**

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 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 recorded, a decrease of **0.57%** due to fall in the prices of Garlic (6.64%), Chicken (2.96%), Onions (0.91%), Gur (0.69%) and Pulse Masoor (0.49%) and among non-food items Electricity for Q1 (9.01%) and LPG (2.13%) with joint impact of (-1.58) into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.57%).

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The following table reveals that price increase showed different trend as compared to last week as Q1 (-0.95%), Q2 (-1.54%) and Q3 (-0.41) and Q5 (-0.57) were benefitted by price decline over last week.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		11/03/2021	04/03/2021	12/03/2020	04/03/2021	12/03/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	157.69	159.21	133.60	-0.95	18.03
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	147.75	150.06	128.58	-1.54	14.91
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	148.93	149.55	131.05	-0.41	13.64
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	145.45	145.42	128.41	0.02	13.27
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	147.30	147.52	131.60	-0.15	11.93
-	<u>Combined</u>	147.14	147.99	129.66	-0.57	13.48

**Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items**

For the week ended on March,11, 2021, price impact witnessed a nominal increase of **0.50%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of rise in price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.03%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.03%), Eggs Hen (0.27%), Bananas (0.05%), Sugar Refined (0.14%) Milk fresh (0.18%), Potatoes (0.10%), however a decrease in price impact was witnessed in Chicken Farm (0.28%) Garlic (Lehsun) (0.61%). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **15.44%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.74 %) Rice Basmati Broken (0.24%), Chicken

**HIGHLIGHTS**

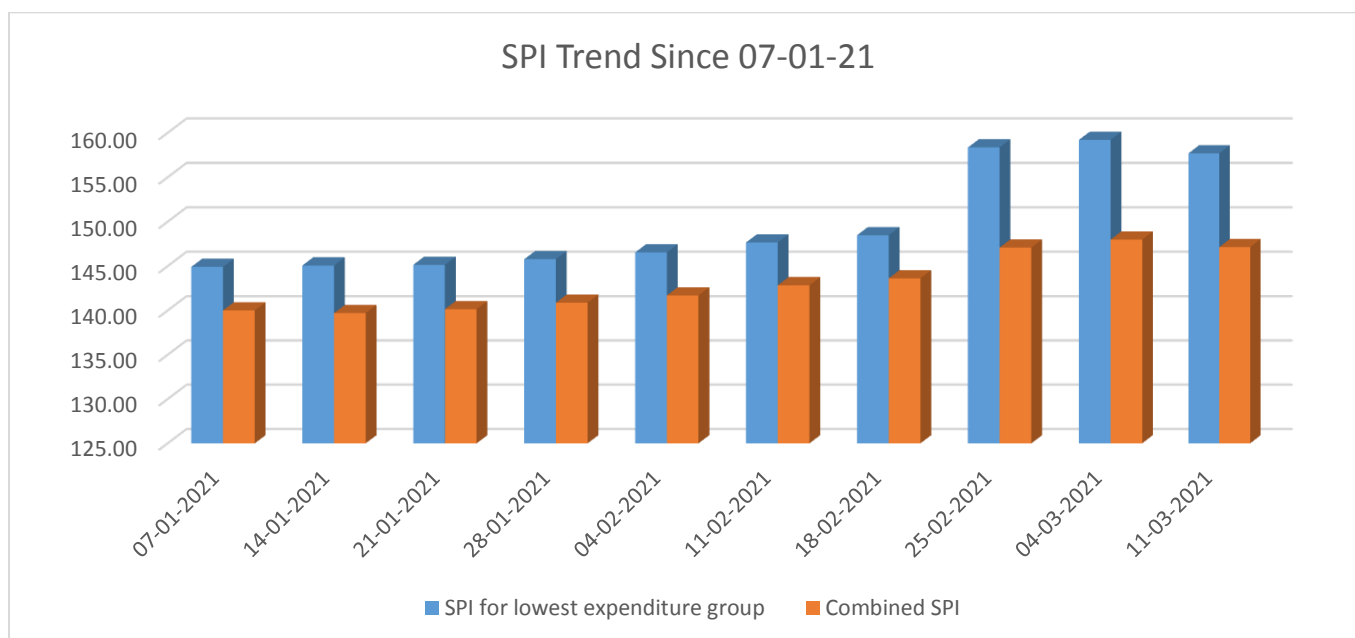
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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 13.48% with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (143.07%), Electricity for Q1 (69.19%), Eggs (65.38%), Chicken (46.41%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (26.99%), Gents Sponge Chaapel (25.13%), Sugar (22.86%), Washing Soap (20.78%) and Long Cloth (19.58%) While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (50.82%), Garlic (40.42%), Potatoes (12.81%), LPG (11.69%), Tomatoes (6.59%) and Diesel (4.02%)

(2.97%), Milk Fresh (4.81%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.46%), Beef (0.61%), Mutton (0.46%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.95%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.56 %), and Sugar (1.31%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (0.05%), Onions (2.10%), Potatoes (0.28%).

In lowest income group Q1, an increasing price impact of 0.65% was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed an increasing impact of 14.22%. During the week ended on 11-03-21, lowest expenditure group Q1 continues to register higher price impact trend.



### Consumer Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 11-03-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	866.65	860.00	860.00	1293.23	960.00	974.17
2	Rice Basmati Broken	109.00	99.87	80.46	107.10	104.92	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1203.74	1193.21	1051.19	1084.37	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	239.85	236.96	227.00	286.88	304.97	246.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	127.01	121.12	96.07	126.88	120.00	121.85
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	170.00	166.80	165.00	160.74	184.95	180.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1495.00	1495.00	1495.00	1495.00	1495.00	1495.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	263.90	246.85	235.54	250.71	274.97	216.61
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	284.63	264.44	287.06	253.42	274.97	266.62
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	175.44	160.49	144.20	163.59	174.95	160.00
11	Potatoes	59.10	47.10	44.96	36.75	34.76	48.27
12	Onions 1kg	53.95	43.73	34.37	36.36	44.81	42.03
13	Tomatoes 1kg	49.66	44.00	35.66	23.36	24.66	39.22
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	100.82	100.37	99.90	101.32	100.00	100.00
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	112.42	112.43	112.42	112.43	112.43	112.41

### CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed a fall of **0.57%** compared to last week. The decline was caused by ease in average

prices Chicken, Onions, Gur and Pulse Masoor 0.49%)and among non-food items Electricity for Q1 and LPG. On YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **13.48%** over corresponding week of last year. During the week under review, eggs, milk and wheat flour 20 kg bag and onions registered price increase. Prices of Onions increased due to Crop damaged in Sindh & Baluchistan which has affected the supply chain and increased the gap in wholesale and retail prices.