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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**

**(Week ending on 13-08-20)**

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 13 August, 2020 registered a decrease of 0.22% over last week. This decrease is mainly due to a fall in prices of food items i.e. Chicken (13.16%), Tomatoes (5.90%), Bananas (4.21%), Pulse Moong (1.98%), Eggs (1.53%), Potatoes (0.79%), Pulse Mash (0.69%), Vegetable Ghee 1Kg (0.13%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5Kg (0.12%), Cooking Oil 5 liters (0.11%) and Pulse Masoor (0.06%) and among non-food items Firewood (0.90%), LPG (0.61%) with joint impact of **-0.51** into the overall SPI for combined group of **(-0.22%)**. On the other hand, an **increase** was observed in the prices of Onions (6.41%), Bread Plain (5.13%), Sugar (3.10%), Mustard Oil (1.95%), Rise Basmati Broken (1.25%) and Garlic (1.13%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 15 (29.41%) items increased, 13 (25.49%) items decreased and 23 (45.09%) items remained constant. The year on year trend shows an increase of 7.01% in SPI over last year.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The SPI for the week ended on 13 August, 2020 recorded a decrease of 0.22% over last week. This drop resulted due to a **decline** in prices of food items i.e. Chicken (13.16%), Bananas (4.21%), Pulse Moong (1.98%) Eggs (1.53%), Potatoes (0.79%), Pulse Masoor (0.06%), and Pulse Mash (0.69%).
- On the other hand, an **increase** was observed in the prices of Onions (6.41%), Onions (3.18%), Bread (5.13%), Sugar (3.10%) and Garlic (1.13%).
- The year on year trend depicts an **increase** of **7.01%** with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (86.67%), Potatoes (64.02%), Pulse Moong (35.04%), Eggs (31.78%), Pulse Mash (31.96%), Sugar (26.36%), Pulse Masoor (21.80%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (19.25%), Veg Ghee 2.5kg (17.87%), Wheat Flour (19.06%), Bread Plain (23.13%) and Long Cloth Gul Ahmed (17.35%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (32.64%), Diesel (19.49%), Chicken (37.96%), Garlic (12.16%), Petrol (11.76%), and Electricity for Q1 (0.80%).

Expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	13-08-20	06-08-20	16-8-19	06-08-20	16-8-19
Q1 (Up to Rs. 17,732)	140.32	140.40	127.48	-0.06	10.07
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	134.73	134.89	123.21	-0.12	9.35
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	136.71	136.92	125.85	-0.15	8.63
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	133.54	133.81	123.65	-0.20	8.00
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	134.74	135.09	127.46	-0.26	5.71
<u>Combined</u>	<u>133.94</u>	<u>134.23</u>	<u>125.17</u>	<u>-0.22</u>	<u>7.01</u>

The table shows that SPI for lowest income group decreased by 0.06% over last week followed by Q2 0.12%, Q3 0.15%, Q4 0.20% and Q 5 0.26% as compared to last week. SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed a drop of 0.22 % compared to corresponding week.

## Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

SPI for the week under review witnessed a drop (0.22%) mainly due to decrease in the index of essential food items in combined group which showed a declining impact of 0.37% because of fall in prices of Chicken Farm (0.67%), Eggs (0.08%), Bananas (0.01%), Pulse Moong (0.01%), Potatoes (0.05%) Tomatoes (0.03%) and Garlic(0.02) .Similarly, in lowest income group decreasing impact of 0.08% was registered in 27 essential food items as drop was witnessed in price impact of Chicken Farm (0.44%), Eggs (0.05%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.01%), Bananas (0.01%), Pulse Moong(0.02%),Potatoes(0.08%),Tomatoes(0.04%),and Garlic(0.02%) .

On year on year basis impact of increase in prices in combined group is 11.38% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.23%) Bread Plain (0.19%), Milk Fresh (4.92%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.74%), Potatoes (1.67%), Sugar Refined (1.48%), Chillies Powder (1.49%),Rice Basmati (0.14%), Beef(0.90), Mutton(0.55%) Cooking Oil Dalda 5 liter tin(0.45%),Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch(0.45%),Tomatoes(0.04%), however, a declining price impact was shown in items i.e. chicken Farm(3.10%), Onions(1.36%), and Garlic (0.21%). For the Q 1 price impact was 13.80 % which is more than the combined group.

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

Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		13-8-2020	06-08-20	16-08-19
1	Wheat Flour	1028.73	1025.05	858.83
2	Rice Basmati	87.77	87.46	82.75
3	Mutton	1018.05	1018.05	914.67
4	Chicken Farm	129.99	149.07	209.51
5	Milk Fresh	104.58	104.08	89.69
6	Eggs Hen	129.64	133.29	98.22
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1255.21	1256.24	1138.34
8	pulse Gram	137.68	137.51	129.13
9	Potatoes	64.58	65.31	40.59
10	Sugar Refined	96.24	93.90	75.49
11	Tomatoes	62.69	63.79	61.23

## Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag	867.42	863.93	860	1348.48	1189.97	1110.53
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	96.12	74.71	95.44	114.93	90.0
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1140.97	1122.77	1051.19	1030.99	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh	119.84	117.93	90	118.43	120.0	119.7
5	Potatoes 1kg	83.2	80.38	71.8	51.69	54.85	76.52
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	119.84	108.42	111	159.99	164.95	131.00
7	Tomato	80.79	69.62	68.78	64.36	34.76	58.8
8	Chilies Powder	280	280	280	280	280	280
9	Onions	60.78	51.72	48.95	45.37	34.76	50.0
10	Cooking Oil	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1300.0
11	Pulse Moong	254.68	239.15	237.4	241.21	284.97	239.19
12	Pulse Mash	253.99	249.7	243.29	237.4	274.97	249.44
13	Pulse Gram	159.73.	145.73	243.29	150.45	174.95	147.49
14	Sugar Refined	99.57	95.92	96.87	95.55	99.0	99.59

The Price difference 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**

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 13 August, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded a decline of 0.37 % over corresponding week. The drop came as a result of decrease in prices of essential kitchen items. On year on year basis, SPI when compared with corresponding week of last year depicts an increase of 11.38 % mainly due to rise in prices of essential food items. For the Q 1 price impact over last week was 0.08 % and for corresponding week of last year was 13.80 % which is more than the combined group.

