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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (14-01-21)

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 14th January, 2021 recorded a decrease of **0.22%** over last week. This decrease is mainly due to fall in prices of food items i.e. Eggs (15.62%), Tomatoes (11.18%), Potatoes (4.99%), Onions (4.06%), Chicken (2.79%) and non-food items Electricity for Q1 (0.49%), LPG (0.28%) with joint impact of (-0.74) into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.22%) On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of Bananas (4.91%), Chilies Powder National (3.66%), Sugar (3.21%), Veg. Ghee 1 kg (3.02%), Mustard Oil (2.85%), Veg. Ghee 2.5kg (2.39%), Match Box (2.25%), Cooking oil 5 liter (2.12%), Long Cloth (1.20%) and Shirting (1.16%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 23 (46.10%) items increased, 07 (13.72%) items decreased and 21 (41.18%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q3(-0.06%) Q4(-0.16%) and Q5(-0.33%) were more beneficiaries by decrease in prices as compared to Q1 which witnessed increasing impact of prices. The impact of prices on Q2 remained unchanged. However, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 5.77% over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		14/01/2021	07/01/2021	16/01/2020	07/01/2021	16/01/2020
SQ1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	145.07	144.92	135.23	0.10	7.28
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	140.20	140.20	131.06	0.00	6.97
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	141.98	142.07	132.91	-0.06	6.82
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	138.80	139.02	130.06	-0.16	6.72
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	140.62	141.08	134.05	-0.33	4.90
-	<u>Combined</u>	139.70	140.01	132.08	-0.22	5.77

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 14th January, 2021, price impact witnessed a decrease of **0.34%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of fall in price impact of Chicken Farm Broiler (0.10%), Eggs Hen (0.72%), Potatoes (0.12%), Onions (0.05%), Tomatoes (0.18%), however an increasing price impact was witnessed in Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.07%), Vegetable Ghee Dalda HABIB or Other

HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 5.77% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (103.81%), Eggs (26.65%), Sugar (25.12%), Match Box (24.22%), Mustard Oil (21.49%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (18.85%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg (17.92%), Long Cloth (16.07%), Shirting (15.71%), Sufi Washing Soap (15.38%), Rice Irri 6/9 (14.77%), Bread Plain (14.47%), Cooking Oil 5 liter (13.53%) and Curd (13.05%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (33.92%), Tomatoes (31.58%), Garlic (18.01%), LPG (14.13%), Diesel (13.30%), Pulse Gram (13.27%), Potatoes (10.30%), Petrol (9.07%), Electricity for Q1 (3.82%), Wheat Flour (1.95%), Bananas (1.77%) and Chicken (1.62%)

superior Quality 1 kg Pouch (0.18%) Sugar Refined(0.32%) , In lowest income group **Q1**, an increasing price impact of **0.13 %** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week. On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **10.06 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.02 %) Rice Basmati Broken (0.11%), Milk Fresh (4.46 %), Eggs Hen Farm (0.72%), Beef (0.65%), Mutton (0.48 %), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.77%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.65 %), and Sugar (1.35%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Chicken (0.20%) Tomatoes (0.88 %), Onions (0.90 %) , Potatoes(0.20%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **10.02 %**. The prices of almost all essential items mainly wheat and eggs have registered downward trend due to strict price monitoring policy adopted by government, improving supply chain of commodities. It is also expected that sugar prices will reduce in coming months as the production of sugar is likely to increase this year because of improved sugarcane crushing activity.

Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 14-01-21

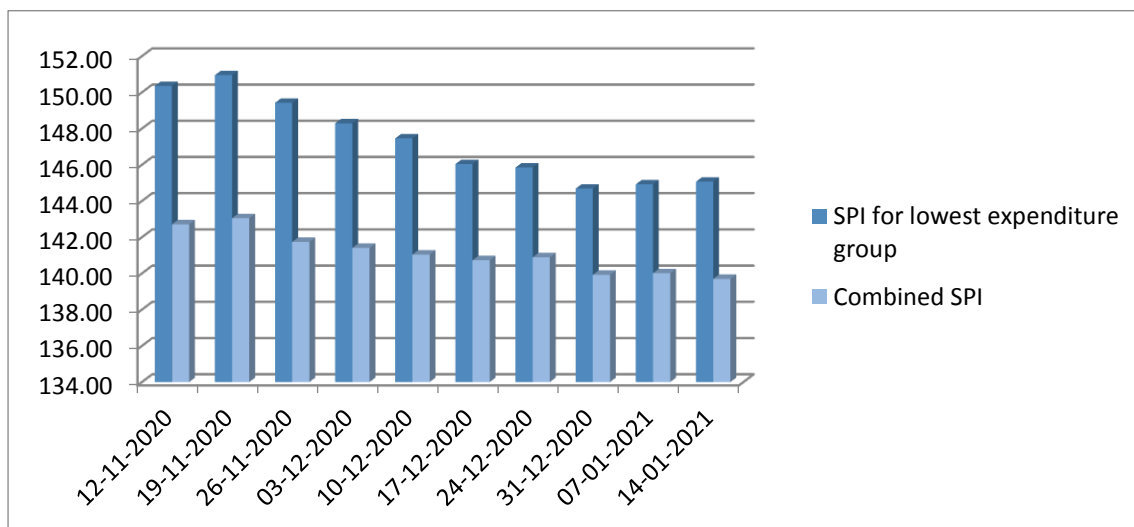
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1248.82	960.00	1018.15
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	99.43	104.92	81.05
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1174.39	1189.83	1051.19	1081.51	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	165.90	162.26	151.00	186.85	174.95	171.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	100.00	120.00	120.00	121.85
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	162.46	151.23	146.00	180.41	194.96	180.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1355.00	1355.00	1295.00	1355.00	1355.00	1355.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	258.11	243.76	240.00	244.99	259.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	266.47	257.11	246.56	246.10	269.97	237.69
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	172.16	153.60	121.30	157.71	164.95	150.00
11	Potatoes	59.72	53.15	41.74	40.58	49.83	48.78
12	Onions 1kg	58.82	53.54	40.05	39.71	44.81	48.78
13	Tomatoes 1kg	94.51	88.79	85.09	67.44	64.87	73.19
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	96.23	95.69	95.70	94.17	97.00	95.00
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

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)

Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		14/01/2021	07/01/2021	16/01/20	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	989.40	977.89	986.99	0.07	0.02
2	Rice Basmati	88.85	88.78	84.67	0.00	0.11
3	Mutton	1041.23	1040.37	944.85	0.00	0.48
4	Chicken Farm	167.82	170.65	173.32	-0.10	-0.20
5	Milk Fresh	108.82	108.82	94.64	0.00	4.46
6	Eggs Hen	164.64	200.18	132.40	-0.72	0.72
7	Onions	40.87	41.89	57.94	-0.05	-0.90
8	Pulse Moong	230.87	227.47	227.86	0.00	0.07
10	Potatoes	41.95	43.88	44.91	-0.12	-0.20
11	Tomatoes	76.37	83.34	107.00	-0.18	-0.88
12	Sugar Refined	94.22	88.96	74.37	0.32	1.35

city to another as they are not grown/produced in that particular area.



CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed a decrease of **0.22% %** compared to last week. The fall was caused by significant decrease in average prices of eggs, chicken, onions, tomatoes and potatoes, however, on YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **5.77%** over corresponding week of last year. The decrease in price impact of **0.34%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 14-01-2021 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **10.06 %**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of **0.13 %** over last week, impact of **10.02 %** was witnessed in Q1 on YOY basis. Rise in international prices of palm oil (\$979 mt) was reflected in edible oil prices as during the week under review prices recorded increase.