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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (15-10-20)

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 Review by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

The SPI for the week ended on 15th October, 2020 recorded an increase of 0.45% over last week. This increase is mainly due to a rise of 1% or more in average prices across the country of food items i.e. Chicken (15.35%), Eggs (5.84%), Tomatoes (3.45%) & Sugar (2.14%) and among non-food items i.e. LPG (3.24%) and Match Box (1.74%) with joint impact of 0.67 into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.45%). On the other hand, a decrease was observed in the prices of Bananas (2.49%), Onions (2.30%), Electricity (1.98%), Potatoes (1.75%), Garlic (1.12%), Pulse Moong (0.64%), Pulse Masoor (0.23%), Gur (0.21%) and Pulse Gram (0.01%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 25 (49.01%) items increased, 09 (17.64%) items decreased and 17 (33.35%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, Q1 price increase was 0.26% for Q2 0.28%, for Q3 it was 0.42%, Q4 0.52% and 0.50% for Q5. On YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 9.20% over corresponding week of last year. This analysis reveals that more affected groups of price increase during the week were Q4 and Q5 which shows reversal trend in expenditures groups.

Expenditure Groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	15/10/20	0810/2020	17/10/2019	08/10/2020	17/10/2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	149.16	148.78	132.89	0.26	12.24
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	143.58	143.18	128.81	0.28	11.47
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	144.76	144.16	130.45	0.42	10.97
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	141.05	140.32	127.51	0.52	10.62
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	141.39	140.68	131.14	0.50	7.82
- Combined	141.36	140.73	129.45	0.45	9.20

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 15 October, an increasing price impact of **1.03%** was witnessed in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of rising price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.07%), Chicken (0.82%), Milk Fresh (0.08%), Eggs (0.19%), Sugar Refined 0.07%), however a decline in price impact was witnessed in Tomatoes (0.02%), Onions (0.11), and Potatoes (0.08%). Similarly, lowest

HIGHLIGHTS

- The SPI for the week ended on 15th October, 2020 recorded an increase of 0.45% over last week. This increase is mainly due to a rise of 1% or more in average prices of food items i.e. Chicken (15.35%), Eggs (5.84%), Tomatoes (3.45%) and Sugar (2.14%) and among non-food items i.e. LPG (3.24%) and Match Box (1.74%) with joint impact of 0.67 into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.45%).
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- The year on year trend depicts an increase of 9.20% with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (56.77%), Tomatoes (54.88%), Eggs (46.91%), Pulse Moong (37.64%), Sugar (34.71%), Pulse Mash (33.51%), Pulse Masoor (23.10%), Gur (18.59%), Washing Soap (18.49%) Bread (18.08%), Chicken (18.01%), Vegetable Ghee (17.76%), Match Box (17.67%), Wheat Flour Bag (17.37%) and Rice IRRI (16.48%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Diesel (18.03%), Garlic (12.05%), LPG (11.00%), Fish (10.10%)

income group recoded an increasing impact of **0.65%** over last week as rising price impact was observed in Chicken (0.54 %), Eggs (0.13 %), Wheat Flour (0.09 %).

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **17.16%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.12%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.18%), Milk Fresh (3.60%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.12%), Potatoes (1.55%), Sugar Refined (1.72%), Chillies Powder (1.44%), Beef (0.78%), Mutton(0.78%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.58%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.44%),Tomatoes (1.41%), however, a declining price impact was shown in Onions (0.20%), and Garlic (0.03%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **19.19%** which is higher than combined group.

Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities

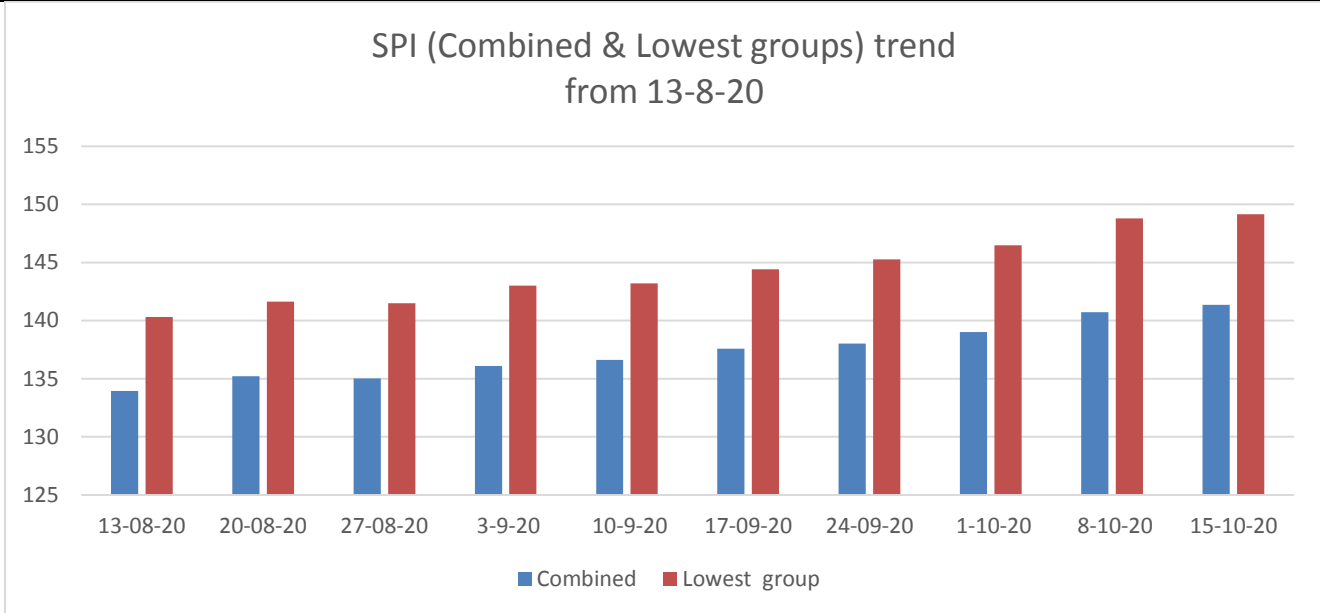
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	867.42	860.00	860.00	1462.81	1239.97	1348.87
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	98.44	109.81	94.31
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1158.24	1051.19	1040.71	1096.96	947.77
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	194.45	188.28	174.00	223.85	214.96	196.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	90.00	120.00	120.00	124.04
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	168.15	161.57	162.00	162.65	179.98	180.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 Kg	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	256.34	243.21	237.40	157.75	169.95	225.45
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	256.43	248.91	248.01	258.77	264.97	239.91
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	171.15	148.40	133.72	236.10	264.97	155.48
11	Potatoes	87.30	82.13	72.72	159.83	54.85	80.00
12	Onions 1kg	96.55	87.07	71.35	55.44	57.30	69.52
13	Tomatoes 1kg	153.26	143.73	124.66	171.54	109.70	100.95
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	103.36	100.79	99.04	97.49	99.50	105.18
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	104.47	104.47	104.47	104.47	104.44	104.47

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. Moreover, heavy rains in the country which caused damage the crops, also caused price increase in different essential items.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)

Sr. No	Items					Prices			impact Current/prev	
		3/9/20	10/9/20	17-9-20	24-9-20	15/10/2020	08/10/2020	17/10/19	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	1025.25	1026.22	1030.33	1031.17	1074.16	1063.25	915.86	0.07	1.12
2	Rice Basmati	88.29	88.46	88.46	88.68	90.01	89.38	83.47	0.02	0.18
3	Mutton	1019.04	1022.42	1023.31	1027.42	1030.15	1030.15	934.84	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	126.82	150.11	161.46	152.30	196.56	171.60	167.31	0.82	1.11
5	Milk Fresh	104.85	104.94	105.05	105.05	105.49	105.21	94.29	0.08	3.60
6	Eggs Hen	127.54	130.89	138.09	139.47	165.14	155.46	116.10	0.19	1.12
7	Onions	53.31	51.67	52.59	56.72	73.90	76.32	77.66	-0.11	-0.20
8	Cooking oil 5liter	1251.83	1254.52	1256.61	1257.25	1265.05	1258.22	1146.33	0.03	0.58
9	Pulse Moong	228.72	235.76	240.36	242.01	243.31	243.82	174.81	0.00	0.28
10	Potatoes	68.78	67.93	67.91	67.85	68.39	69.68	45.64	-0.08	1.55
11	Tomatoes	83.57	74.20	95.01	110.04	140.78	141.60	93.25	-0.02	1.41

12	Sugar Refined	94.92	94.55	94.77	96.90	99.15	98.05	74.36	0.07	1.72
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CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption group, witnessed an increase of **0.45%** compared to last week. The increase is caused by rise in prices of essential kitchen items and on YOY basis combined consumption group showed an increase of **9.20%** over corresponding week of last year. The price impact in combined consumption group for the week ended on 15-10-2020 was **1.03%** for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **17.16%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of **0.65%** over last week and **19.19%** on YoY basis mainly due to rising prices of perishable food items.