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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (17-06-21)

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 17th June, 2021 recorded an increase of **0.28%** in the prices of Tomatoes (14.76%), Chicken (6.28%), Garlic (4.72%), Potatoes (2.01%), Petrol (1.89%), Diesel (1.60%) and Gur (1.08%) with joint impact of (0.28%) into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.28%).

On the other hand, decrease in the prices of Bananas (7.75%), Pulse Moong (1.85%), Pulse Mash (1.26%), Pulse Gram (1.19%), Pulse Masoor (0.79%), Mustard Oil (0.38%), Eggs (0.36%), LPG (0.29%) and Sugar (0.18%) was observed. During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 21 (41.2%) items increased 09 (17.6%) items decreased and 21 (41.2%) items remained constant.

The year on year trend depicts increase of **14.52%** with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (65.21%), Electricity for Q1 (61.62%), Petrol (48.21%), Diesel (40.04%), Mustard Oil (35.04%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Eggs (28.89%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%), Match Box (23.44%) and LPG (23.42%), while a major decrease was observed in the prices of Pulse Moong (23.59%), Garlic (19.59%), Potatoes (17.56%), Onions (8.07%), Tomatoes (7.30%) and Salt (0.89%). The following table reveals that price increase affected expenditures groups Q5 and Q4 in higher manner as compared to other three groups .

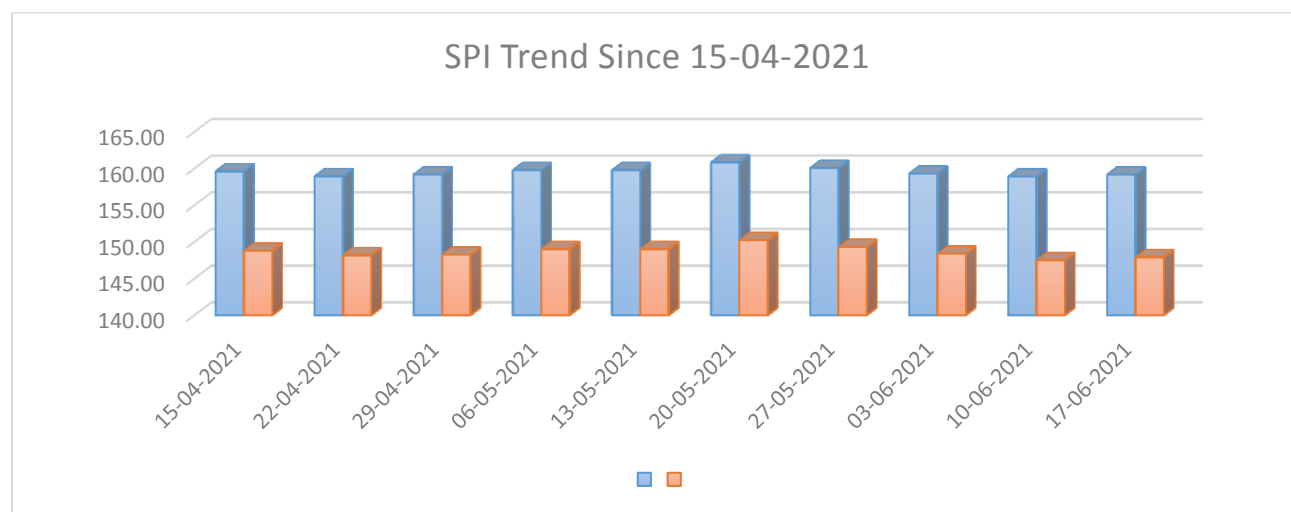
Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change	
		17/06/2021	10/06/2021	18/06/2020	10/06/2021	18/06/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	159.18	158.90	136.51	0.18	16.61
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	148.66	148.33	130.85	0.22	13.61
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	150.10	149.75	132.69	0.23	13.12
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	146.61	146.24	129.18	0.25	13.49
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	147.85	147.38	129.39	0.32	14.27
-	<u>Combined</u>	147.92	147.51	129.16	0.28	14.52

Analysis of Price Impact of 27 kitchen items on combined & lowest expenditure group

For the week ended on 17th June, 2021, price impact of 27 essential kitchen items witnessed an increase of **0.28%** in combined group over last week because of rise in price impact of Chicken Farm Broiler (0.12%), Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.07%), Milk fresh (4.28%), Tomatoes (0.09%), however a decline in price impact was witnessed in Sugar Refined (0.01%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.02%) and Pulse Moong (0.03). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **13.11%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.43%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.31%), Milk Fresh (4.28%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.76%), Mutton (0.89%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.30%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.61%), Sugar

(1.17 %).

In lowest income group Q1, an upward price impact of 0.25 % was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed an increasing price impact of 12.52 %. The graph given below shows that after the week ended on 20-05-21 the increasing price impact on Q1 eased.



Average Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 17-06-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	1158.31	1178.69	1070.00	1228.78	1244.99	1082.20
2	Rice Basmati Broken	109.00	99.87	88.78	112.94	94.91	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1304.09	1303.27	1204.37	1183.44	1149.27	993.32
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	213.25	214.77	189.00	204.07	214.96	211.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	129.51	124.45	96.07	128.43	120.00	126.48
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	155.24	154.16	153.00	155.27	164.95	150.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1600.00	1540.00	1540.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	226.43	221.69	204.23	244.42	274.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	266.59	270.56	280.89	253.78	289.97	256.66
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	159.80	155.92	135.15	158.70	179.95	150.00
11	Potatoes	58.20	58.00	53.60	38.29	34.76	53.13
12	Onions 1kg	43.09	35.63	39.00	32.30	34.76	30.97
13	Tomatoes 1kg	42.29	37.72	31.75	47.25	44.81	29.40
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	100.00	100.19	100.00	100.64	100.00	96.00
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	111.20	111.22	111.33	111.22	111.22	111.20

CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) based weekly inflation for the week under review, witnessed an increase of **0.28%** compared to last week, the increase resulted because of increase in average prices of essential commodities like. Tomatoes, Chicken, Garlic, Potatoes, Petrol, Diesel and Gur. The week under review compared to corresponding week of last year witnessed an increase of **14.52%** in prices of 51 essential items. Prices of 09 items declined, 21 items slightly increased and 21 items remained stable. prices of palm oil and soybean are on declining trend in the international market but its impact on the domestic market so far has not been observed. Moreover, in case of pulses, two third of the

demand is being fulfilled through imports thus there is need to build strategic reserves to ensure smooth supply, achieve price stability and reduce international dependence.