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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (17-09-20)

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:

SPI for the current week ended on 17th September, 2020 recorded an **increase of 0.71%** over last week. This increase is mainly due to a rise in prices of **food items** i.e. Tomatoes (27.71%), Eggs (5.69%), Chicken (4.94%), and **non-food items** i.e. Energy Saver (2.49%), Washing Soap (1.18%) and Georgette (1.11%) with **joint impact of 0.70** into the overall SPI for 51 essential items, for combined group of (0.71%).

On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Bananas (4.74%), LPG (1.01%) and Potatoes (0.23%).

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 26 (50.98%) items increased, 03 (5.88%) items decreased and 22 (43.14%) items remained constant.

On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Tomatoes (6.37%), Garlic (2.57%), Bananas (1.80%), Potatoes 0.98%), Onions (0.57%) and Sugar (0.35%).

Table given below shows that Q1 and Q2 showed 0.86% price increase, whereas for Q3 it was 0.80%, Q4 0.77% and 0.63% for Q5. On YOY basis it witnessed an increase of 8.72% over corresponding week of last year. This analysis reveals that more affected Groups of price increase in the week under review were Q1 and Q2.

expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	17/09/20	10/9/2020	19/9/2019	10/9/2020	19/9/2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	144.42	143.19	129.33	0.86	11.67
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	139.18	137.99	124.97	0.86	11.37
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	140.5	139.38	127.56	0.8	10.14
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	136.93	135.88	125.24	0.77	9.33
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	137.96	137.1	128.61	0.63	7.27
- Combined	<u>137.59</u>	136.62	<u>126.56</u>	<u>0.71</u>	<u>8.72</u>

HIGHLIGHTS

- The SPI (Combined Group) for the week ended on 17th September 2020 recorded an **increase of 0.71% over last week**. This increase is mainly due to a rise in prices of **food items** i.e. Tomatoes (27.71%), Eggs (5.69%), Chicken (4.94%), and **non-food items** i.e. Energy Saver (2.49%), Washing Soap (1.18%) and Georgette (1.11%) with **joint impact of 0.70** into the overall SPI for 51 essential items.
- On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Bananas (4.74%), LPG (1.01%) and Potatoes (0.23%).
- The year on year trend depicts an **increase of 8.72%** with most of the items increased mainly Tomatoes (87.94%), Chilies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (69.71%), Pulse Moong (41.71%), Eggs (39.57%), Pulse Mash (35.92%), Sugar (26.66%), Pulse Masoor (24.53%), Bread (18.80%), Match Box (18.03%), Vegetable Ghee 1Kg (17.58%), Gur (17.50%), Wheat Flour Bag (16.41%), Washing Soap (15.86%), Rice IRRI 6/9 (15.77%), Long Cloth (15.45%) and Veg Ghee 2.5Kg (15.31%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (32.79%), Chicken (23.75%), Diesel (16.10%), Garlic (12.33%), Petrol (8.11%) and LPG (5.99%).

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 17th September, an increasing price

impact of 1.20% was witnessed in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of increasing price impact of Chicken Farm (0.39%), Eggs Hen (0.05%), Cooking Oil 5 liter tin

(0.01%), Chicken (0.81%), Pulse Moong (0.02%), Wheat Flour (0.03%) and Tomatoes (0.56%). Similarly, lowest income group recoded an increasing impact of 1.26% over last week as rising price impact was observed in Chicken (0.26%), Milk Fresh (0.03%), Cooking Oil 5 litre tin (0.01%), Eggs (0.11%), Tomatoes (0.71%), Onions (0.06%) and Pulse Moong (0.03%).

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of 12.63% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.98%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.15%), Milk Fresh (3.99%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.90%), Potatoes (1.81%), Sugar Refined (1.36%), Chillies Powder (1.45%), Beef (0.89%), Mutton(0.53%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.56%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.42%),Tomatoes (1.36%), however, a declining price impact was shown in Chicken Farm (2.11%), Onions (1.34%), and Garlic (0.07%).

Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group for Q1 was 15.24 % which is more than the combined group.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)						
Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		17/9/2020	10/9/2020	19/9/2019	Prev.	Cooresp.
1	Wheat Flour	1030.33	1026.22	893.2	0.03	0.98
2	Rice Basmati	88.46	88.46	83.14	0.00	0.15
3	Mutton	1023.31	1022.42	921.34	0.00	0.53
4	Chicken Farm	161.46	150.11	216.35	0.39	-2.11
5	Milk Fresh	105.05	104.94	92.76	0.03	3.99
6	Eggs Hen	138.09	127.54	99.27	0.05	0.90
7	Onions	52.59	51.67	50.03	0.56	1.34
8	Cooking Oil	1256.61	1254.52	1144.39	0.01	0.56
9	Pulse Gram	144.66	143.39	131.17	0.01	0.07
10	Pulse Mash	241.2	240.76	178.78	0.00	0.12
11	Pulse Moong	240.36	235.76	170.79	0.02	0.29
12	Potatoes	67.91	67.93	41.59	0.00	1.81
13	Tomatoes	95.01	74.2	50.03	0.56	1.34
14	Sugar Refined	94.77	94.55	75.36	0.01	1.36

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	862.64	860.00	1346.58	1200.00	1120.00
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	106.56	98.54	76.87	95.74	114.93	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1158.24	1051.19	1032.00	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh 1liter	118.68	119.20	90.00	120.00	115.00	119.70
5	Potatoes 1kg	84.85	79.64	72.72	54.92	54.85	80.00
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	166.12	156.91	151.00	169.71	159.95	176.00
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	139.33	137.58	137.00	140.00	144.94	142.68
8	Tomato 1kg	103.91	98.39	97.92	96.12	74.89	80.91
9	Chillies Powder 200gm	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
10	Onions 1kg	72.38	61.95	58.81	49.15	34.76	58.80
11	Cooking Oil 5 Kg	1265.00	1265.00	1240.00	1265.00	1250.00	1300.00
12	Pulse Moong 1kg	248.92	238.42	237.40	250.38	259.97	233.10
13	Pulse Mash 1g	256.43	248.91	248.01	231.62	264.97	236.53
14	Pulse Gram 1kg	169.22	147.13	133.72	156.75	174.95	155.48
15	Sugar Refined 1kg	97.72	96.57	94.66	94.29	95.00	98.65

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.

CONCLUSION

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 17thSeptember, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded increasing impact of 1.20 % over corresponding last week. The increase is caused by rise in price impact of essential kitchen items and on YOY basis it showed an increase of 12.63%over corresponding week of last year. In lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of 1.26% over last week and 15.24 % on YOY basis. The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered an increase of 0.71% over last week due to rise in prices of food items and non-food items. On year on year basis, it depicts a rise of 8.72% because of rise in prices of essential food items.