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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (17-12-20)

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:

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Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q1(-0.96%) and Q2(-0.60%) were more beneficiaries by decrease in prices as compared to other expenditures groups, however, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of **8.24%** over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		17/12/20	10/12/2020	19/12/2019	10/12/2020	19/12/2019
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	146.04	147.46	133.67	-0.96	9.25
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	141.29	142.14	129.49	-0.60	9.11
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	143.02	143.83	131.05	-0.56	9.13
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	139.88	140.59	128.04	-0.51	9.25
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	141.61	141.65	131.74	-0.03	7.49
-	<u>Combined</u>	140.73	141.04	130.02	-0.22	8.24

HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 8.24% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (86.31%), Chicken (61.95%), Eggs (59.47%), Match Box (24.40%), Sufi Washing Soap (23.00%), Potatoes (18.72%), Pulse Mash (18.30%), Mustard Oil (17.25%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (16.36%), Long Cloth (16.24%), Sugar (15.97%), Rice IRRI (15.27%) and Shirting (15.10%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (25.50%), Tomatoes (23.76%), Diesel (13.22%),

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 17th December, 2020, price impact witnessed a decline of **1.56%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of fall in price impact of Potatoes (0.61%), Onions (0.28%), Wheat Flour Bag 20kg (0.02%), Chicken (0.11%), and Tomatoes (0.62%), however, an increase in price impact was witnessed in Eggs hen (0.12%), Vegetable ghee (0.06%). In lowest income group **Q1**, a decreasing price impact of **2.32%** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **14.44%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.50%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.14%), Milk Fresh (3.61%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.64%), Chicken (3.39%) Beef (0.70%), Mutton (0.50%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.59%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.43%), Potatoes (0.66%) and Sugar (0.77%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (0.62%), Onions (1.03%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **13.25%** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 17-12-20

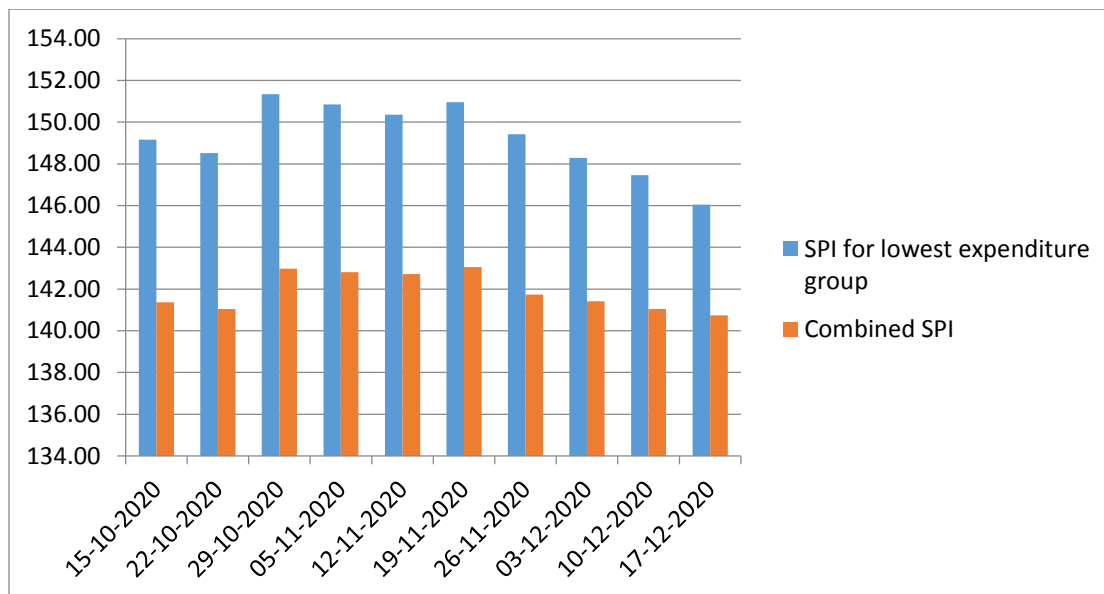
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1201.51	1244.99	1020.27
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	99.43	104.92	80.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1161.68	1051.19	1081.51	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	234.45	231.61	209.00	264.76	244.97	221.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	90.00	120.00	120.00	122.94
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	201.88	197.11	195.00	198.35	219.98	203.28
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	248.17	234.47	230.11	247.66	254.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	256.46	250.52	247.66	245.86	269.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	245.86	157.75	172.43	148.99
11	Potatoes	67.12	64.38	157.75	56.01	64.87	56.29
12	Onions 1kg	67.87	63.40	56.01	49.11	54.85	59.81
13	Tomatoes 1kg	99.42	76.12	49.11	84.79	74.89	70.56
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	86.64	83.70	84.79	80.36	80.00	86.09
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	104.19	104.20	104.21	104.21	104.18	104.19

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.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)

Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		17/12/2020	10/12/2020	19/12/19	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	990.03	993.65	919.61	-0.02	0.50
2	Rice Basmati	88.82	88.82	83.88	0.00	0.14
3	Mutton	1038.80	1037.92	942.07	0.00	0.70
4	Chicken Farm	232.87	236.37	143.32	-0.11	3.39
5	Milk Fresh	105.86	105.86	94.59	0.12	1.64
6	Eggs Hen	197.82	191.47	125.76	0.17	1.64
7	Onions	52.17	58.30	71.35	-0.28	-1.03
8	Pulse Moong	230.45	230.24	194.89	0.00	0.15
10	Potatoes	56.92	67.31	47.11	-0.61	0.66
11	Tomatoes	88.31	117.82	109.20	-0.75	-0.62
12	Sugar Refined	81.85	82.17	70.71	-0.02	0.77

SPI Trend Since 15-10-2020



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 is caused by decrease in prices of 08 essential kitchen items, however, on YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increase trend of **8.24%** over corresponding week of last year. The decreasing price impact of **1.56%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 17-12-2020 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **14.44%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI also witnessed a decreasing impact of **2.32%** over last week, however an increasing impact of 13.25% was witnessed in Q1 mainly due to rising prices of perishable food items compared to corresponding week of last year. The prices of wheat flour, sugar, onions, chicken and potatoes reported significant reduction for the week ended on 17-12-2020. There has been a consistent decline in SPI since 19-11-2020 thus it is expected that CPI for the coming months may further ease down due to better supply management and effective monitoring.