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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**  
**Week ending on (19-11-20)**

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 19th November, 2020 recorded an increase of **0.24%** over last week. This increase is mainly due to rise in prices of food items i.e. Potatoes (7.92%), Tomatoes (3.52%), Eggs (3.47%) and Bananas (1.02%) and among non-food items Shirting (1.32%) with joint impact of **0.41** into the overall SPI for combined group of **0.24%**.

On the other hand, a decrease was observed in the prices of Onions (4.98%), Sugar (2.97%), Diesel (1.74%), Petrol (1.67%), Pulse Mash (1.01%), Pulse Masoor (0.90%), LPG (0.82%), Pulse Moong (0.81%), Gur (0.75%), Beef (0.58%), Energy Saver (0.49%), Rice Irri 6/9 (0.37%), Pulse Gram (0.33%), Wheat Flour (0.31%), Garlic (0.28%) and Rice Basmati Broken (0.23%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 13 (25.49%) items increased, 18 (35.29 %) items decreased and 20 (39.23%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, impact of increase in prices for Q1 and Q2 expenditures groups was 0.40% and 0.36% more as compared to other expenditures groups. On YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of **7.70%** over corresponding week of last year. Impact of price increase was highest for Q1.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		19/11/20	12/11/2020	21/11/2019	12/11/2020	21/11/2019
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	150.35	150.84	137.56	0.40	9.35
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	144.67	145.15	133.02	0.36	8.80
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	146.00	146.23	134.18	0.30	8.84
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	142.45	142.47	130.87	0.26	8.88
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	142.91	142.81	133.76	0.17	6.84
-	<u>Combined</u>	142.71	142.81	132.53	0.24	7.70

**Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items**

For the week ended on 19<sup>th</sup> November, price impact witnessed an increase of **0.47%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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- The year on year trend depicts an increase of 7.70% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (72.74%), Eggs (53.89%), Chicken (48.31%), Sugar (36.22%), Match Box (24.40%), Sufi Washing Soap (20.79%), Pulse Mash (19.40%), Pulse Moong (19.30%), Pulse Masoor (17.92%), Long Cloth (16.57%), Gur (16.26%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (16.05%), Bread (15.95%), and Mustard Oil (15.90%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Tomatoes (34.69%), Diesel (20.25%), Garlic (19.34%), Petrol (11.75%), Onions (11.66%), Electricity for Q1 (8.77%) and LPG (2.63%). decrease was observed in the price of Tomatoes (30.20%), Garlic (19.19%), Diesel (18.84%), Onions (10.38%), Petrol (10.25%), Electricity (8.77%) and LPG (2.14%).

items because of increasing price impact of Chicken (0.09%), Eggs hen (0.09 %), Bananas (0.03 %), Potatoes (0.30%), Tomatoes (0.25%), however, a fall in price impact was witnessed in Wheat Flour Bag 20kg (0.02%) Milk fresh (0.03%), Onions (0.10%) Sugar Refined (0.12%). In lowest income group **Q1**, an increase of 0.57% was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **14.27 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.40%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.14%), Milk Fresh (3.43%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.28%), Potatoes (1.93%), Sugar Refined (1.60 %), Chillies Powder (1.37%), Beef (0.66%), Mutton(0.47%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.50%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.39%), however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes( 2.19 %), Onions (0.38%), and Garlic (0.10%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **14.03 %** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

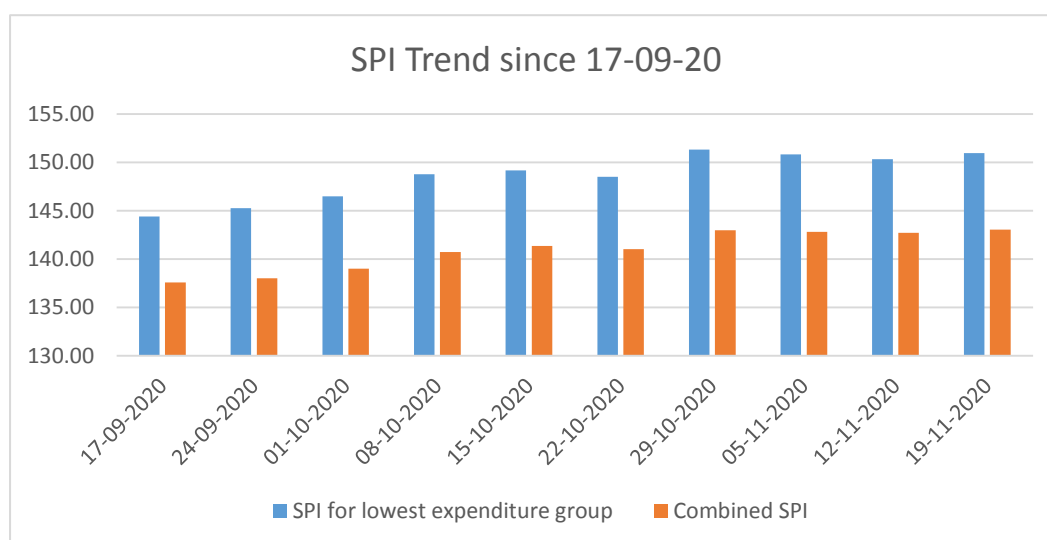
### **Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 19-11-20**

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1179.41	1259.99	1149.02
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	1073.37	1096.96	873.66
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	223.94	214.46	216.00	264.79	259.97	221.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	90.00	120.00	120.00	122.94
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	175.46	171.59	170.00	174.59	189.96	180.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 Kg	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	242.36	234.47	237.40	251.92	254.97	230.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	267.34	253.16	248.01	247.07	279.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	128.90	158.06	174.95	150.00
11	Potatoes	106.41	106.49	90.29	60.79	64.87	79.72
12	Onions 1kg	85.60	86.67	79.88	73.78	74.89	74.28
13	Tomatoes 1kg	164.09	154.16	170.64	152.82	109.70	140.74
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	108.73	88.65	92.51	101.62	104.00	106.59
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	101.19	101.20	101.19	101.20	101.16	101.19

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	
		19/11/2020	12/11/2020	21/11/19	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	986.36	990.37	927.40	-0.02	0.40
2	Rice Basmati	88.86	89.03	83.73	0.00	0.14
3	Mutton	1034.70	1034.70	938.39	0.00	0.47
4	Chicken Farm	234.70	231.85	154.29	0.09	2.92
5	Milk Fresh	105.49	105.60	94.32	-0.03	3.43
6	Eggs Hen	173.17	168.42	114.72	0.09	1.28
7	Onions	76.05	78.25	83.42	-0.10	-0.38
8	Cooking oil 5liter	1265.00	1265.00	1157.75	0.00	0.50
9	Pulse Moong	233.71	233.97	187.04	0.00	0.19
10	Potatoes	78.03	72.72	48.27	0.30	1.93
11	Tomatoes	155.90	145.71	233.32	0.25	-2.19
12	Sugar Refined	97.55	99.61	73.46	-0.12	1.60



## CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption group, witnessed an increase of **0.24%** compared to last week. The rise is caused by increase in prices of essential kitchen items, however, on YOY basis combined consumption group showed an increase of **7.70%** over corresponding week of last year. The increasing price impact of **0.47%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 19-11-2020 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **14.27%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI also witnessed an increasing impact of **0.57%** over last week and **14.03%** on YoY basis mainly due to rising prices of perishable food items compared to corresponding week of last year. Food prices are expected to come down with the arrival of new crops of vegetables. The essential kitchen item prices like onions and Tomatoes will come down after the Import from Iran and Afghanistan which has been allowed for a short period. During the week under review sugar prices came down as new crushing of sugarcane for the year 2020-21 has been started from 10.11.2020 in Southern Punjab and in Sindh from 15.11.2020. However, the prices of Chicken are exhibiting an increasing trend over time due to inconsistent supply and rise in demand in the winter season.

