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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (21-01-21)

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 21st January, 2021 recorded an increase of 0.32% over last week. This increase is mainly due to rise in prices of food items i.e. Chicken (4.90%), Bananas (3.04%), Veg. Ghee 2.5 kg (2.94%), Cooking Oil 5 liter (2.59%), Veg. Ghee 1 kg (2.37%), Onions (1.93%) and Pulse Moong (1.61%) and among non-food items, Petrol (3.02), Diesel (2.67) with joint impact of (0.77) into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.32%).

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Table given below shows that during the week under review, all expenditures groups were affected by price increase. However, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 6.54% over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		21/01/2021	14/01/2021	23/01/2020	14/01/2021	23/01/2020
SQ1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	145.15	145.07	134.48	0.06	7.93
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	140.40	140.20	130.35	0.14	7.71
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	142.30	141.98	132.31	0.23	7.55
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	139.20	138.80	129.51	0.29	7.48
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	141.19	140.62	133.59	0.41	5.69
-	<u>Combined</u>	140.15	139.70	131.55	0.32	6.54

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 21st January, 2021, price impact witnessed an increase of **0.23%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of rise in price impact of Chicken Farm Broiler (0.46%), Eggs Hen (0.72%), Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.28%), Vegetable Ghee Dalda HABIB or Other superior Quality 1 kg Pouch (0.12%), Pulse Moong (0.02%), however a decrease in price impact was witnessed in Eggs Hen (0.22%), Potatoes (0.05%) Onions (0.01%) Tomatoes(0.40) Sugar Refined (0.09), , In lowest income group **Q1**, an increasing price impact of **0.02%** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 6.54% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder National Pack (103.81%), Match Box (25.39%) Eggs (22.00%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg (21.39%), Mustard Oil (20.50%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (20.39%), Sugar (17.74%), Cooking Oil 5 liter (16.47%), Long Cloth (16.07%), Shirting (15.71%), Rice Irri 6/9 (14.77%), Bread Plain (14.47%), Sufi Washing Soap (13.63%) and Curd (13.05%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (28.65%), Garlic (17.84%), Tomatoes (15.83%), Pulse Gram (12.70%), LPG (11.97%), Diesel (10.99%), Potatoes (8.87%), Petrol (6.32%), Electricity for Q1 (3.82%), Wheat Flour (0.84%) and Pulse Moong (0.15%).

On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **11.20%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.08%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.12%), Chicken (0.11%) , Milk Fresh (4.49%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.63%), Beef (0.65%), Mutton (0.49%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.08%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.68%), and Sugar (1.07%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (0.42%), Onions (0.77%), Potatoes (0.17%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **11.21%**. The prices of almost all essential items mainly wheat and eggs have registered downward trend due to strict price monitoring police adopted by government and the uninterrupted supply chain of essential commodities.

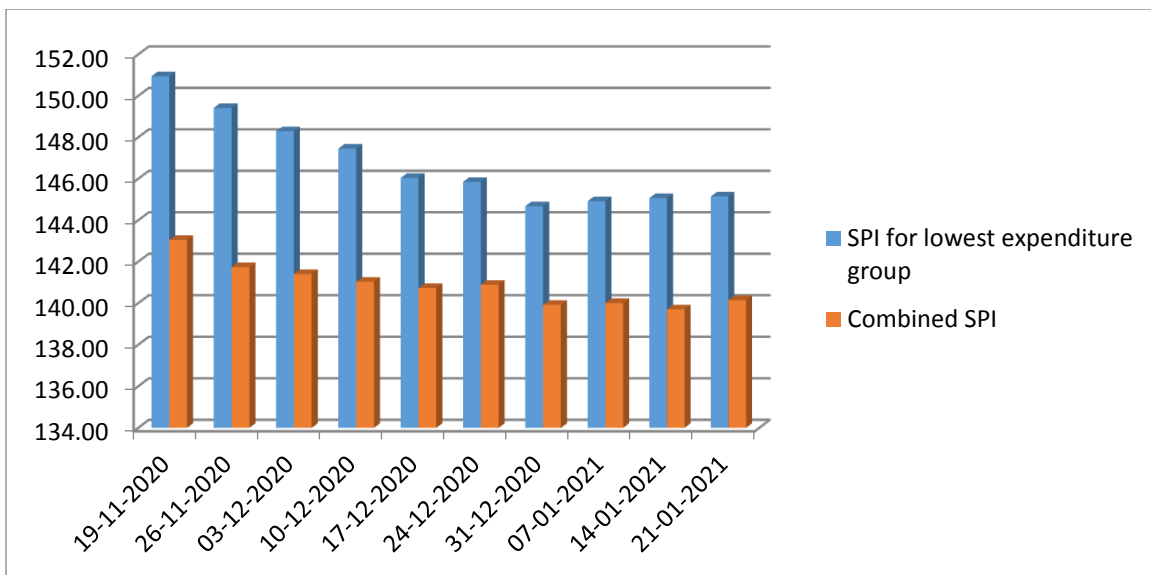
Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 21-01-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1253.60	960.00	1019.09
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	99.43	104.92	81.05
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1174.39	1189.83	1051.19	1081.51	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	179.02	177.60	166.00	206.28	184.95	176.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	100.00	120.00	120.00	121.85
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	158.98	152.59	152.00	159.06	174.95	151.08
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1355.00	1355.00	1495.00	1355.00	1355.00	1355.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	258.11	243.76	235.54	244.98	274.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	266.47	257.11	248.47	246.10	274.97	237.69
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	172.16	153.60	126.99	157.09	174.95	150.00
11	Potatoes	55.48	53.15	41.30	40.11	44.81	45.28
12	Onions 1kg	57.19	53.54	39.62	39.90	44.81	45.28
13	Tomatoes 1kg	89.63	80.90	67.84	49.05	54.85	64.25
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	96.23	94.57	95.70	91.07	100.00	92.99
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	109.71	109.70	109.71	109.72	109.70	109.71

The Price difference of items in different cities as shown in the table above can be related to transportation costs.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)

Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		21/01/2021	14/01/2021	23/01/20	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	989.13	989.40	978.10	0.00	0.08
2	Rice Basmati	88.85	88.85	84.57	0.00	0.12
3	Mutton	1041.98	1041.23	944.85	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	181.59	167.82	178.72	0.46	0.11
5	Milk Fresh	108.82	108.82	94.64	0.00	4.49
6	Eggs Hen	154.02	164.64	126.17	-0.22	0.63
7	Onions	40.69	40.87	55.19	-0.05	-0.90
8	Pulse Moong	236.23	230.87	231.24	0.02	0.02
10	Potatoes	41.20	41.95	43.70	-0.05	-0.17
11	Tomatoes	60.96	76.37	75.33	-0.40	-0.42
12	Sugar Refined	92.77	94.22	77.21	-0.09	1.07



CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed an increase of **0.32%** compared to last week. The rise was caused by increase in average prices of chicken, bananas, Veg. Ghee and cooking oil, on YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **6.54%** over corresponding week of last year. The increase in price impact of **0.23%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 21-01-2021 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **11.20 %**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of 0.02 % over last week, impact of **11.21 %** was witnessed in Q1 on YOY basis. Rise in international prices of palm oil was reflected in edible oil prices as during the week under review prices recorded increase. The prices of almost all essential kitchen items mainly wheat and eggs and vegetables have registered downward trend due to strict price monitoring police adopted by government and the improving supply chain of essential commodities.