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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (24-09-20)

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 Review by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

The SPI for the current week ended on 24th September, 2020 recorded an increase of 0.32% over last week. This increase is attributed to a rise of 1% or more in prices of **food items** i.e. Onions (10.63%), Tomatoes (9.29%), Sugar (1.66%) and **non-food items** i.e. Washing Soap 250 gm (1.19%) with **joint impact of 0.43** into the overall SPI for 51 essential items and for combined group of **(0.32%)**.

On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Chicken (5.33%), Bananas (4.45%), Potatoes (3.11%), LPG (0.72%), Pulse Moong (0.64%), Electricity Charges for Q1 (0.49%), Garlic (0.24%) and Rice Irri (0.20%).

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 22 (43.13%) items increased, 08 (16.67%) items decreased and 21 (41.17%) items remained constant.

Table given below explains that for Q1 price increase was 0.58% for Q2 0.50% , whereas for Q3 it was 0.42%, Q4 0.37% and 0.24% for Q5. On YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 8.86% 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	
	24-09-2020	17/9/2020	26/9/2019	17/9/2020	26/9/2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	145.26	144.42	129.55	0.58	12.13
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	139.87	139.18	125.19	0.50	11.73
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	141.09	140.50	127.79	0.42	10.41
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	137.44	136.93	125.47	0.37	9.54
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	138.29	137.96	128.85	0.24	7.33
- Combined	<u>138.03</u>	137.59	<u>126.80</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>8.86</u>

HIGHLIGHTS

- The SPI (Combined Group) for the week ended on 24th September 2020 24th September, 2020 recorded an increase of 0.32% over last week. This increase is mainly due to a rise of 1% or more in prices of **food items** i.e. Onions (10.63%), Tomatoes (9.29%), Sugar (1.66%) and **non-food items** i.e. Washing Soap 250 gm (1.19%) with **joint impact of 0.43** into the overall SPI for combined group of **(0.32%)**.
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- The **year on year** trend depicts an **increase of 8.86%** with most of the items increased mainly Tomatoes (100.56%), Chilies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (65.32%), Pulse Moong (41.11%), Eggs (38.76%), Pulse Mash (35.84%), Sugar (29.13%), Pulse Masoor (25.88%), Bread (18.80%), Match Box (18.03%), Gur (17.85%), Washing Soap 250 gm (17.23%), Veg Ghee 1kg (17.13%), Wheat Flour Bag (16.38%), Mustard Oil (15.89%), Veg Ghee 2.5kg (15.52%) and Long Cloth (15.45%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Chicken (26.92%), Onions (25.60%), Diesel (16.10%), Garlic (12.47%), Petrol

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 24th September, an increasing price impact of 0.61% was witnessed in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of rising price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.01%), Mutton

(0.02%), Onions (0.20%), Eggs (0.03%), Pulse Moong (0.01%), Garlic (0.03%) and Tomatoes (0.40%). However, during the week under review a declining price impact was witnessed in Chicken (0.31%) and Bananas (0.04%). Similarly, lowest income group recoded an increasing impact of 0.96% over last week as rising price impact was observed in Eggs (0.02%), Vegetable ghee 1kg pouch (0.03%), Tomatoes (0.51%), Onions (0.28%) and Sugar Refined (0.19%).

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of 13.07% 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 (3.74%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.90%), Potatoes (1.77%), Sugar Refined (1.53%), Chillies Powder (1.45%), Beef (0.90%), Mutton(0.54%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.55%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.43%), Tomatoes (1.67%), however, a declining price impact was shown in Chicken Farm (2.35%), Onions (1.06%), and Garlic (0.03%).

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	
		24/09/2020	17/9/2020	26/9/2019	Prev.	Cooresp.
1	Wheat Flour	1031.17	1030.33	893.23	0.01	0.98
2	Rice Basmati	88.68	88.46	83.26	0.01	0.15
3	Mutton	1027.42	1023.31	922.68	0.02	0.54
4	Chicken Farm	152.30	161.46	213.63	-0.31	-2.35
5	Milk Fresh	105.05	105.05	93.50	0.00	3.74
6	Eggs Hen	139.47	138.09	100.42	0.03	0.90
7	Onions	56.72	52.59	76.19	0.20	-1.06
8	Bananas	66.10	86.49	61.18	-0.04	0.09
9	Garlic	259.75	250.3	286.57	0.03	-0.03
10	Pulse Mash	242.62	241.20	178.96	0.00	0.12
11	Pulse Moong	242.01	240.36	169.94	0.01	0.30
12	Potatoes	67.85	67.91	41.98	0.00	1.77
13	Tomatoes	110.04	95.01	53.82	0.40	1.67
14	Sugar Refined	96.90	94.77	74.98	0.13	1.53

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	1349.62	1200.00	1116.16
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	1037.71	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh 1liter	118.68	119.20	90.00	120.00	115.00	119.70
5	Potatoes 1kg	80.68	76.52	74.12	55.23	54.85	77.66
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	154.62	143.76	140.00	168.10	164.95	161.00
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	141.96	138.52	138.00	141.70	144.94	140.92
8	Tomato 1kg	121.95	116.45	101.64	131.93	74.89	86.53
9	Petrol Super Per liter	104.47	104.47	104.47	104.47	104.44	104.47
10	Onions 1kg	74.01	68.39	61.71	52.48	44.81	64.25
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	257.86	249.97	235.18
13	Pulse Mash 1kg	256.43	248.91	248.01	232.85	274.97	236.53
14	Pulse Gram 1kg	170.02	148.40	133.72	158.93	164.95	155.48
15	Sugar Refined 1kg	99.56	97.78	98.90	95.84	99.50	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. Moreover, heavy rains in the country which caused damage the crops, also caused price increase in different essential items.

CONCLUSION

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 24thSeptember, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded an increasing impact of 0.61 % over corresponding last week. The increase is caused by rise in price impact of essential kitchen items and on YOY basis combined consumption group showed an increase of 13.07% over corresponding week of last year. In lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of 0.96% over last week and 16.07 % on YOY basis. The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered an increase of **0.32%** 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 **8.86%** because of rise in prices of essential food items.