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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (25-03-21)

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:

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The following table reveals that price increase put more pressure on Q3 (0.60%), Q4 (0.64%), as compared to lowest income groups Q1 (0.52%) and Q2 (0.59%), on week on week basis.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		25/03/2021	18/03/2021	26/03/2020	18/03/2021	26/03/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	158.43	157.61	133.39	0.52	18.77
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	148.46	147.59	127.98	0.59	16.00
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	149.59	148.70	130.18	0.60	14.91
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	146.09	145.16	127.18	0.64	14.87
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	147.87	146.97	129.49	0.61	14.19
-	<u>Combined</u>	147.76	146.86	128.10	0.61	15.35

HIGHLIGHTS

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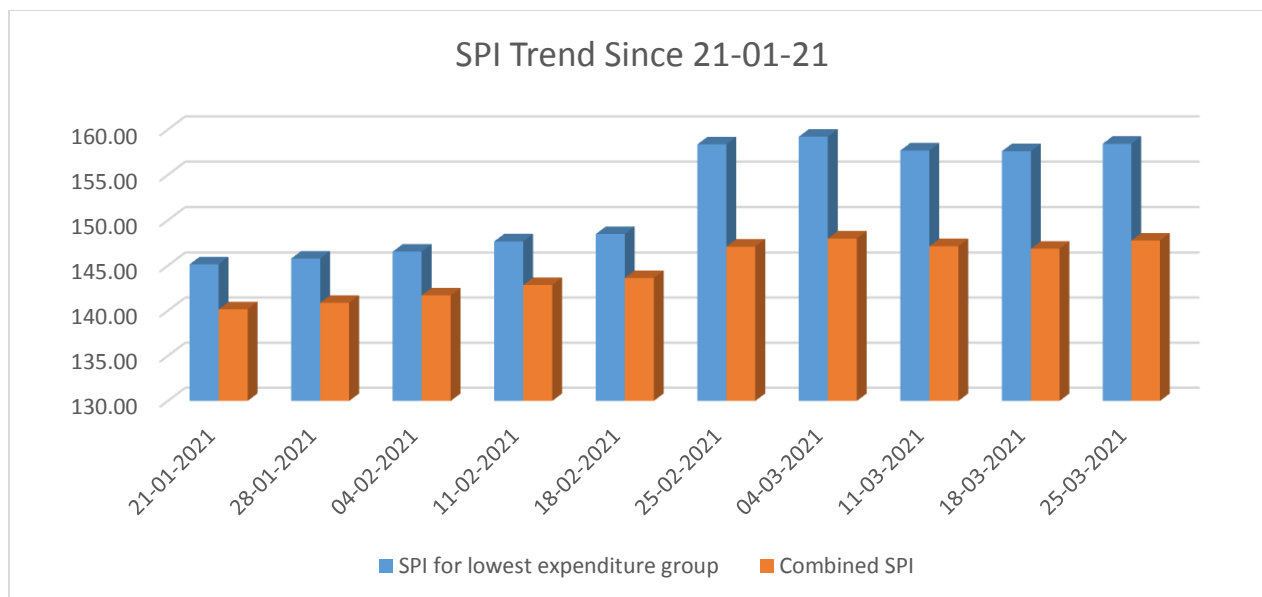
The year on year trend depicts increase of 15.35% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder National Pack (139.64%), Chicken (96.33%), Electricity for Q1 (69.19%), Eggs (37.35%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (29.50%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%), Washing Soap (21.41%) and Sugar (20.54%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (50.73%), Garlic (44.85%), LPG (13.88%), Potatoes (12.96%) and Pulse Moong (0.54%).

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on March, 25, 2021, price impact witnessed an increase of **1.06%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of rise in price impact of Chicken Farm (0.73%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.07%), Sugar Refined (0.02%) Milk fresh (0.05%), Tomatoes (0.22 %), however a decrease in price impact was witnessed in Wheat Flour Bag (0.07%) Potatoes (0.02%), Onions (0.03%). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **16.68 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (0.41%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.26%), Chicken (4.78%), Milk Fresh (4.44%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.95%), Beef (0.63 %), Mutton (0.47 %), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.03 %), Vegetable

Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.63%), and Sugar (1.13%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Onions (1.83%), Potatoes (0.31%).

In lowest income group Q1, an increasing price impact of 0.85% was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed an increasing impact of 14.98%. During the week ended on 25-03-21, lowest expenditure group Q1 continues to register higher price impact trend.



Consumer Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 25-03-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1243.00	960.00	974.17
2	Rice Basmati Broken	109.00	99.87	80.46	108.97	94.91	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1216.44	1213.13	1051.19	1090.10	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	256.53	252.60	231.00	288.40	289.97	251.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	127.01	121.12	96.07	127.19	120.00	123.52
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	171.63	167.99	166.00	164.97	184.95	176.60
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1540.00	1540.00	1495.00	1540.00	1540.00	1495.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	263.90	246.85	235.54	251.94	269.97	216.61
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	284.63	270.56	287.06	256.69	269.97	273.17
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	177.22	165.14	145.54	165.56	169.95	160.00
11	Potatoes	60.00	47.10	46.33	36.09	34.76	48.27
12	Onions 1kg	51.54	43.73	33.82	35.00	34.76	45.28
13	Tomatoes 1kg	76.52	65.49	55.01	36.69	34.76	64.11
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	101.64	101.84	100.23	99.98	104.00	100.00
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	112.42	112.43	112.42	112.43	112.43	112.41

CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed an increase of **0.61%** compared to last week. The rise was caused by increase in average prices Tomatoes, Chicken, Bread, Bananas and Wheat Flour Bag. On YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **15.35%** over corresponding week of last year. The

items which recorded decrease in their average prices, included garlic, onions, potatoes, LPG Cylinder, moong pulse, rice (Basmati broken), and gur.