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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (31-12-20)

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:

The SPI for the week ended on 31st December, 2020 recorded a decrease of 0.69% over last week. This decrease is mainly due to fall in prices of food items i.e. Onions (11.07%), Potatoes (9.33%), Chicken (9.10%), Tomatoes (4.55%), Garlic (1.44%), Pulse Gram (1.09%), Bananas (0.85%), Pulse Masoor (0.18%) and Gur (0.12%) with joint impact of -0.80 into the overall SPI for combined group of -0.69%.

On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of Sugar (2.36%) and Pulse Mash (1.14%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 15 (29.41%) items increased, 10 (19.61%) items decreased and 21 (50.98%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q1(-0.80%) and Q2(-0.80%) were more beneficiaries by decrease in prices as compared to other expenditures groups which witnessed increasing impact. However, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of 6.13% over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		31/12/20	24/12/2020	02/01/2019	24/12/2020	02/01/2020S
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	144.68	145.85	135.21	-0.80	7.00
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	140.13	141.26	130.94	-0.80	7.02
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	142.04	143.10	132.65	-0.74	7.08
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	139.04	140.07	129.75	-0.74	7.16
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	140.94	141.83	133.82	-0.63	5.32
-	<u>Combined</u>	139.92	140.89	131.84	-0.69	6.13

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen item

For the week ended on 31st December, 2020, price impact witnessed a decrease of 1.20% in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of fall in price impact of Chicken Farm Broiler (0.67%), Milk fresh (0.01%), Potatoes (0.28%), Onions (0.20%), Tomatoes (0.20%), however an increasing price impact was witnessed in Eggs Hen (0.04%), Cooking Oil DALDA 5 Litre Tin (0.02%), Sugar Refined(0.10%), In lowest income group Q1, a decreasing price impact of 1.28% 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 6.13% with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (86.31%), Eggs (59.06%), Chicken (25.44%), Match Box (24.40%), Sufi Washing Soap (19.93%), Mustard Oil (16.35%), Pulse Mash (16.10%), Long Cloth (15.65%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (15.53%), Rice Irri (14.64%), Shirting (14.63%), Bread Plain (14.47%), Sugar Refined (14.36%) and Vegetable Ghee 2.5kg (14.34). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Tomatoes (35.24%), Onions (32.83%), LPG (23.74%), Diesel (14.72%), Garlic (13.69%), Petrol (10.98%), Pulse Gram (6.05%), Electricity for Q1 (3.34%) and Potatoes (0.78%).

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **11.37 %** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.48 %) Rice Basmati Broken (0.13%), Milk Fresh (4.47 %), Eggs Hen Farm (1.67%), Chicken (1.48 %) Beef (0.70%), Mutton (0.49 %), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.59%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.43 %), and Sugar (0.72%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (1.53 %), Onions (1.07 %), Potatoes(0.28%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **9.74 %** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 31-12-20

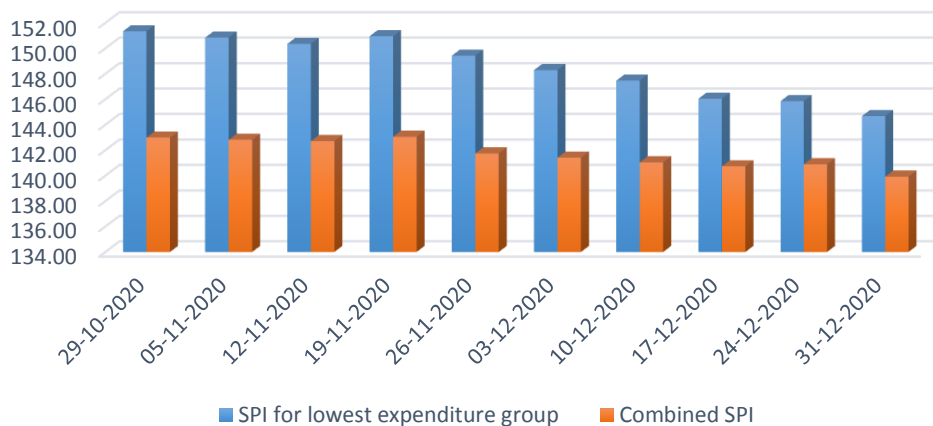
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1216.90	1264.99	1015.32
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	99.43	104.92	80.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1166.08	1189.83	1051.19	1081.51	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	201.94	197.91	179.00	223.48	214.96	193.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	100.00	120.00	120.00	121.85
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	209.57	204.78	204.00	208.41	224.96	205.50
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1355.00	1355.00	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00	1295.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	248.17	234.47	219.12	244.52	259.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	256.46	250.52	246.56	243.44	274.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	121.30	157.11	164.95	148.99
11	Potatoes	60.39	52.99	42.18	41.38	54.85	46.42
12	Onions 1kg	61.71	55.86	42.18	41.94	54.85	50.00
13	Tomatoes 1kg	117.42	106.40	97.97	82.76	74.89	80.00
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	86.89	86.24	84.71	83.09	87.00	86.09
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	104.19	104.20	104.50	104.21	104.18	104.19s

The price of Wheat Flour Bag registered rise in Quetta , Peshawar and Karachi as compared to last week. 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	
		31/12/2020	24/12/2020	02/01/20	Prev.	Corres p.
1	Wheat Flour	995.93	995.74	927.03	0.00	0.48
2	Rice Basmati	88.78	88.78	83.91	0.00	0.13
3	Mutton	1040.37	1039.53	942.94	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	196.82	217.07	157.16	-0.67	1.48
5	Milk Fresh	108.82	108.87	94.64	-0.01	4.47
6	Eggs Hen	205.62	203.77	131.19	0.04	1.67
7	Onions	43.54	47.71	63.71	-0.20	-1.07
8	Pulse Moong	226.57	226.77	210.00	0.00	0.07
10	Potatoes	42.96	47.64	45.31	-0.28	-0.16
11	Tomatoes	91.27	99.16	144.04	-0.20	-1.53
12	Sugar Refined	83.96	82.36	73.34	0.10	0.72

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CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption quintiles, witnessed decline of **0.69%** compared to last week. The decline was caused by fall in average prices of essential kitchen items, on YOY basis combined consumption groups showed an increasing trend of **6.13%** over corresponding week of last year. Moreover, a decrease in price impact of **1.20%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 31-12-2020 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **11.37%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed a decreasing impact of **1.28%** over last week, and an increasing price impact of **9.74%** was witnessed in Q1 on YOY bass. The prices of onions, chicken and potatoes reported significant reduction for the week ended on 31-12-2020, whereas edible oil prices rose mainly because of upward price trend in international markets.