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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (20-08-20)

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 by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

SPI for the week ended on 20th August, 2020 recorded an **increase of 0.96%** over last week. This Increase is mainly due to a rise in prices of **food items i.e.** Chicken (4.22%), Potatoes (2.32%), Gur (1.91%) and Tea Prepared (1.66%) and among **non-food item i.e.** Electricity Charges for Q1 (9.73%) with joint impact of **1.15** into the overall SPI for combined group of **(0.96%)**.

On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of **food items i.e.** Eggs (7.14%), Onions (3.82%), Pulse Moong (1.04%), Bananas (0.78%), Cooking Oil 5Liter (0.72%), Vegetable Ghee2.5Kg (0.71%), Vegetable Ghee 1Kg (0.53%) and Pulse Mash (0.24%) and **non-food items i.e.** LPG (0.50%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 20 (39.21%) items increased, 09 (17.64%) items decreased and 22 (43.13%) items remained constant.

Table given shows that SPI for lowest income group increased by 0.93% over last week whereas for Q2 it was 1.28%, Q3 0.88%, Q4 0.66% and Q 5 0.77% as compared to last week. SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 0.96 % compared to corresponding week.

Expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	20-8-2020	13-08-2020	22-8-2019	13-08-20	22-8-2019
(Upto Rs. 17,732)	141.62	140.32	127.03	0.93	11.49
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	136.46	134.73	122.69	1.28	11.22
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	137.91	136.71	125.32	0.88	10.05
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	134.42	133.54	123.09	0.66	9.2
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	135.78	134.74	126.92	0.77	6.98
- Combined	135.22	133.94	124.63	0.96	8.50

HIGHLIGHTS

- The SPI for the week ended on 20 August, 2020 recorded a rise of 0.96% over last week. This increase in SPI resulted due to **rising** prices of food items i.e. Chicken (4.22%), Potatoes (2.32%), Gur (1.91%) . and among **non-food item i.e.** Electricity Charges for Q1 (9.73%)
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- The year on year trend depicts an **increase** of 8.50% with most of the items increased mainly due to Chillies Powder (86.67%), Potatoes (67.40%), Pulse Moong (33.18%), Pulse Mash (31.33%), Sugar (25.96%), Pulse Masoor (22.58%), Tomatoes (21.78%), Eggs (21.71%), Bread (20.82%), Wheat Flour (18.55%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (18.21%), Long Cloth Gul Ahmed (17.35%), Veg Ghee 2.5Kg (16.64%) and Gur (16.55%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (37.09%), Chicken (28.74%), Diesel (19.49%), Petrol (11.76%) and Garlic (9.68%).

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

SPI for the week under review recorded an increase of (0.96%) over last week mainly due to

rise in the index of essential food items, however, combined group showed a decreasing impact of 0.09% because of drop in price impact of Eggs (0.21%), Cooking Oil 5 liter (0.05%), Bananas (0.07%), Pulse Moong (0.01%), Onions (0.07%) Tomatoes (0.05%) .Whereas in lowest income group nil impact was observed over last week in 27 essential food items as drop was witnessed in price impact of Eggs Hen (0.15%), Cooking Oil 5 liter tin (0.05%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.02%), Bananas (0.05%) Pulse Moong (0.01%) , Onions (0.10%), Tomatoes (0.07%).

On year on year basis, combined group witnessed a rising impact of 12.15% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.24%) Rice Basmati (0.16%), Milk Fresh (5.01%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.50%), Potatoes (1.84%), Sugar Refined (1.41%), Chillies Powder (1.50%),(0.14%), Beef(0.91%), Mutton(0.54%) Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin(0.45%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch(0.43%), Tomatoes (0.21%), however, a declining price impact was shown in items i.e. chicken Farm(2.32%), Onions(1.45%), and Garlic (0.10%). For the Q 1 price impact on YOY basis was 14.48 % which is more than the combined group.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)				
Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		20-8-2020	13-08-20	22-08-19
1	Wheat Flour	1032.77	1028.73	863.11
2	Rice Basmati	88.52	87.77	82.92
3	Mutton	1019.04	1018.05	918.38
4	Chicken Farm	131.28	129.99	190.29
5	Milk Fresh	104.84	104.58	89.79
6	Eggs Hen	119.62	129.64	98.33
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1244.46	1255.21	1138.34
8	Pulse Gram	138.21	137.68	129.78
9	Pulse Moong	229.10	231.01	170.74
10	Potatoes	66.55	64.58	40.46
11	Sugar Refined	96.19	96.24	76.55
12	Tomatoes	60.82	62.69	53.99
13	Onions	44.48	45.86	70.30

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	860.0	1367.33	1199.97	1099.56
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	96.12	76.87	95.74	114.93	90.0
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1143.31	1051.19	1027.42	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh 1liter	118.68	117.93	90.0	114.14	120.0	119.7
5	Potatoes 1kg	83.20	80.38	71.28	49.66	54.85	76.52
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	141.02	133.73	116.0	192.38	149.94	138.0
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	121.61	116.64	117.0	124.45	124.93	121.51
8	Tomato 1kg	67.99	67.6	68.41	59.71	34.76	57.44
9	Chilies Powder 200gm	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
10	Onions 1kg	60.78	55.11	43.55	45.48	34.76	52.07
11	Cooking Oil	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0	1240.0
12	Pulse Moong 1kg	245.68	238.5	237.4	241.46	279.97	235.61
13	Pulse Mash 1g	250.65	248.43	243.29	229.37	274.97	243.20
14	Pulse Gram 1kg	159.73	145.73	124.66	151.39	174.95	149.85
15	Sugar Refined 1kg	99.75	98.05	95.09	97.3	99.0	100.0

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.

CONCLUSION

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 20 August, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded a declining impact of 0.09 % over corresponding last week. The decrease is related to drop in price impact of essential kitchen items i.e. Cooking Oil, Eggs, Pulse Moong, Onions, and Tomatoes. On year on year basis, SPI for 27 essential kitchen items in combined registered an increase of 12.15 % group over corresponding week of last year mainly due to rise in prices of essential food items. The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered an increase of 0.96% over last week due to rise in electricity charges for Q1. On year on year basis, it recorded a rise of 8.50% because of rise in essential food items.

