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Subject: Weekly Report on Sensitive Price Index (SPI) for Week ended on 16-07-2020

Weekly Report on Sensitive Price Index (SPI) for week ended on 16 July 2020 is enclosed herewith for information.

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Sensitive Price Index Weekly Report

(Week ending on 16-07-2020)

Price Statistics Section of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) provides weekly update of the Sensitive Price Index (SPI) comprising of 51 essential items from 50 markets of 17 urban centres. It provides detail impact of prices on week-on-week (WoW) basis to update the government regarding present state of inflation in the country.

SPI by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for week ended on 16-07-2020 witnessed a decrease of 0.01% over last week and an increase of 10.29 % over corresponding week of last year. The decrease over last week was mainly due to a decline in prices of Food items i.e. Tomatoes (16.58%) Wheat (7.97%), Pulse Moong (4.69%), Pulse Masoor (0.64 %), Pulse Mash (1.50%) and Cooking Oil 5 litter (0.28%).

On Year on year basis the increase of 10.29 % was mainly due to increasing prices of Chillies powder 2.36%), Potatoes (78.22%), Tomatoes (77.63), Eggs (37.08), Chicken (29.32%), and Pulse Masoor (25.52%).

It can be witnessed from table given that SPI for the lowest income group i.e. Q1 decreased by 0.39 % compared to previous week, lowest quintile showed a highest decline over last week followed by Q2 -0.32%,Q3 -0.20 %,Q4 -0.09 whereas Q5 showed an increase

Highlights

The SPI for the current week ended on 16 July, 2020 recorded a decrease of 0.01% over last week.

This decrease is witnessed due to decline in prices of food items i.e. Tomatoes (16.58%), Wheat Flour (7.97%), Pulse Moong (4.69%) Pulse Masoor (0.64 %), Pulse Mash (1.50%) and Cooking Oil 5 litter (0.28%).

On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of Garlic (3.32%), Sugar (2.84%), and Eggs (2.83%) Potatoes (2.22%), Curd (2.04%) and Milk Fresh (1.04%).

The year on year trend depicts an increase of 10.29% with most of the items increased mainly Potatoes (78.22%), Chillies Powder (82.36%), Tomatoes (77.63%), Pulse Moong (41.51%), Pulse Masor (25.52%), Eggs (2.83%), Petrol Super(9.11%),and High Speed Diesel (3.09%).

0.14%.

Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI for week ended on			% change over	
	16-07-2020	09-07-20	18-07-19	09-07-20	18-07-19
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	139.45	139.99	123.17	-0.39	13.22

Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	134.11	134.54	118.93	-0.32	12.76
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	136.17	136.44	121.66	-0.20	11.93
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	133.10	133.22	119.49	-0.09	11.39
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	134.58	134.39	123.57	0.14	8.91
	Combined	133.61	132.62	121.14	-0.01	10.29

Analysis Of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

The decline in SPI (0.01) resulted as a decline in the index by 0.16. This impact came from decline in prices of food items in

combined group i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.64%), Cooking Oil Dalda (0.08%), Vegetable Ghee (0.04%), Bananas 1dozn (0.15%), Tomatoes (0.38%). On the other hand, a declining impact of 0.7 % was registered in lowest income group mainly due to decline in prices of Wheat Flour Bag (0.87%), Cooking Oil Dalda (0.05%), Vegetable Ghee (0.07%), Bananas 1dozn (0.10%), and Tomatoes (0.49%).

On year on year basis impact of increase in prices recorded 17.4% which was attributed to increase in prices of kitchen items in combined income group i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.98%), Milk fresh (3.75%), Potatoes (1.76%), Tomatoes (1.13%), Chillies Powder (1.56%), and Chicken (1.81%). In Lowest group, the impact was 19.01% due to surge in prices of Wheat Flour Bag (1.35%), Milk fresh (3.20%), Potatoes (2.86%), Tomatoes (1.48%), Chillies Powder (2.30%), and Chicken (1.22%).

Comparison of Avg. Consumer Prices of Food Items in Different Cities during week ended on 16-7-20

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag	864.93	865.23	860.00	1209.60	1069.97	1106.63
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	95.44	74.71	94.61	114.93	89.43
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1140.97	1122.77	1051.1	1027.42	1027.42	925.95
4	Milk fresh	114.89	113.90	83.20	114.44	110.00	116.46
5	Potatoes 1kg	79.90	71.06	59.81	50.00	50.00	65.16
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	207.29	198.50	190.00	212.94	212.94	201.00
7	Tomato	96.55	96.40	96.19	91.58	59.44	59.44
8	Chillies Powder	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
9	Onions	56.33	50.95	44.96	40.27	54.85	50.00
10	Cooking Oil	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1300.00
11	Pulse Moong	262.18	255.69	237.40	251.63	294.97	237.19
12	Pulse Mash	260.60	259.74	243.29	266.94	284.97	253.12
13	Pulse Gram	163.11	150.47	124.66	149.21	179.81	149.78

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The Sensitive Price

Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 16 July, for the combined consumption group, witnessed a decrease of 0.01 % as compared to the previous week mainly due to decline in prices of essential food items. On year on year basis SPI when compared with corresponding week of last year showed an increase of 10.29 % mainly due to essential food items.

