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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 23-07-2020)**

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 analysis of prices on week-on-week (WoW) basis to apprise the government regarding price movements of essential food items in the country.

**SPI by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:**

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) based weekly inflation for the week ended on July 23, for the combined consumption group, witnessed an Increase of 0.21 per cent as compared to the previous week. This surge in SPI is mainly due to a rise in prices of food items i.e. Wheat Flour (3.55%), Potatoes (3.24%), Sugar (2.95%) and Curd (1.76%) with joint impact of 0.31 into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.21%).

It can be witnessed from table given that SPI for the lowest income group i.e. Q1 increased by 0.43 % compared to previous week, lowest quintile registered a rise over last week followed by Q2 -0.38%,Q3 0.34 % ,Q4 0.29% whereas Q5 showed an increase of 0.10%.As compared to corresponding week of last year ,the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 10.50 %.

**Analysis Of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items**

The increase in SPI (0.21%) resulted as a rise in the index by 0.30. This impact came from increase in prices of food items in combined group i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.22%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.01%), Milk Fresh (0.02%), Eggs Hen (0.02%), Potatoes (0.07%) and Sugar Refined

(0.18%). In lowest income group an increasing impact of 0.65% was registered in essential food items because of increasing price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (%0.30), Rice Basmati Broken (0.01%), Potatoes (0.12%), Onions (0.02%), and Sugar Refined (0.26%).

Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI for week ended on			% change over	
	23-07-2020	16-07-2020	25-07-19	16-07-20	25-07-19
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	140.05	139.45	123.37	0.43	13.52
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	134.62	134.11	119.08	0.38	13.05
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	136.63	136.17	121.76	0.34	12.21
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	133.49	133.10	119.54	0.29	11.67
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	134.71	134.58	123.55	0.10	9.03
<b>Combined</b>	<b>133.89</b>	<b>132.61</b>	<b>121.17</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>10.50</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS

The SPI for the current week ended on 23 July, 2020 recorded a surge of 0.21% over last week. This increase is mainly due to a **rise** in prices of food items i.e. Wheat Flour (3.55%), Potatoes (3.24%), Sugar (2.95%) and Curd (1.76%) with joint impact of 0.31 into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.21%).

On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Chicken (10.27%), Bananas (3.62%), Pulse Masoor (1.07%), Garlic (0.85%), Cigarette (0.69%), Tomatoes (0.67%), LPG (0.54%), Eggs (0.37%), Pulse Moong (0.29%), Pulse Gram (0.28%) and Pulse Mash (0.25%).

The year on year trend depicts an **increase** of **10.50%** with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (82.36%), Potatoes (79.58%), Tomatoes (51.41%), Pulse Moong (40.77%), Eggs (36.79%), Pulse Mash (34.12%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (24.07%), Pulse Masoor (23.79%), (11.23%), Garlic (2.46%) and Electricity for Q1 (0.80%).

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On year on year basis impact of increase in prices is 17.67% which is attributed to increase in prices of kitchen items in combined income group i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.25%) Chicken Farm (1.03%), Milk Fresh(4.53%), Eggs Hen(0.84%), Potatoes(1.70%), Sugar Refined(1.18%), Tomatoes(0.88%) and Chillies Powder(1.56%).

### Comparison of Avg. Consumer Prices of Food Items in Different Cities during week ended on 23-7-20

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag	864.93	865.23	860.00	1299.28	1147.48	214.59
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	95.44	74.71	95.44	114.93	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1140.97	1122.77	1051.19	1027.42	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh	117.42	115.90	90.00	114.14	110.00	116.46
5	Potatoes 1kg	77.37	71.06	63.16	49.66	54.85	69.52
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	181.68	171.63	163.00	192.38	199.83	181.00
7	Tomato	96.55	90.20	90.19	81.20	49.32	78.82
8	Chillies Powder	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
9	Onions	56.33	51.72	44.96	41.86	34.76	50.00
10	Cooking Oil	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	300.00
11	Pulse Moong	262.18	255.69	237.40	247.02	294.97	237.19
12	Pulse Mash	260.60	259.74	243.29	227.22	284.97	250.42
13	Pulse Gram	163.11	150.47	124.66	148.59	179.81	149.78

### CONCLUSION:

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 23 July, for the combined consumption group, recorded an increase of 0.21 % over corresponding. The rise came as a result of increase in prices of essential food items. On year on year basis, SPI when compared with corresponding week of last year showed an increase of 10.50 % mainly due to surge in prices of essential food items.