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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2024

Indicators	Base Year 2015-16 (%)
Inflation Rate, February, 2024 over January, 2024 (Month on Month)	0.03
Inflation Rate, February, 2024 over February, 2023 (Year on Year)	23.06
Average Inflation Rate, Jul-Feb, 2023-24 over Jul-Feb, 2022-23	27.96

Analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year (2015-16)

1. The CPI on new base (2015-16) comprises of urban CPI and Rural CPI. The Urban CPI covers 35 cities and 356 consumer items. The Rural CPI covers 27 Rural Centers and 244 consumer items. In the base year (2015-16) National CPI for 12 major groups is also computed by taking weighted average of Urban CPI and Rural CPI.

Monthly Analysis [February, 2024 over January, 2024]

2. CPI National for the month of February, 2024 increased by **0.03%** over January, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.24%** while Rural CPI recorded a decrease of **0.25%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2024	Jan, 2024			Feb, 2024	Jan, 2024			Feb, 2024	Jan, 2024	
General	100.0	260.01	259.92	0.03	100.00	255.82	255.22	0.24	100.00	266.33	267.01	-0.25
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	285.06	289.77	-1.62	30.42	278.76	284.23	-1.92	40.87	292.14	295.99	-1.30
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	286.82	289.69	-0.99	25.97	280.67	284.49	-1.34	35.08	293.70	295.49	-0.61
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	274.60	290.26	-5.39	4.46	267.61	282.73	-5.35	5.79	282.72	299.00	-5.44
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	365.61	365.13	0.13	0.85	386.05	385.76	0.08	1.28	345.01	344.33	0.20
Clothing and footwear	8.60	224.43	223.28	0.52	8.01	214.12	213.55	0.27	9.48	237.58	235.68	0.81
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	240.63	236.43	1.78	27.03	247.13	241.33	2.40	18.49	226.28	225.61	0.30
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	263.23	261.81	0.54	4.09	255.20	253.34	0.73	4.10	275.31	274.56	0.27
Health	2.79	235.39	234.60	0.34	2.31	235.03	234.72	0.13	3.51	235.75	234.48	0.54
Transport	5.91	311.93	305.48	2.11	6.14	306.81	300.26	2.18	5.56	320.47	314.18	2.00
Communication	2.21	134.74	134.73	0.01	2.35	138.73	138.73	0.00	1.99	127.63	127.60	0.02
Recreation and culture	1.59	256.41	256.41	0.00	1.73	246.00	246.06	-0.02	1.38	276.15	276.05	0.04
Education	3.79	186.15	186.15	0.00	4.88	187.42	187.42	0.00	2.13	181.78	181.78	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	264.17	263.45	0.27	7.41	263.47	262.77	0.27	6.19	265.44	264.69	0.28
Misc. goods and services	4.87	274.65	272.50	0.79	4.77	269.89	267.64	0.84	5.02	281.49	279.48	0.72

3. **Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. January, 2024 are given below:**

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Fresh Fruits (6.87%), Honey (3.18%), Fish (3.14%), Besan (2.47%), Pulse Moong (2.16%), Pulse Gram (1.48%), Meat (1.23%), Gram Whole (1.15%), Condiments and Spices (1.06%), Beverages (0.75%), Dry Fruits (0.60%), Pan Prepared (0.46%), Beans (0.45%), Rice (0.45%) and Pulse Mash (0.34%).

Decreased: Eggs (32.27%), Tomatoes (25.02%), Onions (7.98%), Tea (7.87%), Potatoes (5.63%) and Cooking Oil (0.99%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (10.04%), Motor Fuel (3.53%), Furniture and Furnishing (1.78%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (1.06%), Household Servant (1.03%), Electricity Charges (0.90%), Cleaning and Laundering (0.83%), Personal Grooming Services (0.80%), Solid Fuel (0.79%) and Transport Services (0.68%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (1.69%) and Stationery (0.11%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Pulse Moong (4.51%), Fresh Fruits (3.73%), Butter (3.67%), Chicken (3.33%), Fish (3.11%), Besan (3.05%), Honey (1.91%), Gram Whole (1.80%), Beans (1.72%), Pulse Gram (1.35%), Milk Products (1.27%), Pulse Mash (1.09%), Sweetmeat (1.04%), Rice (0.97%), Meat (0.75%), Pulse Masoor (0.50%), Readymade Food (0.32%) and Bakery & Confectionary (0.32%).

Decreased: Eggs (32.16%), Tomatoes (24.95%), Potatoes (8.87%), Tea (5.43%) and Onions (3.09%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Motor Fuels (3.74%), Hosiry (1.85%), Cotton Cloth (1.61%), Woolen Readymade Garments (1.08%), Hospitals Services (0.94%), Electricity Charges (0.90%), Personal Grooming Services (0.89%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (0.87%), Solid Fuel (0.68%) and Plastic Products (0.62%).

Decreased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons(1.76%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [February, 2024 over February, 2023]

4. CPI National for the month of February, 2024 increased to **23.06%** over February, 2023. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **24.87%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **20.54%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Feb, 2024	Feb, 2023			Feb, 2024	Feb, 2023			Feb, 2024	Feb, 2023	
General	100.00	260.01	211.28	23.06	100.00	255.82	204.87	24.87	100.00	266.33	220.95	20.54
Food & non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	285.06	241.28	18.15	30.42	278.76	234.18	19.04	40.87	292.14	249.25	17.21
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.60	286.82	242.96	18.06	25.97	280.67	235.81	19.02	35.08	293.70	250.94	17.04
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	274.60	231.30	18.72	4.46	267.61	224.68	19.11	5.79	282.72	239.00	18.29
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	365.61	219.42	66.62	0.85	386.05	240.99	60.19	1.28	345.01	197.68	74.53
Clothing and footwear	8.60	224.43	186.65	20.24	8.01	214.12	183.44	16.72	9.48	237.58	190.75	24.55
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels	23.63	240.63	176.83	36.08	27.03	247.13	171.88	43.78	18.49	226.28	187.75	20.52
Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance	4.10	263.23	209.51	25.64	4.09	255.20	206.59	23.53	4.10	275.31	213.91	28.70
Health	2.79	235.39	197.25	19.33	2.31	235.03	196.23	19.77	3.51	235.75	198.27	18.90
Transport	5.91	311.93	271.24	15.00	6.14	306.81	271.89	12.84	5.56	320.47	270.16	18.62
Communication	2.21	134.74	114.36	17.82	2.35	138.73	117.76	17.81	1.99	127.63	108.30	17.85
Recreation and culture	1.59	256.41	199.72	28.39	1.73	246.00	194.76	26.31	1.38	276.15	209.12	32.05
Education	3.79	186.15	164.80	12.95	4.88	187.42	166.56	12.52	2.13	181.78	158.74	14.51
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	264.17	215.81	22.41	7.41	263.47	216.08	21.93	6.19	265.44	215.32	23.28
Misc. goods and services	4.87	274.65	221.35	24.08	4.77	269.89	219.30	23.07	5.02	281.49	224.30	25.50

5. Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. February, 2023 are given below:

URBAN:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (114.55%), Cigarettes (71.24%), Condiments and Spices (55.33%), Sugar (53.43%), Gur (46.50%), Fresh Vegetables (46.23%), Wheat Flour (44.95%), Beans (41.37%), Beverages (40.26%), Tea (31.69%), Pulse Mash (28.85%), Dry Fruits (24.99%) & Fish (24.99%) each, Sweetmeat (24.06%), Potatoes (22.40%), Milk Powder (21.67%), Pulse Masoor (20.95%), Wheat Products (20.92%) and Milk Products (20.51%).

Decreased: Vegetable Ghee (15.41%), Mustard Oil (14.30%), Cooking Oil (14.20%), Fresh Fruits (5.62%), Pulse Gram (0.73%), Eggs (0.30%), Besan (0.18%) and Gram Whole (0.05%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Gas Charges (318.74%), Electricity Charges (74.88%), Transport Services (35.07%), Text Books (34.72%), Newspapers (34.15%), Accommodation Services (29.51%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (28.06%), Stationery (27.68%), Marriage Hall Charges (27.20%), Cotton Cloth (27.16%), Household Equipments (25.40%), Furniture and Furnishing (25.13%) and Communication Apparatus (24.53%).

Decreased: Liquefied Hydrocarbons (7.48%).

RURAL:
FOOD

Increased: Tomatoes (98.87%), Cigarettes (76.85%), Sugar (53.35%), Fresh Vegetables (53.25%), Gur (47.72%), Wheat Flour (44.19%), Beverages (42.00%), Beans (39.89%), Tea (36.30%), Pulse Mash (36.00%), Potatoes (27.49%), Bakery and Confectionary (25.65%), Rice (24.79%), Butter (24.40%), Readymade Food (24.17%) and Milk Products (24.03%).

Decreased: Cooking Oil (17.51%), Vegetable Ghee (14.93%), Mustard Oil (13.35%) and Onions (7.79%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Electricity Charges (74.88%), Text Books (51.88%), Transport Services (50.81%), Newspapers (46.34%), Woolen Readymade Garments (38.42%), Appliances/Articles/Products for Personal Care (38.14%), Stationery (32.30%), Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (32.03%), Water Supply (31.65%), Household Equipments (29.19%) and Dopatta (27.82%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (0.44%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [Jul-Feb, 2023-24 over Jul-Feb, 2022-23]

6. CPI National for the period **Jul-Feb (2023-24)** increased to **27.96** over **Jul-Feb (2022-23)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **27.86%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **28.10%**.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Feb 2023-24	Jul-Feb 2022-23			Jul-Feb 2023-24	Jul-Feb 2022-23			Jul-Feb 2023-24	Jul-Feb 2022-23	
General	100.00	249.17	194.73	27.96	100.00	243.21	190.22	27.86	100.00	258.17	201.53	28.10
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	280.56	217.30	29.11	30.42	275.56	213.27	29.21	40.87	286.18	221.83	29.01
Non-perishable food items	29.60	284.08	215.58	31.78	25.97	279.06	211.56	31.91	35.08	289.69	220.06	31.64
Perishable food items	4.99	259.69	227.57	14.11	4.46	255.16	223.28	14.28	5.79	264.94	232.55	13.93
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	362.42	195.68	85.21	0.85	383.00	209.61	82.72	1.28	341.67	181.63	88.11
Clothing and footwear	8.60	216.64	179.99	20.36	8.01	208.48	177.32	17.57	9.48	227.04	183.39	23.80
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	213.95	169.33	26.35	27.03	214.17	165.44	29.46	18.49	213.45	177.91	19.98
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	255.42	189.01	35.14	4.09	248.29	186.31	33.27	4.10	266.16	193.07	37.86
Health	2.79	226.04	183.91	22.91	2.31	226.48	181.72	24.64	3.51	225.60	186.08	21.24
Transport	5.91	308.40	248.39	24.16	6.14	302.71	248.77	21.68	5.56	317.90	247.77	28.30
Communication	2.21	123.44	112.00	10.22	2.35	128.03	114.55	11.77	1.99	115.28	107.45	7.28
Recreation and culture	1.59	254.36	171.78	48.08	1.73	244.60	165.98	47.37	1.38	272.89	182.79	49.29
Education	3.79	182.18	162.65	12.00	4.88	182.66	165.06	10.66	2.13	180.52	154.34	16.97
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	255.48	195.14	30.93	7.41	255.39	195.46	30.66	6.19	255.65	194.56	31.40
Misc. goods and services	4.87	265.40	198.80	33.50	4.77	261.33	197.76	32.14	5.02	271.25	200.30	35.42

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