

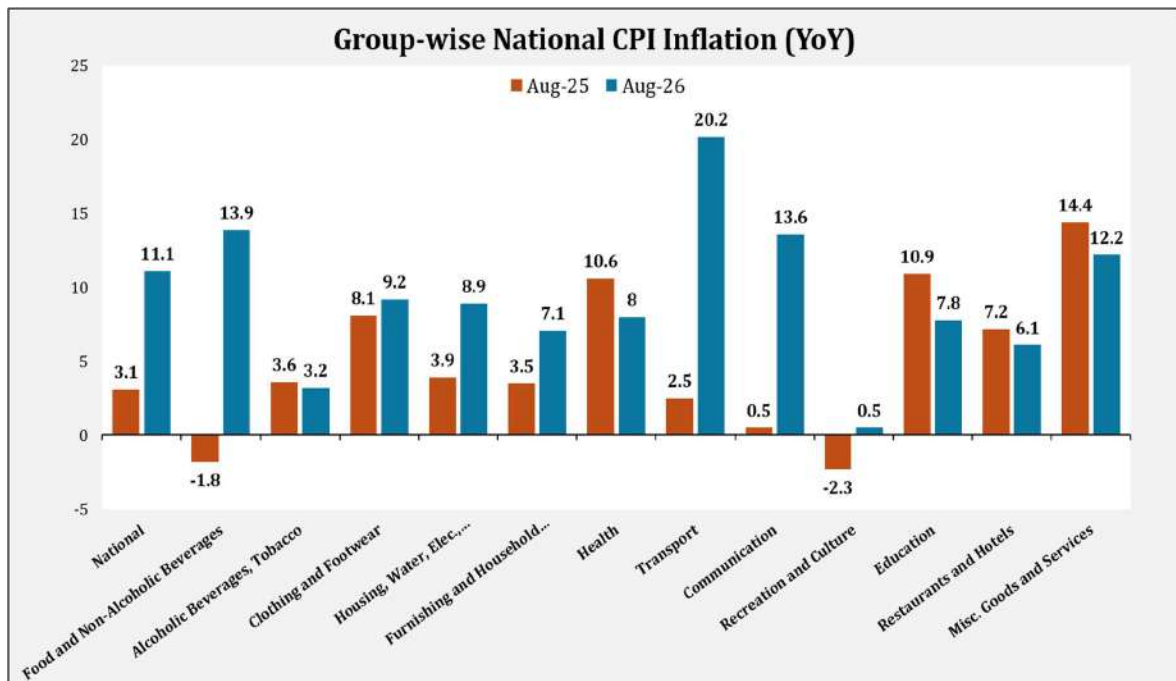


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Summary

Indicators	YoY			MoM		
	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
CPI Inflation						
National	11.1	9.2	3.1	1.2	1.2	-0.6
Urban	10.4	8.7	3.5	0.9	1.2	-0.7
Rural	12.2	9.9	2.5	1.6	1.2	-0.5
Core Inflation						
Urban (NFNE)	8.8	8.6	6.9	0.5	0.7	0.3
Rural (NFNE)	8.5	8.1	7.8	0.6	0.9	0.2
Urban (Trimmed)	8.9	7.5	4.2	0.4	0.6	0.0
Rural (Trimmed)	9.1	8.0	3.5	1.1	1.0	0.3
WPI Inflation	11.8	9.4	-1.0	2.0	0.0	-0.2
SPI (Combined) Inflation	9.3	11.5	2.4	1.0	0.0	3.0

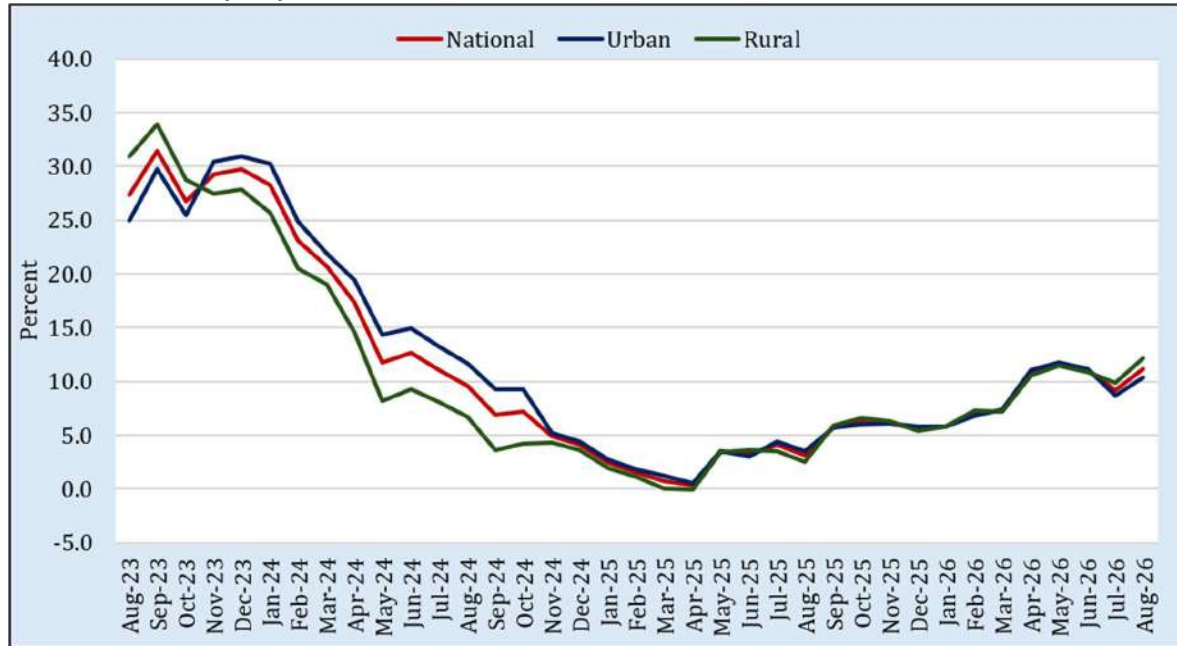
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- I. National CPI Inflation (YoY) increased to 11.1 percent in August 2026 from 9.2 percent in the previous month. It stood at 3.1 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it remained same at 1.2 percent in August 2026 with previous month. A deflation of 0.6 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.
- II. Urban CPI Inflation (YoY) increased to 10.4 percent in August 2026 from 8.7 percent in the previous month. It stood at 3.5 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.9 percent in August 2026 from 1.2 percent in previous month. A deflation of 0.7 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.
- III. Rural CPI Inflation (YoY) increased to 12.2 percent in August 2026 from 9.9 percent in the previous month. It stood at 2.5 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it increased to 1.6 percent in August 2026 from 1.2 percent in the previous month. A deflation of 0.5 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.
- IV. Urban Core (Non-food, Non-energy) Inflation (YoY) increased to 8.8 percent in August 2026 from 8.6 percent in the previous month. It stood at 6.9 percent in the corresponding month of the previous year. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.5 percent in August 2026 from 0.7 percent in previous month. An inflation of 0.3 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.
- V. Rural Core (Non-food, Non-energy) Inflation (YoY) increased to 8.5 percent in August 2026 from 8.1 percent in the previous month. It stood at 7.8 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.6 percent in August 2026 from 0.9 percent in previous month. It stood at 0.2 percent during the corresponding month of last year.
- VI. Urban Core (trimmed) Inflation (YoY) increased to 8.9 percent in August 2026 from 7.5 percent in the previous month. It stood at 4.2 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.4 percent in August 2026 from 0.6 percent in the previous month. There was no change during the corresponding month of the last year.

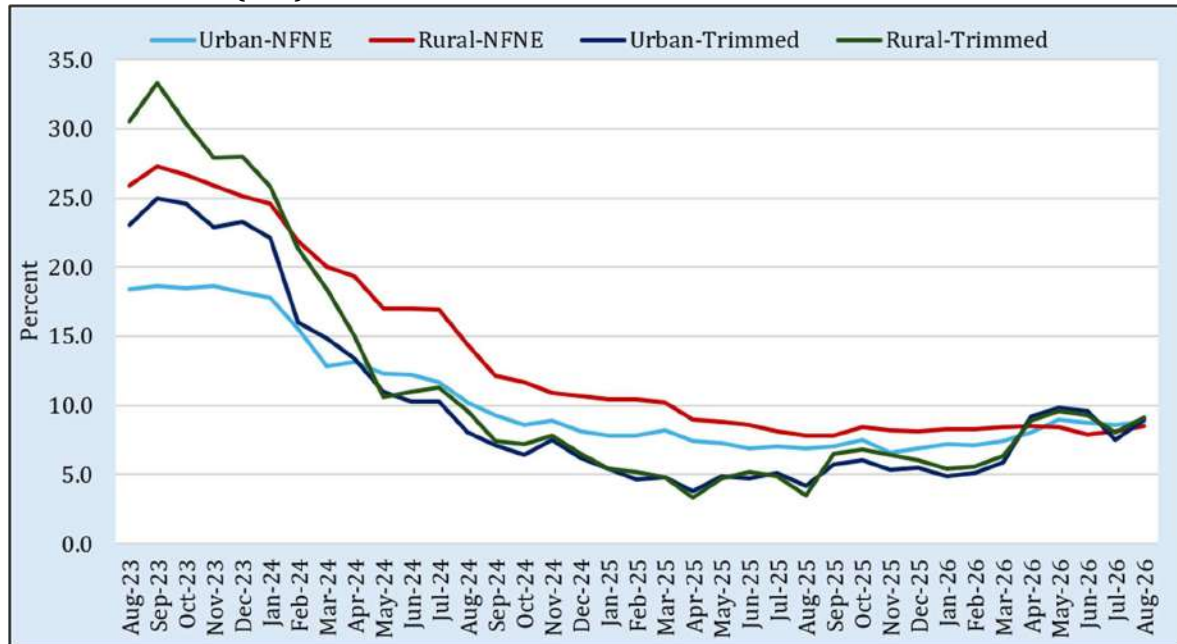
- VII. Rural Core (trimmed) Inflation (YoY) increased to 9.1 percent in August 2026 from 8.0 percent in the previous month. It stood at 3.5 percent in the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, it increased to 1.1 percent in August 2026 from 1.0 percent in the previous month. An inflation of 0.3 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.
- VIII. WPI Inflation on YoY basis increased to 11.8 percent in August 2026 from 9.4 percent in the previous month. It showed a deflation of 1.0 percent during the corresponding month of last year. On MoM basis, an inflation of 2.0 percent was observed in August 2026 and a deflation of 0.2 percent was observed during corresponding month of last year.
- IX. SPI (Combined) Inflation on YoY basis decreased to 9.3 percent in August 2026 from 11.5 percent in previous month. During the corresponding month of last year, it stood at 2.4 percent. On MoM basis, an inflation of 1.0 percent was observed in August 2026 and an inflation of 3.0 percent was observed during the corresponding month of last year.

1. Inflation Trends

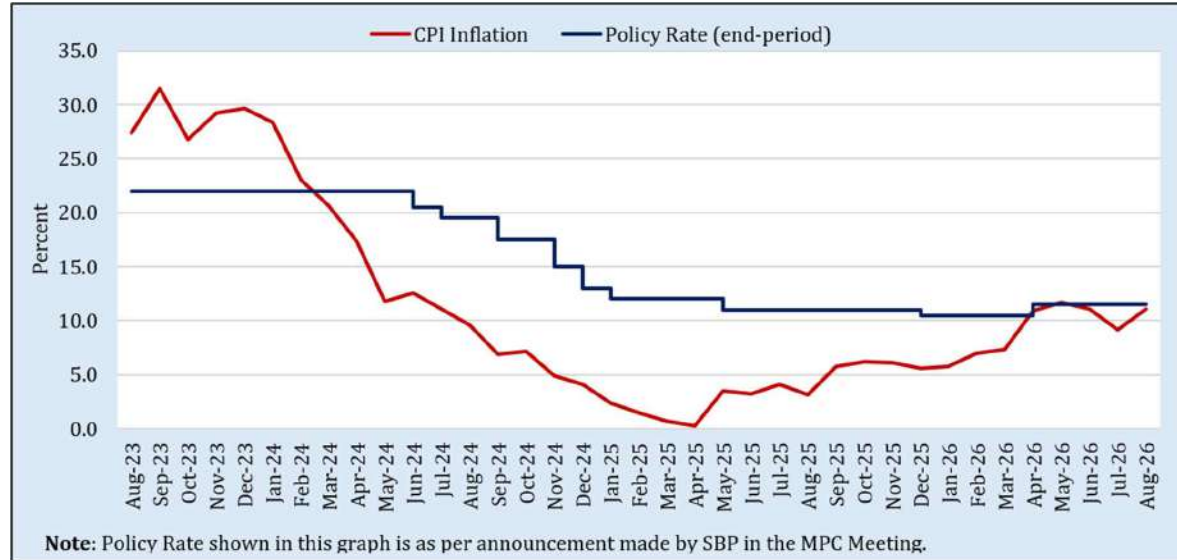
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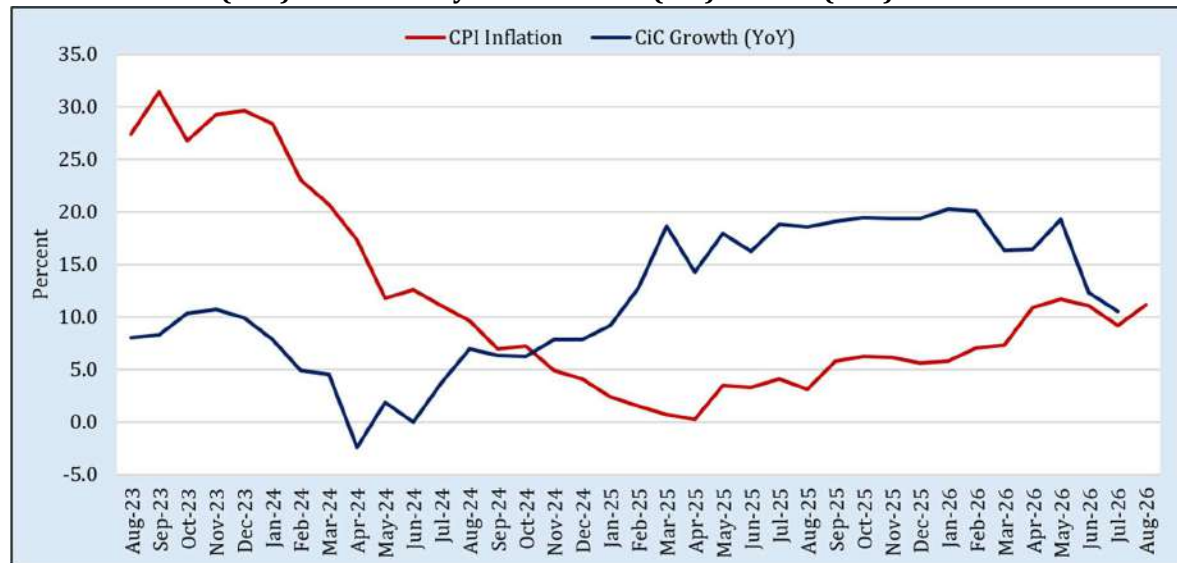
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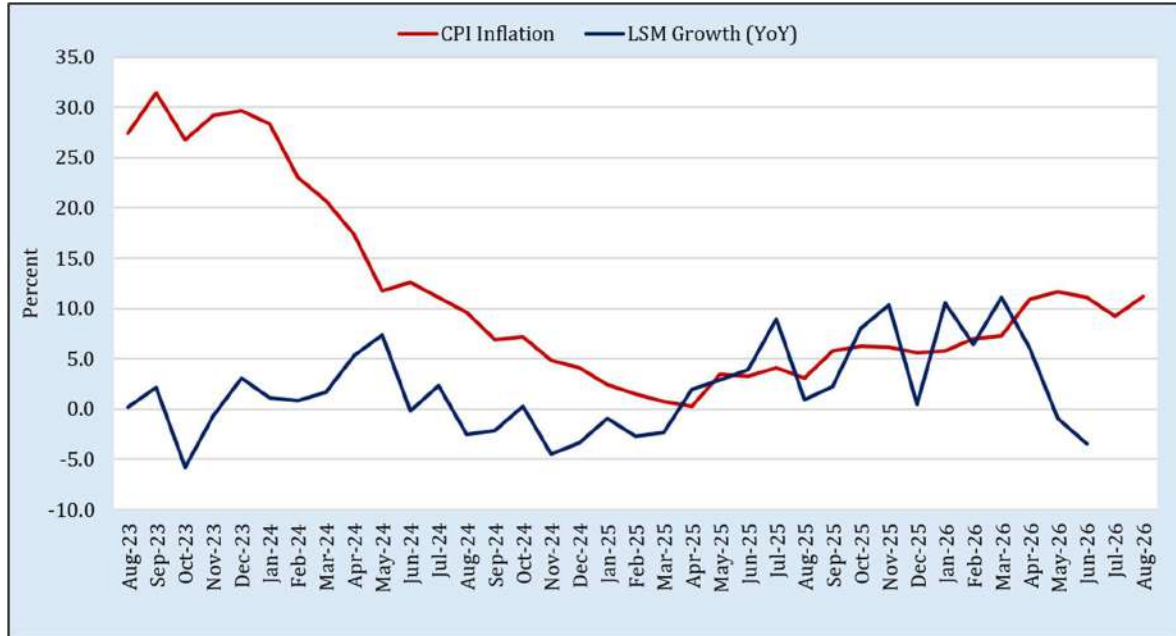
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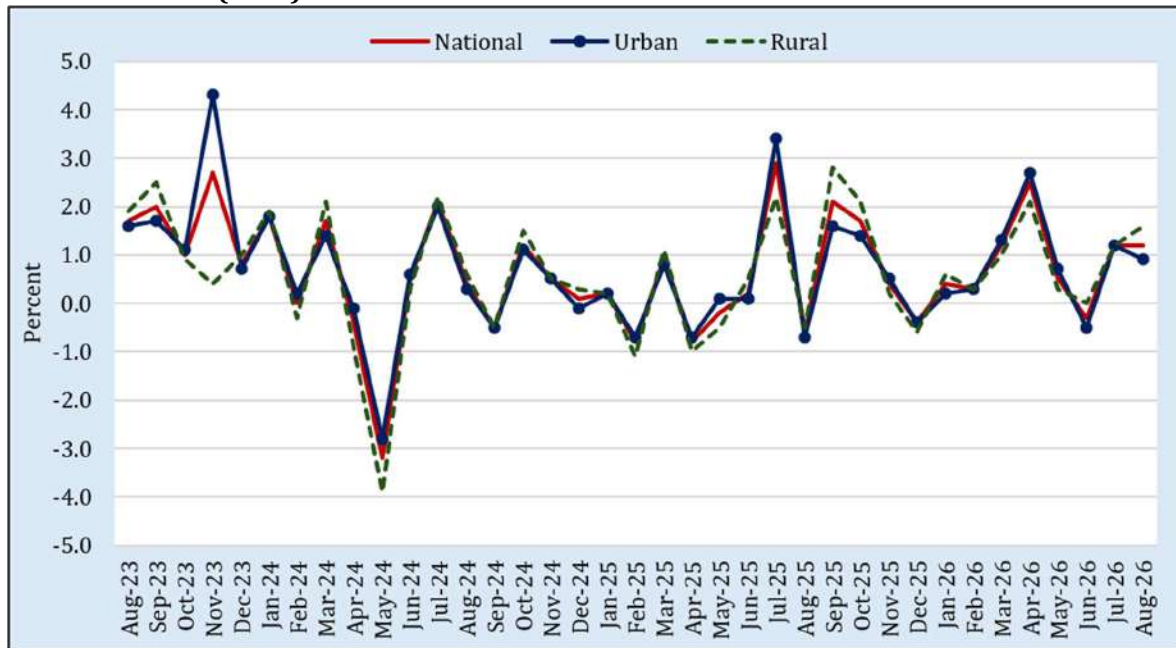
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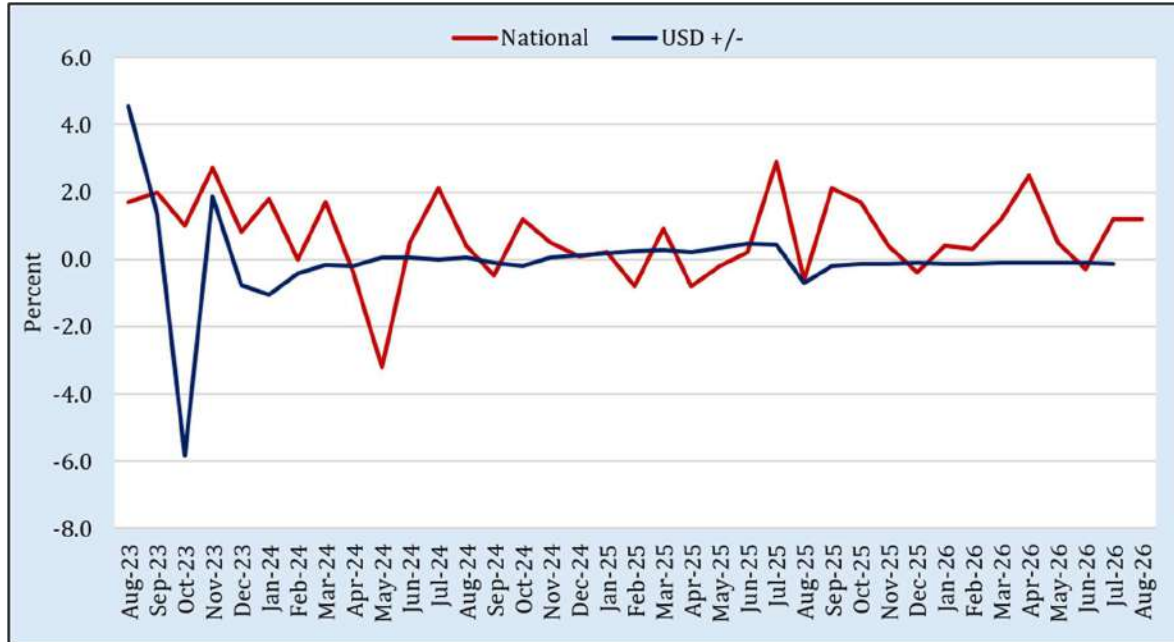
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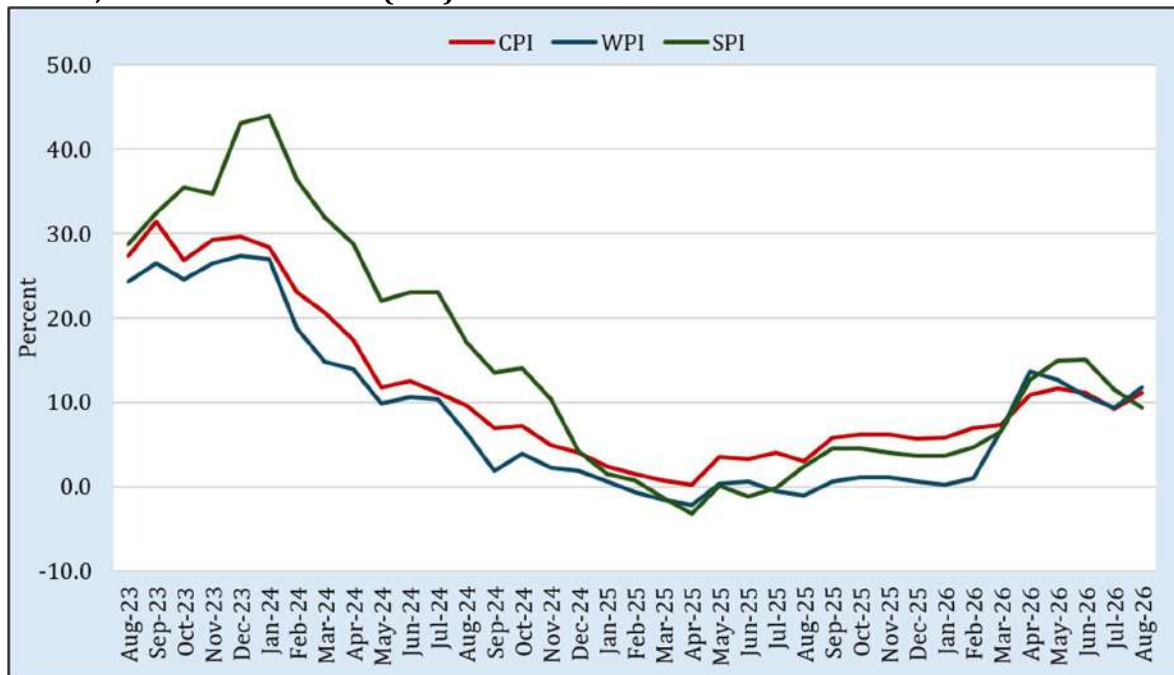
1.6 CPI Inflation (MoM)



1.7 CPI Inflation (MoM) and Appreciation/Depreciation of USD against PKR (MoM)



1.8 CPI, WPI and SPI Inflation (YoY)



2. Inflation Expectations

Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) is a stratified random telephonic survey of households across Pakistan conducted on monthly basis¹.

2.1: Inflation Expectations



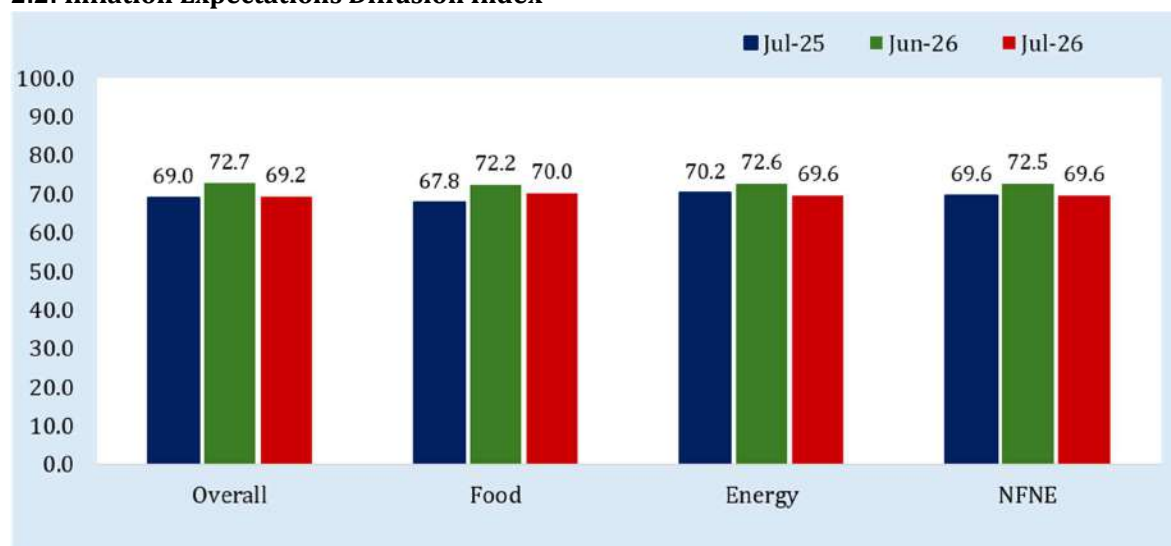
Table 2.1 Inflation Expectations Diffusion Index

Diffusion Index*	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Overall	69.0	67.5	70.0	71.1	70.7	69.8	69.9	70.8	72.5	73.7	73.0	72.7	69.2
Food Inflation	67.8	67.8	70.0	71.3	70.9	70.0	71.3	72.8	72.7	73.4	72.2	72.2	70.0
Energy Inflation	70.2	68.4	69.8	71.2	70.3	70.0	70.9	72.7	72.9	73.3	73.1	72.6	69.6
NFNE Inflation	69.6	68.5	69.5	70.9	69.5	70.0	71.6	73.4	72.8	73.7	72.5	72.5	69.6

* Diffusion Index (DI) > 50 indicates that Positive/Increasing views are more than Negative/Declining views. DI = 50 indicates that Positive/ Increasing views and Negative/ Declining views are equal. DI < 50 indicates that Positive/ increasing views are less than the Negative/ declining views.

¹ The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) conducts this survey. These are opinions of households and may not be considered as views of SBP.

2.2: Inflation Expectations Diffusion Index



3. CPI Inflation (YoY) – Group-wise Impact (in % points)

Table 3.1: Weighted Contributions (impact in % points) to CPI Inflation (YoY)

Period	Urban				Rural			
	CPI Inflation	Weighted Contributions			CPI Inflation	Weighted Contributions		
		Food	Non-Food			Food	Non-Food	
			Energy	NFNE			Energy	NFNE
Aug-26	10.4	4.7	1.8	4.0	12.2	6.3	2.5	3.4
Jul-26	8.7	3.7	1.2	3.8	9.9	4.9	1.8	3.2
Jun-26	11.2	3.2	4.0	4.0	10.9	4.5	3.2	3.2
May-26	11.8	2.5	5.1	4.1	11.5	4.1	4.0	3.4
Apr-26	11.1	2.7	4.8	3.7	10.6	3.5	3.6	3.4
Mar-26	7.4	1.1	2.9	3.3	7.2	2.2	1.7	3.3
Feb-26	6.8	1.7	1.8	3.2	7.3	3.3	0.7	3.3
Jan-26	5.8	1.3	1.3	3.2	5.8	2.3	0.3	3.2
Dec-25	5.8	1.3	1.4	3.1	5.4	1.9	0.4	3.2
Nov-25	6.1	2.0	1.1	2.9	6.3	2.9	0.2	3.2
Oct-25	6.0	1.8	0.9	3.3	6.6	3.3	0.0	3.2
Sep-25	5.7	1.7	0.9	3.1	5.9	2.9	-0.1	3.0
Aug-25	3.5	-0.2	0.6	3.0	2.5	-0.2	-0.3	3.0

Note: Due to rounding off, the weighted contribution of sub-groups may not tally with the CPI Inflation.

Figure 3.1: Urban CPI Inflation (YoY) - Group-wise Impact (In % points)

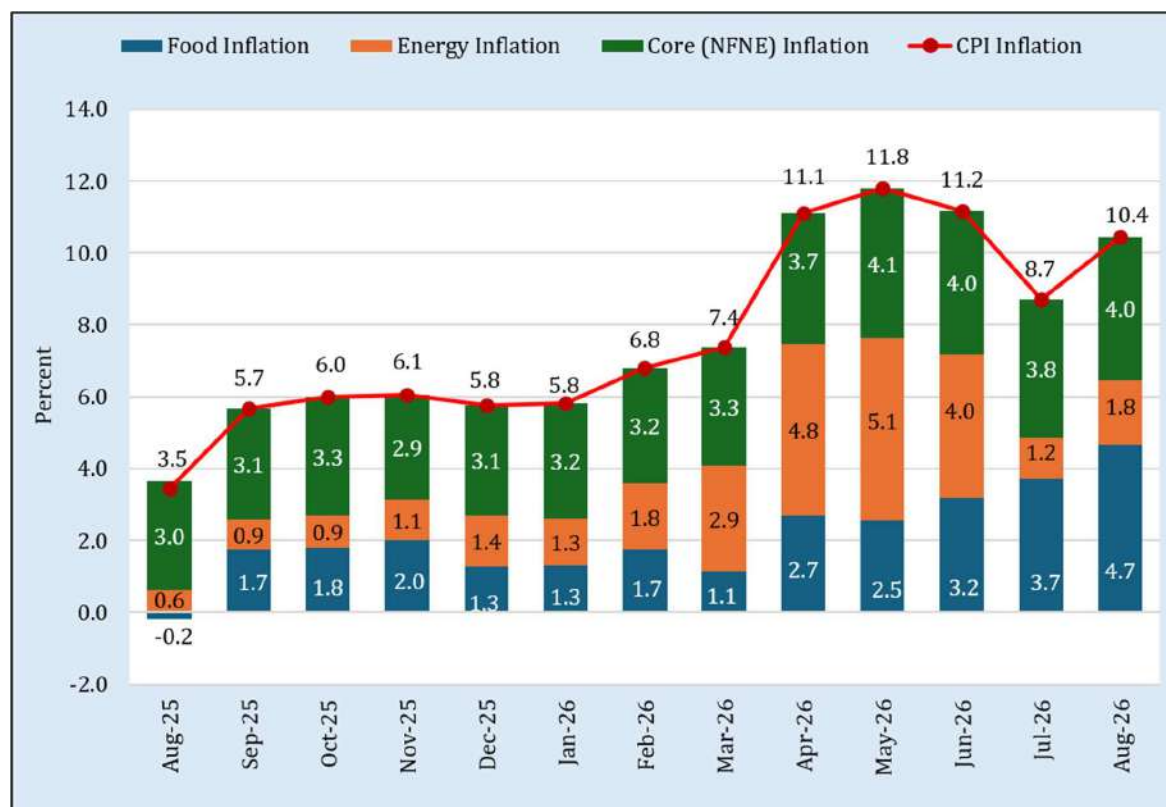
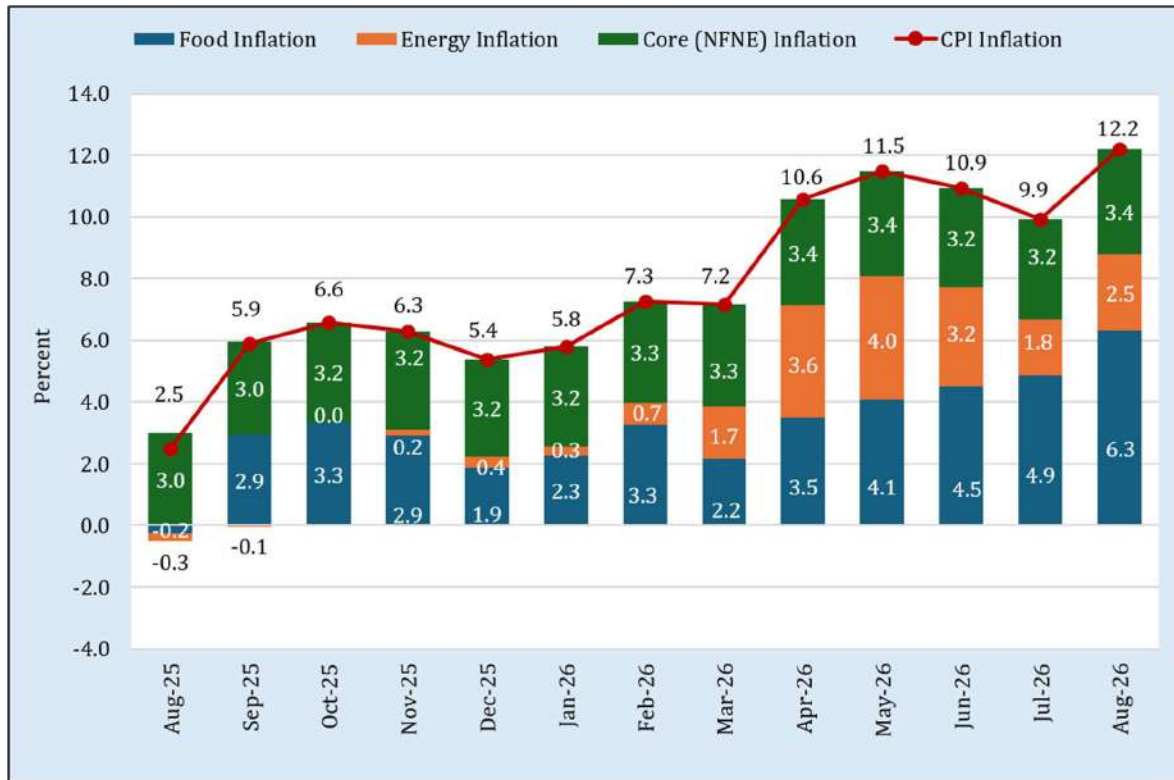


Figure 3.2: Rural CPI Inflation (YoY) - Group-wise Impact (In % points)



4. Growth of Average Monthly Prices of 51 Essential Items

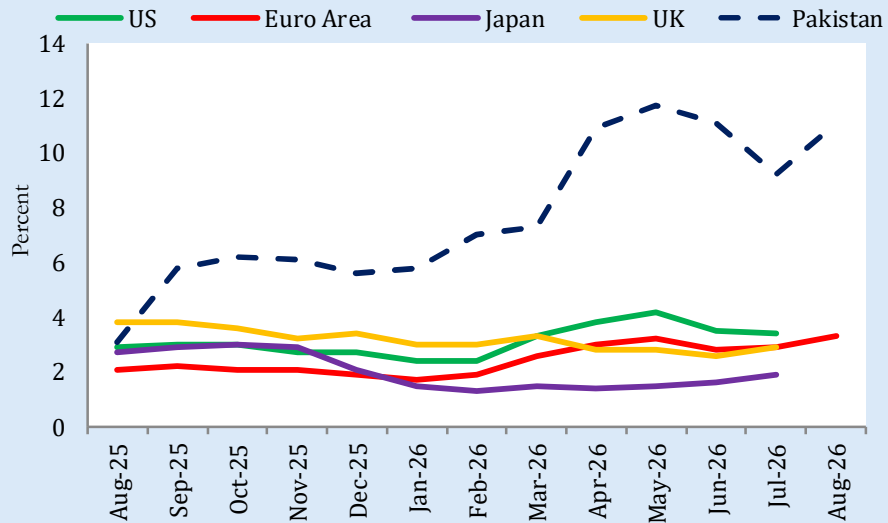
S. No.	Description	Unit	August 2026	
			MoM	YoY
1	Wheat Flour Bag	20 kg	2.67	65.65
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 kg	0.12	4.81
3	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 kg	-0.29	0.13
4	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	-0.20	9.37
5	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 kg	0.87	13.59
6	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 kg	0.40	16.02
7	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 kg	5.08	-18.72
8	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	0.50	8.25
9	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 kg	0.57	7.54
10	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	0.14	5.91
11	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	4.71	-14.26
12	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 kg	1.69	5.43
13	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN), 5 Litre Tin	Each	0.37	7.14
14	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	0.95	7.11
15	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other superior Quality 1 kg Pouch	Each	1.00	7.78
16	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	-4.43	16.22
17	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 kg	0.40	-12.41
18	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 kg	-1.98	-5.57
19	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 kg	-0.22	1.11
20	Pulse Gram	1 kg	7.06	-14.35
21	Potatoes	1 kg	3.55	-30.51
22	Onions	1 kg	48.15	116.31
23	Tomatoes	1 kg	-12.66	105.68
24	Sugar Refined	1 kg	-1.10	-18.49
25	Gur (Average Quality)	1 kg	0.49	-5.45
26	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Packet	Each	0.08	-13.99
27	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	1.01	16.37
28	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 kg	3.06	-2.86
29	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	2.48	3.74
30	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	0.24	3.49
31	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	0.62	4.92
32	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	0.66	6.36
33	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	0.07	3.79
34	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	0.00	4.76
35	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	0.04	8.97
36	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	0.02	3.63
37	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	0.02	5.37
38	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	0.00	0.00
39	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	0.00	16.69
40	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	0.00	7.15
41	Electricity Charges upto 50 Units	Per Unit	-6.89	17.59
42	Gas Charges upto 3.3719 MMBTU	MMBTU	0.00	0.00
43	Firewood Whole	40 kg	0.51	11.84
44	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	0.00	4.01
45	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	0.47	7.80
46	Match Box	Each	0.00	1.12
47	Petrol Super	Per Litre	6.67	26.60
48	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	10.27	34.47
49	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	2.41	54.14
50	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minute	0.00	0.00
51	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	8.95	13.41

5. Inflation in Global Context

5.1 Global Comparison

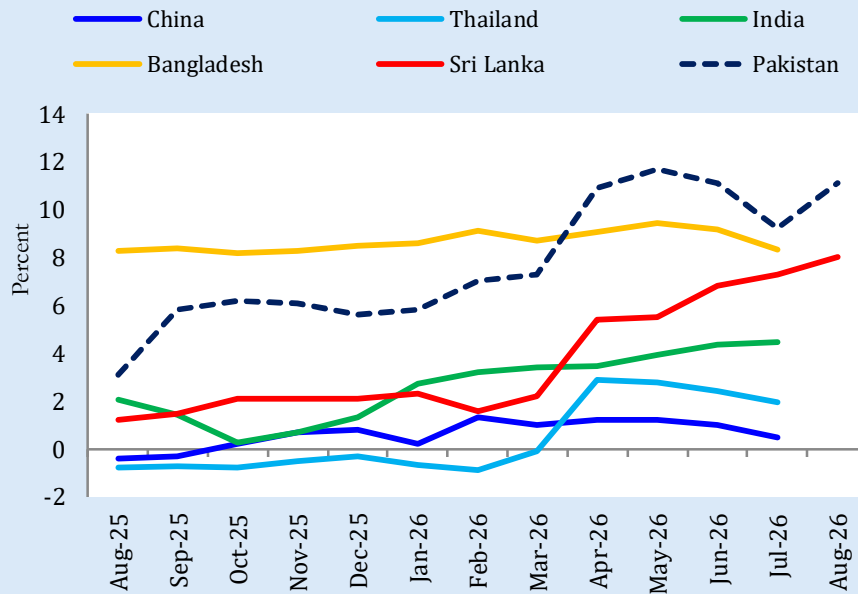
National CPI Inflation (YoY) in comparison with selected developed and emerging economies is given in **Figures 5.1 & 5.2** respectively.

Figure 5.1: Comparison with Developed Economies



Source: Trading Economics

Figure 5.2: Comparison with Emerging Economies



Source: Trading Economics

5.2 Global Commodity Prices/Inflation

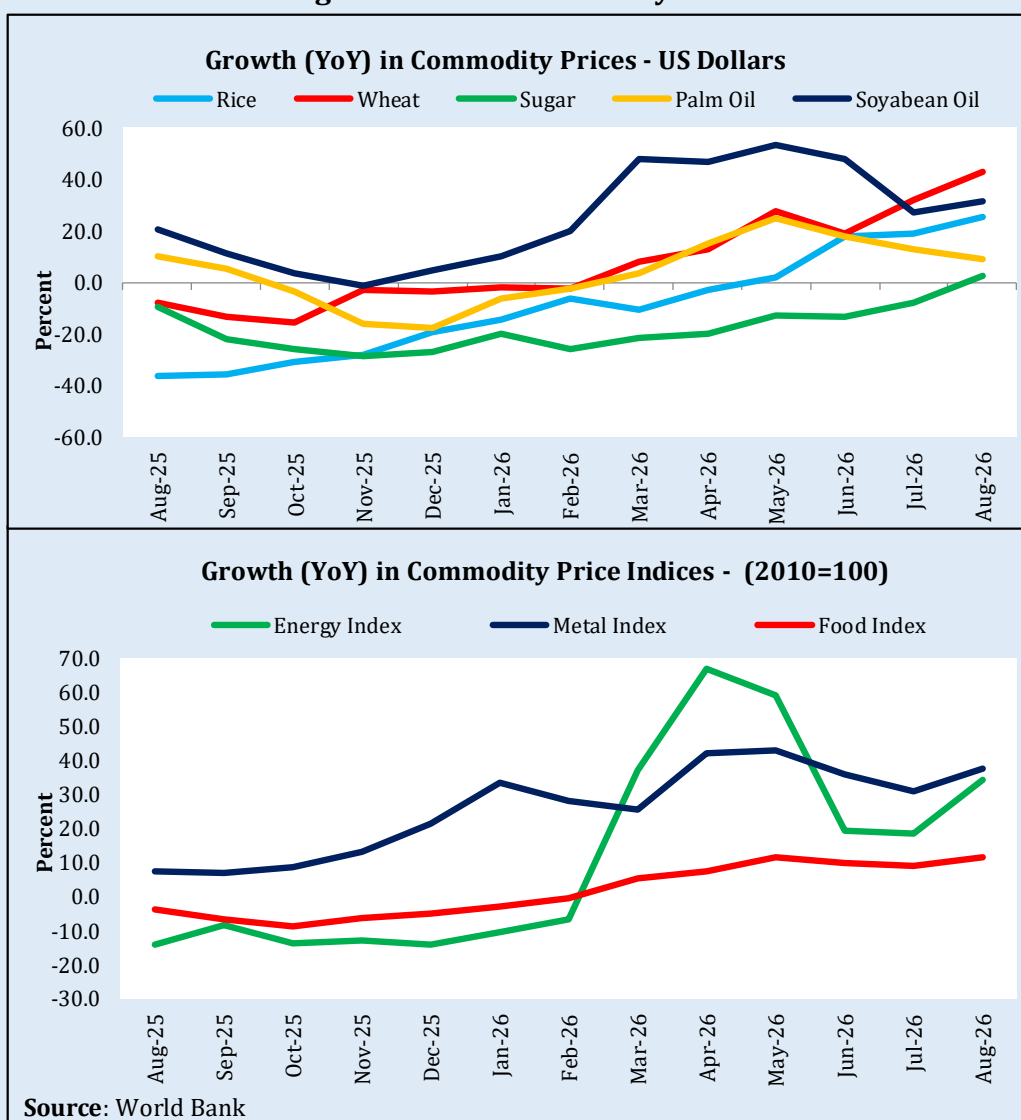
Changes in major global commodity prices/indices along with trends in global prices/indices are given in **Table 5.1** and **Figure 5.3**.

Table 5.1: Changes in Major Global Prices/Indices (percent)

Item/Group	Aug-26		Jul-26		Aug-25	
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
Food	11.5	1.4	9.0	0.3	-4.0	-0.9
Base Metals	37.7	4.6	30.8	-2.9	7.3	-0.6
Energy	34.4	8.8	18.6	-1.0	-14.1	-3.9
Agricultural	4.9	1.6	4.4	3.0	1.3	1.1
Fertilizers	-6.3	-1.9	-3.4	-4.4	30.3	1.2
Cotton	22.0	7.7	12.6	3.2	-1.7	-0.6

Data Source: Commodity Price Data, World Bank

Fig. 5.3: Global Commodity Prices



5.3 Global Commodity Prices/Indices

Table 5.2: Global Commodity Prices/Indices				
Items	Aug-26	Jul-26	Jun-26	Aug-25
Energy				
Crude Oil (US\$ per barrel)*	84.4	79.8	81.7	66.7
WB Energy Index (2010 = 100)	118.4	108.8	109.9	88.1
Food				
Rice (\$/MT)	471.0	467.0	494.0	375.0
Wheat (\$/MT)	330.0	310.0	286.0	231.1
Sugar (\$/ kg)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Palm Oil (\$/MT)	1,117.0	1,101.0	1,104.0	1,026.0
Soybean Oil (\$/MT)	1,638.0	1,658.0	1,740.0	1,245.0
Non-Food Non-Energy				
Cotton Outlook 'A' Index (\$/kg) #	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
Metal Price Index (2010 = 100)	164.8	157.5	162.2	119.7
Copper (\$/MT)	14,326.0	13,543.0	13,552.0	9,670.0
Aluminum (\$/MT)	3,251.0	3,161.0	3,439.0	2,597.0
Iron Ore (\$/dry MT)	96.3	98.2	100.8	99.7
Tin (\$/MT)	55,385.0	52,971.0	53,037.0	33,834.0
Nickle (\$/MT)	16,751.0	16,651.0	17,588.0	14,949.0
Zinc (\$/MT)	3,875.0	3,599.0	3,539.0	2,789.0
Lead (\$/MT)	1,855.0	1,842.0	1,946.0	1,947.0
Uranium (\$/lb)	89.7	86.4	85.0	75.1
DAP (\$/MT)	793.5	781.3	783.8	795.1
Urea (\$/MT)	390.0	400.0	453.1	507.7
Source: World Bank for all variables / indices except Uranium which is taken from Cameco (World Largest Uranium Producer) * Crude oil, average spot price of Brent, Dubai and West Texas Intermediate, equally weighed # middling 1-3/32 inch, traded in Far East, C/F beginning 2006; previously Northern Europe, c.i.f. DAP: Diammonium Phosphate				

6. Data Visuals

6.1 CPI Inflation Heat Maps

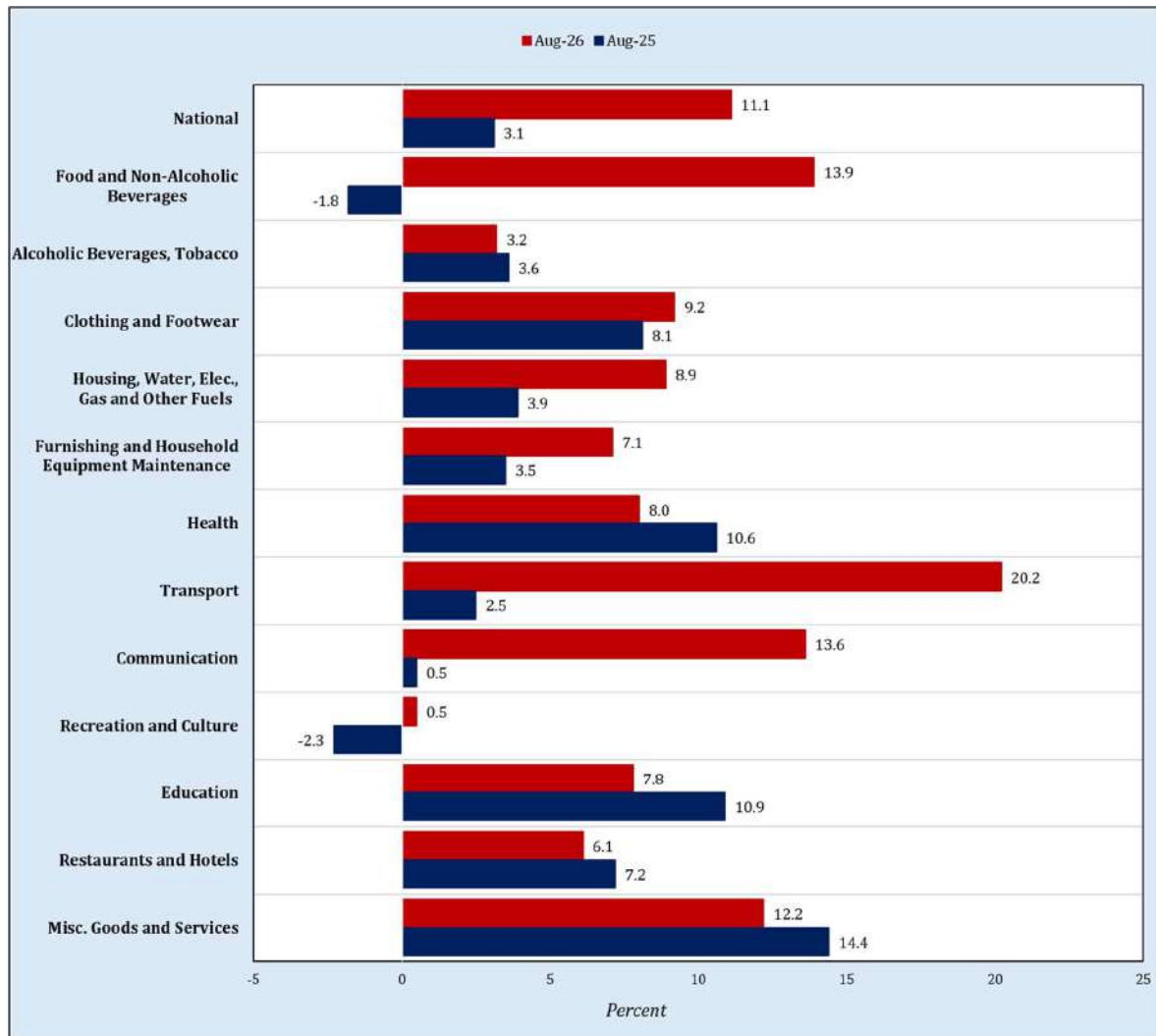
Heat Maps provide an intuitive and visual presentation of data using colors of varying intensity such as cool to warm. The Heat Maps for National, Urban and Rural CPI inflation (YoY) are presented here.

National CPI Inflation (YoY)													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
FY27	9.2	11.1											
FY26	4.1	3.1	5.8	6.2	6.1	5.6	5.8	7.0	7.3	10.9	11.7	11.1	
FY25	11.1	9.6	6.9	7.2	4.9	4.1	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.3	3.5	3.2	
FY24	28.3	27.4	31.4	26.8	29.2	29.7	28.3	23.1	20.7	17.3	11.8	12.6	
FY23	24.9	27.3	23.2	26.6	23.8	24.5	27.6	31.5	35.4	36.4	38.0	29.4	
FY22	8.4	8.4	9.0	9.2	11.5	12.3	13.0	12.2	12.7	13.4	13.8	21.3	
FY21	9.3	8.2	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.0	5.7	8.7	9.1	11.1	10.9	9.7	
FY20	8.4	10.5	11.4	11.0	12.7	12.6	14.6	12.4	10.2	8.5	8.2	8.6	
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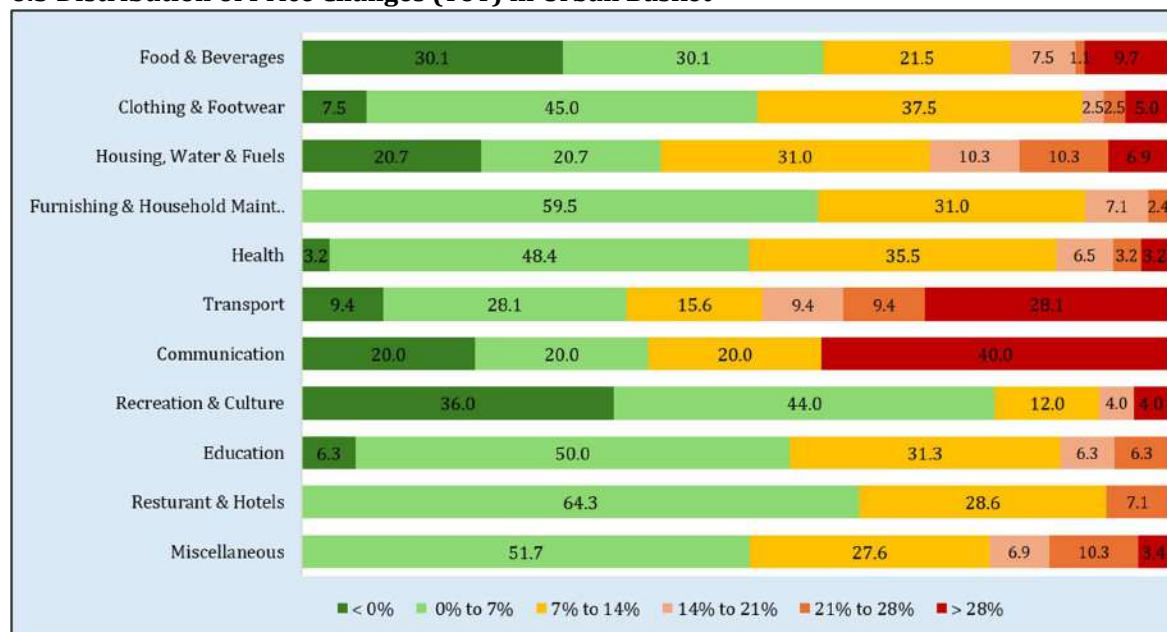
Urban CPI Inflation (YoY)													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
FY27	8.7	10.4											
FY26	4.4	3.5	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.8	6.8	7.4	11.1	11.8	11.2	
FY25	13.2	11.7	9.3	9.3	5.2	4.4	2.7	1.8	1.2	0.5	3.5	3.0	
FY24	26.3	25.0	29.7	25.5	30.4	30.9	30.2	24.9	21.9	19.4	14.3	14.9	
FY23	23.6	26.2	21.2	24.6	21.6	21.6	24.4	28.8	33.0	33.5	35.1	27.3	
FY22	8.7	8.3	9.1	9.6	12.0	12.7	13.0	11.5	11.9	12.2	12.4	19.8	
FY21	7.8	7.1	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.0	5.0	8.6	8.7	11.0	10.8	9.6	
FY20	8.7	10.6	11.6	10.9	12.1	12.0	13.4	11.2	9.3	7.7	7.3	7.6	
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Rural CPI Inflation (YoY)												
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY27	9.9	12.2										
FY26	3.5	2.5	5.9	6.6	6.3	5.4	5.8	7.3	7.2	10.6	11.5	10.9
FY25	8.1	6.7	3.6	4.2	4.3	3.6	1.9	1.1	0.0	-0.1	3.4	3.6
FY24	31.3	30.9	33.9	28.7	27.5	27.9	25.7	20.5	19.0	14.5	8.2	9.3
FY23	26.9	28.8	26.1	29.5	27.2	28.8	32.3	35.6	38.9	40.7	42.2	32.4
FY22	8.0	8.4	8.8	8.7	10.9	11.6	12.9	13.3	13.9	15.1	15.9	23.6
FY21	11.6	9.9	11.1	11.3	10.5	9.5	6.6	8.8	9.5	11.3	10.9	9.7
FY20	7.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	13.6	13.6	16.3	14.2	11.7	9.8	9.7	10.0
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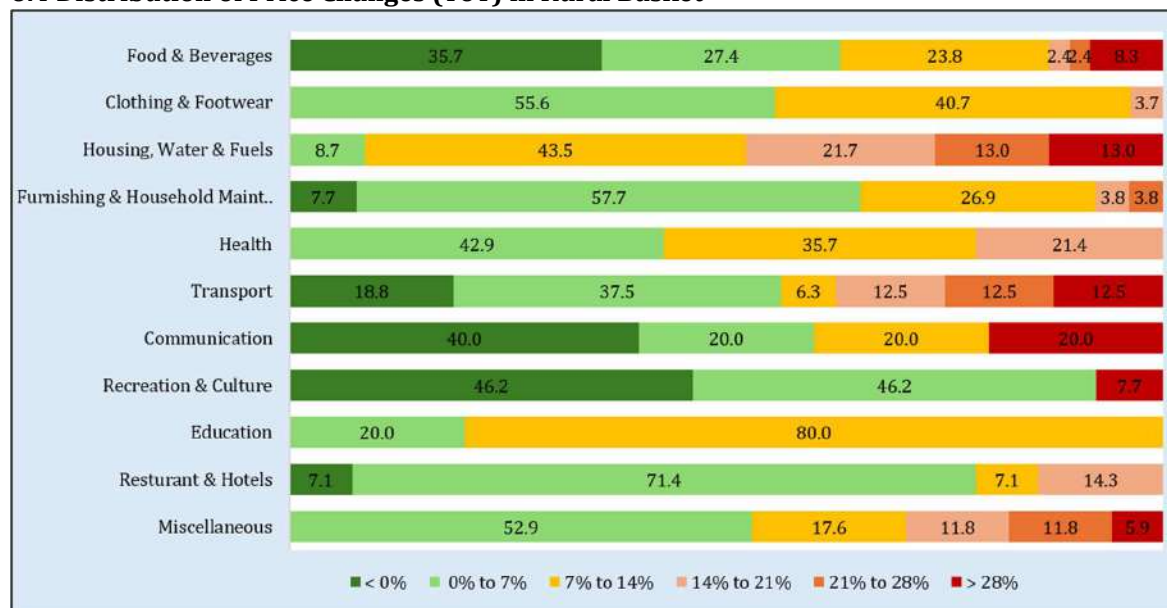
6.2 Group-wise CPI Inflation (YoY)



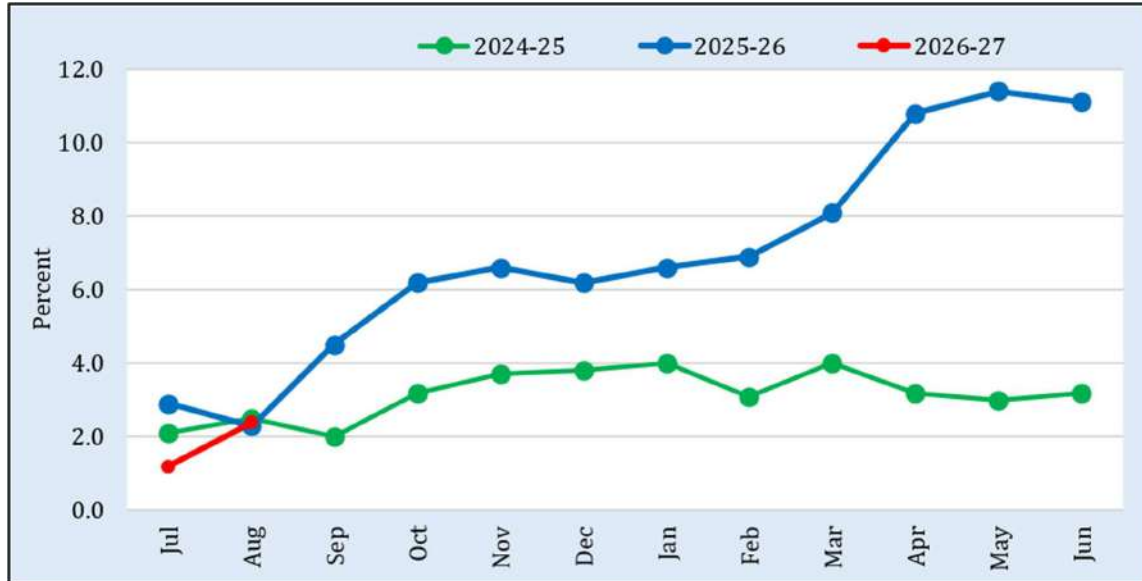
6.3 Distribution of Price Changes (YoY) in Urban Basket



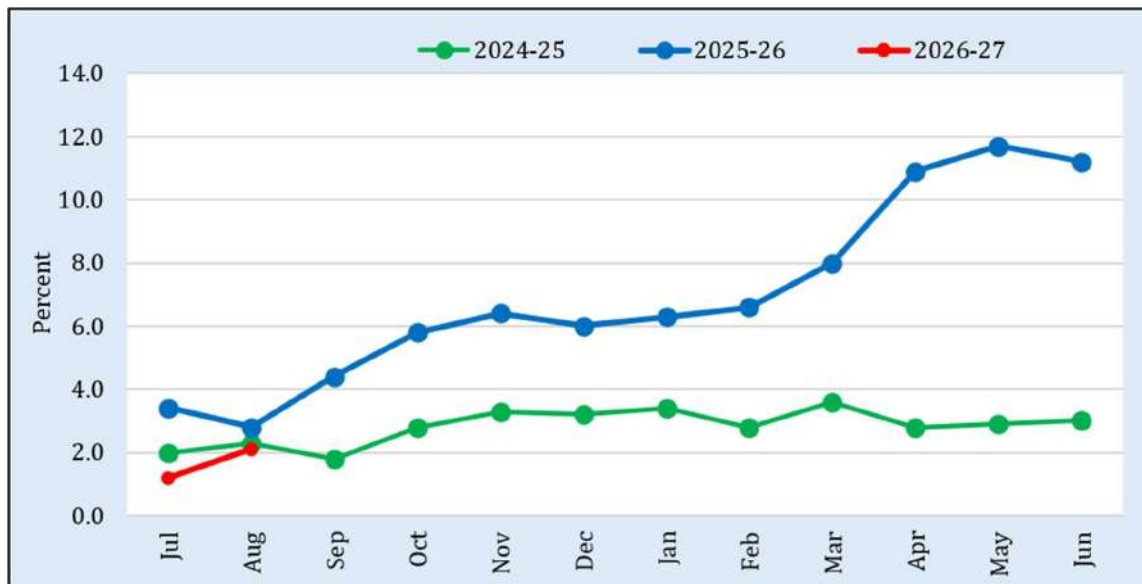
6.4 Distribution of Price Changes (YoY) in Rural Basket

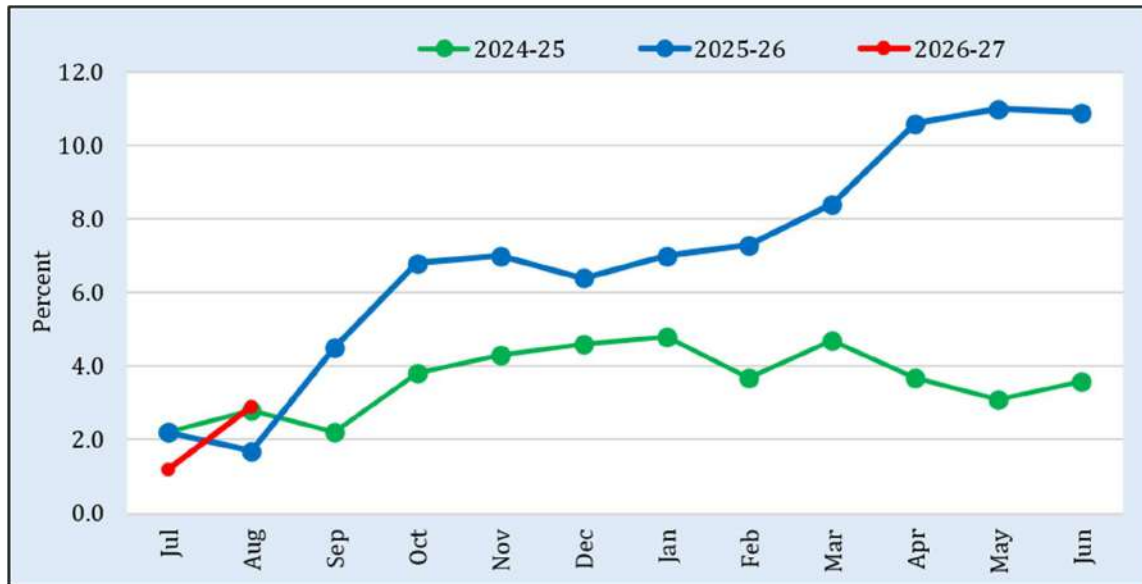


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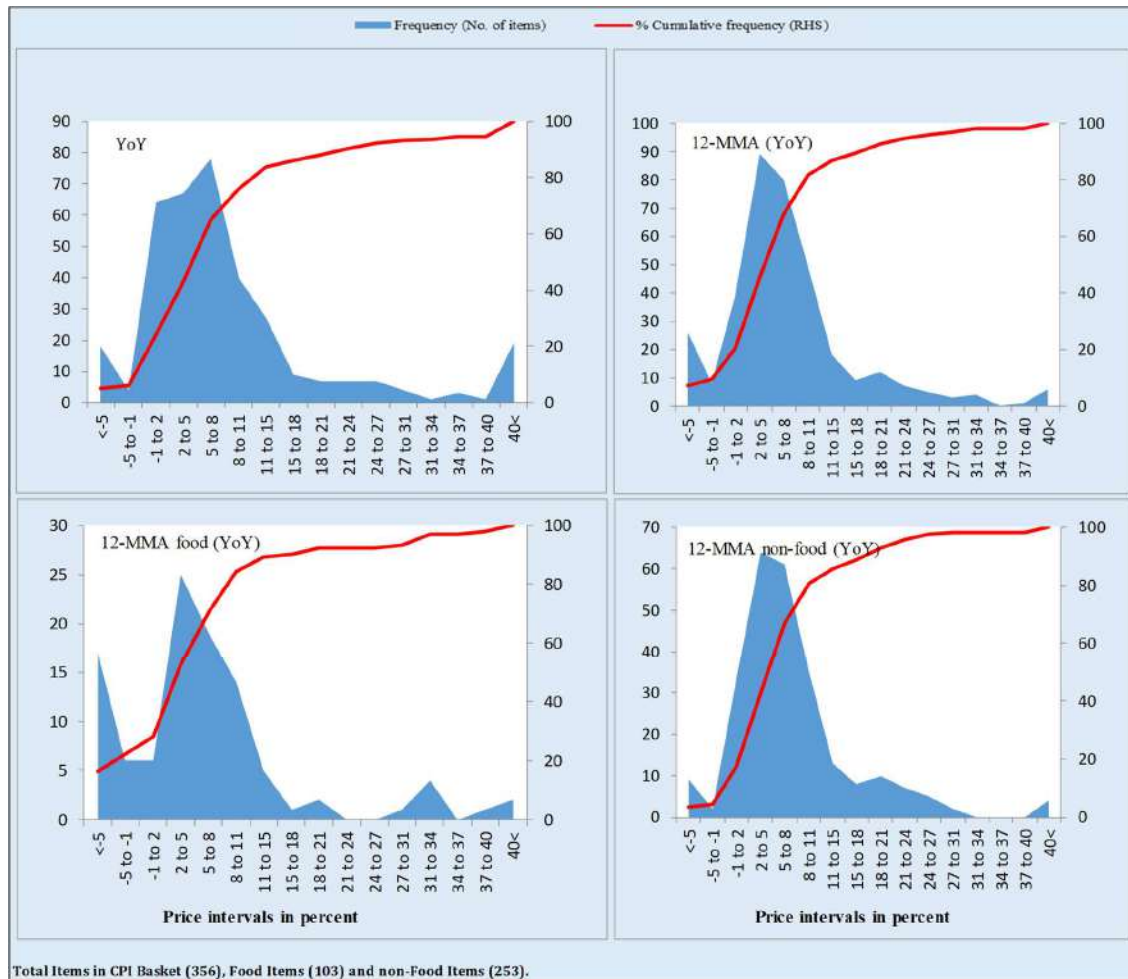


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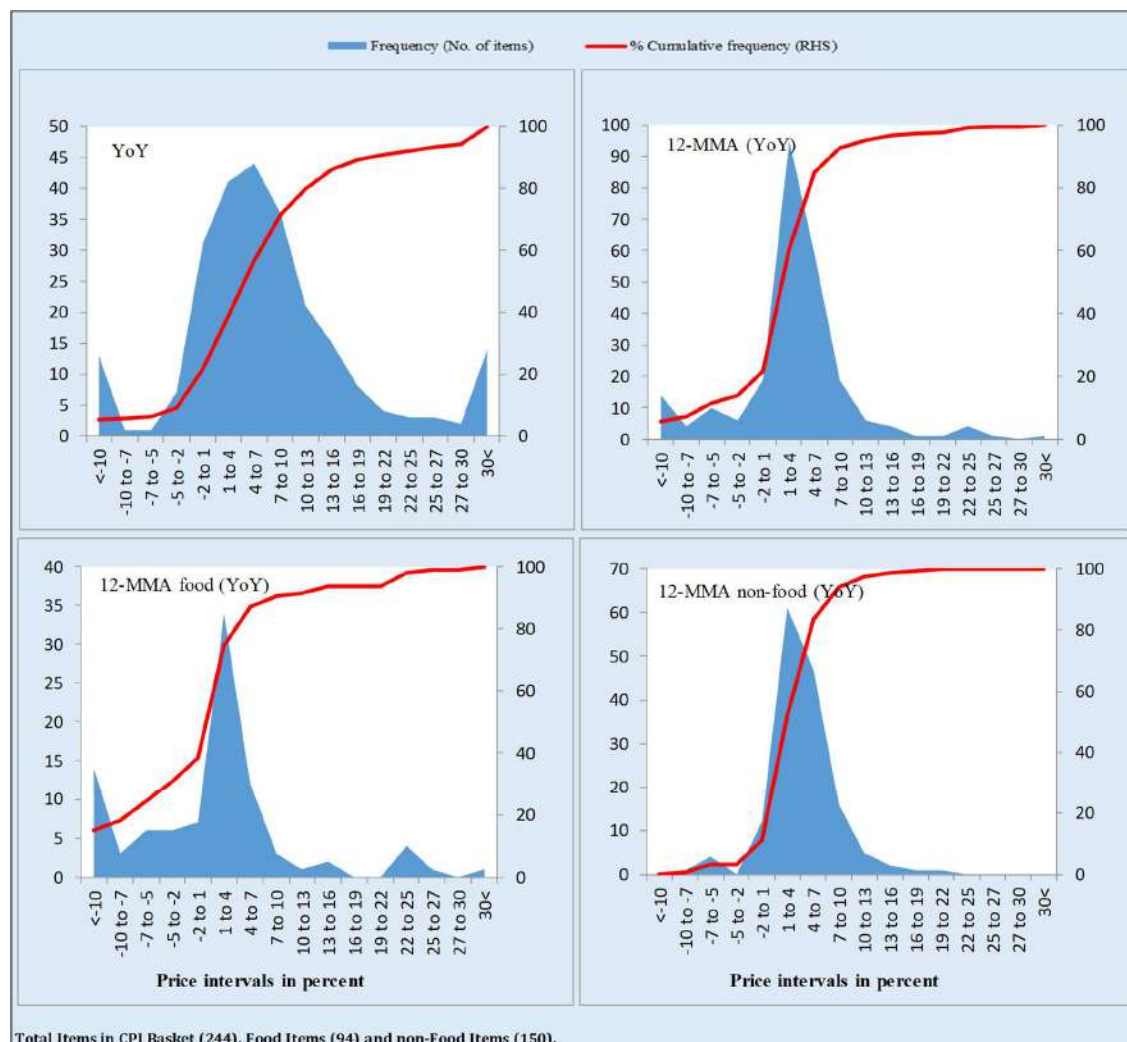
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6.8 Frequency Distribution of Price Changes of Urban CPI Items (YoY)

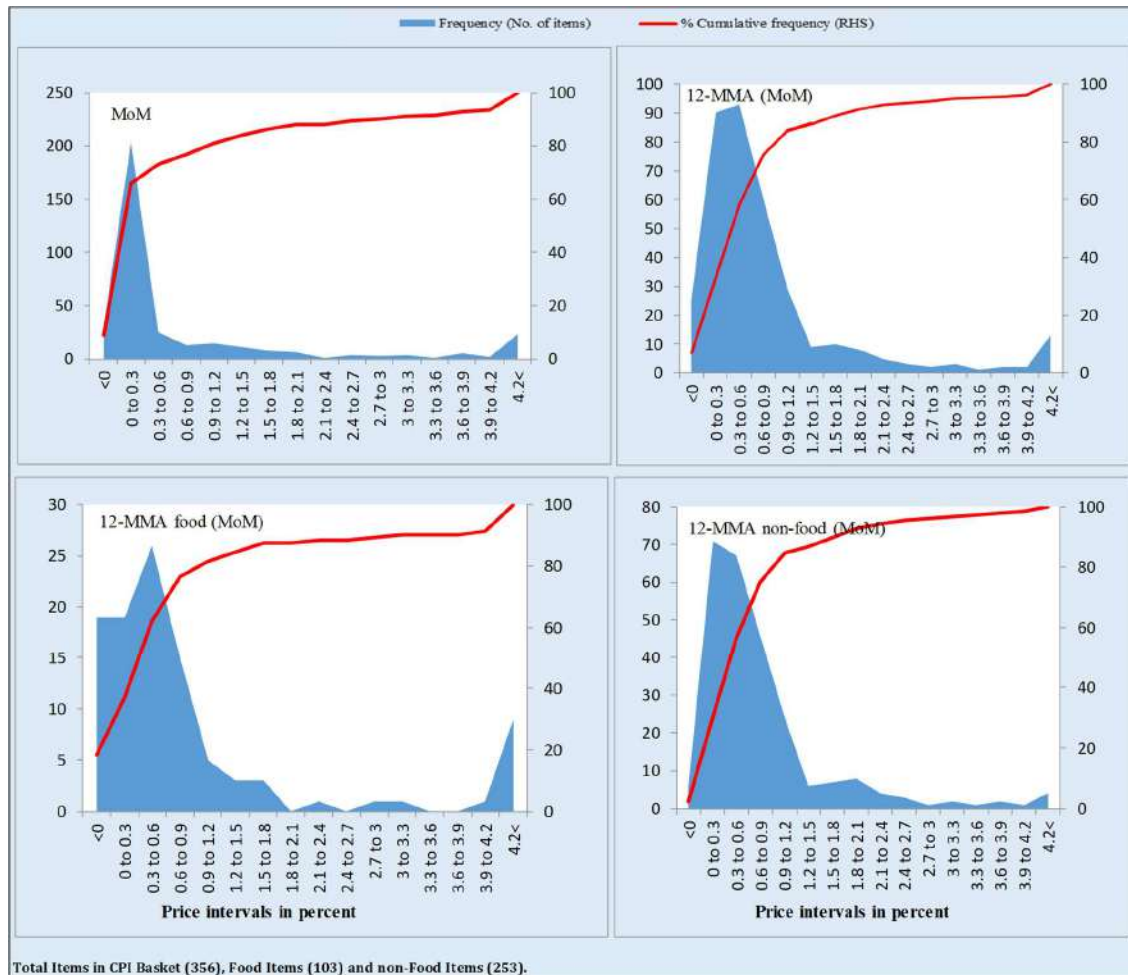


Total Items in CPI Basket (356), Food Items (103) and non-Food Items (253).

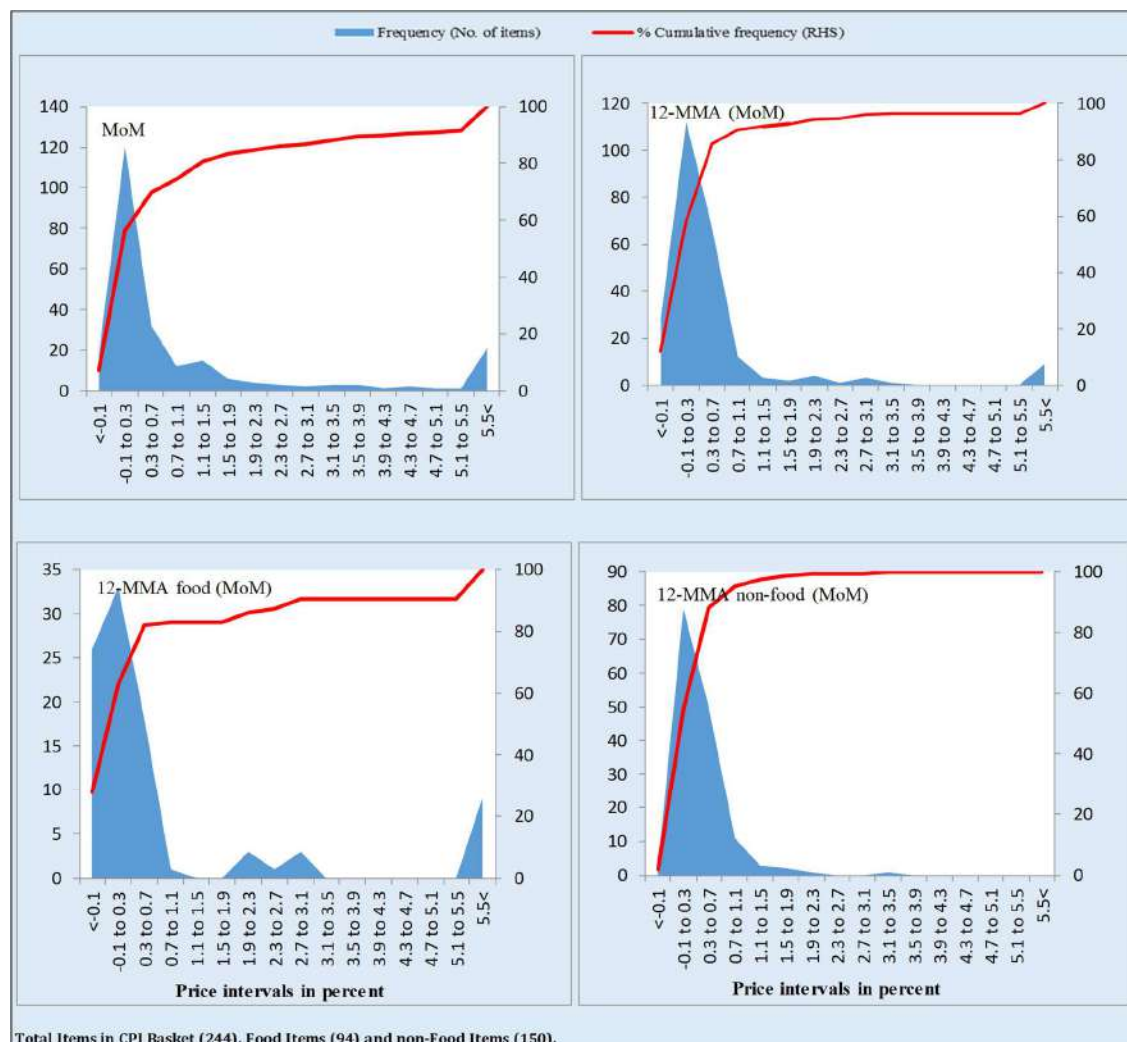
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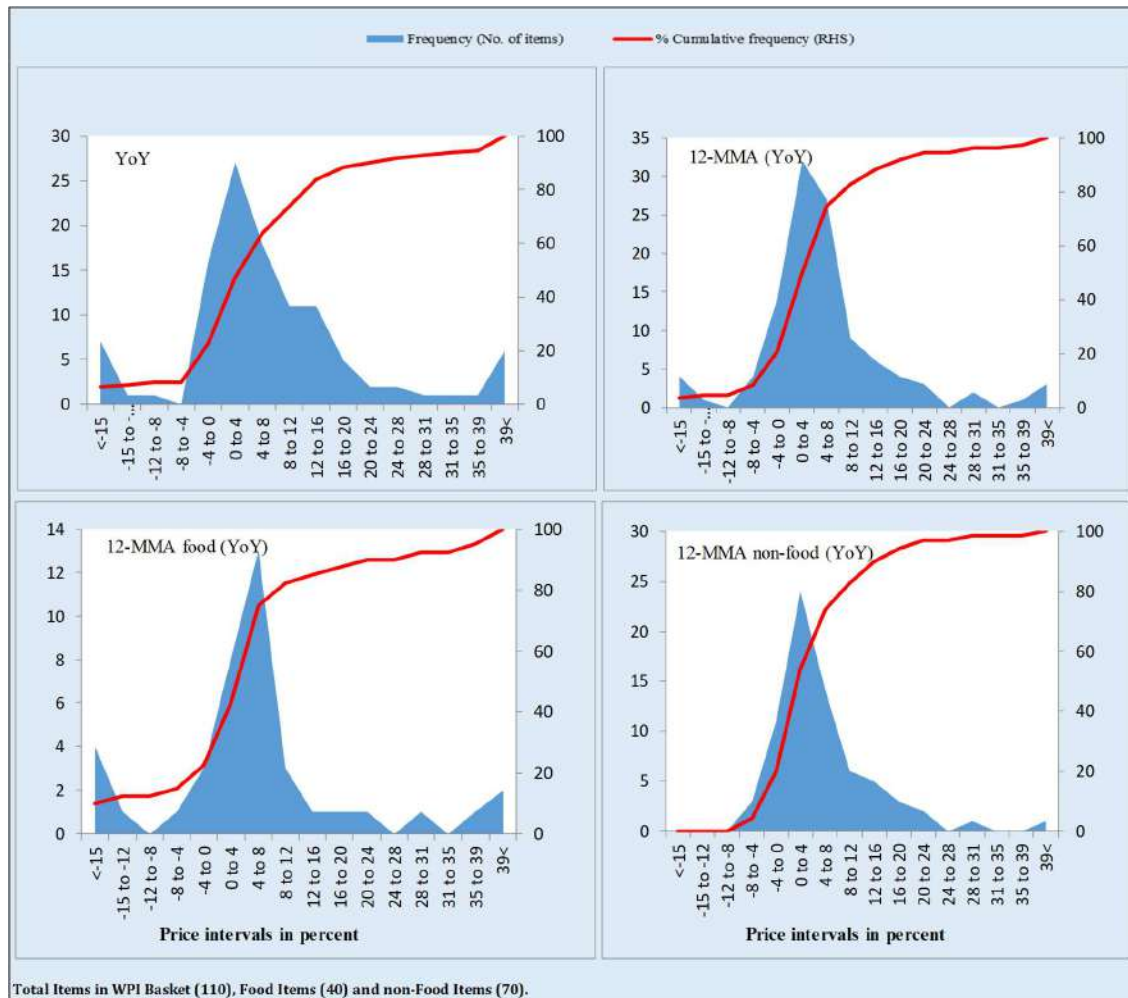
6.10 Frequency Distribution of Price Changes of Urban CPI Items (MoM)



6.11 Frequency Distribution of Price Changes of Rural CPI Items (MoM)



6.12 Frequency Distribution of Price Changes of WPI Commodities (YoY)



7. Data Tables

Table 7.1: National CPI Inflation by Groups (in percent)

Groups	Weights	MoM Change			YoY Change		
		Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.6	1.7	4.2	-1.2	13.9	10.6	-1.8
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.2	3.2	3.6
Clothing and Footwear	8.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	9.2	9.2	8.1
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	23.6	0.6	-0.6	-1.1	8.9	7.1	3.9
Furnishing and Household Equip. Maintenance	4.1	0.5	1.1	0.3	7.1	6.9	3.5
Health	2.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	8.0	7.8	10.6
Transport	5.9	3.4	-5.2	-1.0	20.2	15.1	2.5
Communication	2.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	13.6	13.6	0.5
Recreation and Culture	1.6	-0.5	1.3	0.3	0.5	1.3	-2.3
Education	3.8	0.2	0.9	1.3	7.8	9.0	10.9
Restaurants and Hotels	6.9	0.6	0.7	0.2	6.1	5.7	7.2
Miscellaneous	4.9	1.9	-0.4	0.7	12.2	10.8	14.4
National CPI	100.0	1.2	1.2	-0.6	11.1	9.2	3.1

Table 7.2: Urban CPI Inflation by Groups (in percent)

Groups	Weights	MoM Change			YoY Change		
		Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
I. Food Group	36.8	1.0	3.7	-1.3	12.1	9.6	-0.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.4	1.1	4.4	-1.6	13.3	10.3	-2.0
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.6	3.7	3.2
Restaurants and Hotels (Food Component)	5.5	0.6	1.0	0.3	7.7	7.3	7.3
II. Non-Food Group	63.2	0.9	-0.4	-0.3	9.4	8.2	6.1
Clothing and Footwear	8.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	11.2	11.2	8.1
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	27.0	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	6.6	5.2	5.3
Furnishing and Household Equip. Maintenance	4.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	6.7	6.9	3.8
Health	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.7	7.6	7.3	9.7
Transport	6.1	3.5	-5.7	-1.0	21.8	16.5	2.3
Communication	2.4	0.0	14.3	0.0	15.3	15.3	0.3
Recreation and Culture	1.7	-0.1	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.3	-3.1
Education	4.9	0.3	0.6	1.6	7.3	8.8	10.6
Restaurants and Hotels (Non-Food Component)	1.9	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.5	1.3	4.7
Miscellaneous	4.8	1.8	-0.5	0.7	11.7	10.6	13.9
Urban CPI	100.0	0.9	1.2	-0.7	10.4	8.7	3.5

* Readymade food component of this group has been classified under Food Group.

Table 7.3: Rural CPI Inflation by Groups (in percent)

Groups	Weights	MoM Change			YoY Change		
		Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
I. Food Group	45.9	2.1	3.4	-0.7	13.3	10.2	-0.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	40.9	2.3	3.9	-0.8	14.5	11.1	-1.6
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	2.7	2.7	4.0
Restaurants and Hotels (Food Component)	3.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	5.7	5.0	8.9
II. Non-Food Group	54.1	1.1	-0.7	-0.3	11.3	9.7	5.3
Clothing and Footwear	9.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	6.9	6.9	8.1
Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	18.5	1.1	-1.8	-1.2	14.5	11.9	0.6
Furnishing and Household Equip. Maintenance	4.1	0.6	1.3	0.1	7.6	7.0	3.1
Health	3.5	0.9	0.2	0.7	8.5	8.3	11.5
Transport	5.6	3.2	-4.5	-0.9	17.6	12.9	2.7
Communication	2.0	0.0	9.7	0.0	10.4	10.4	0.9
Recreation and Culture	1.4	-1.1	2.2	0.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.9
Education	2.1	0.0	1.7	0.3	9.4	9.8	11.9
Restaurants and Hotels (Non-Food Component)	2.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	6.3	6.1	6.2
Miscellaneous	5.0	2.0	-0.3	0.5	12.7	11.1	15.0
Rural CPI	100.0	1.6	1.2	-0.5	12.2	9.9	2.5

* Readymade food component of this group has been classified under Food Group.

Table 7.4: Top Ten Contributors to Urban CPI Inflation (YoY) – August 2026

Sr. No.	Items/Contributors	Weights	Weighted Contribution (%)	YoY Change		
				Aug-26	Aug-25	Jul-26
A. Ranked by Weighted Contribution						
1	Wheat Flour	3.0	15.2	73.1	-19.4	67.6
2	Motor Fuel	2.9	9.2	24.4	0.1	16.0
3	House Rent	19.3	7.3	6.1	5.4	6.1
4	Milk Fresh	7.1	5.7	8.4	2.9	8.3
5	Transport Services	1.8	5.0	28.7	6.3	26.1
6	Electricity Charges	4.6	4.8	12.3	-15.7	4.7
7	Readymade Food	5.5	4.4	7.7	7.3	7.3
8	Onions	0.6	4.2	124.3	-51.0	75.9
9	Personal Effects N.E.C.	0.9	3.9	23.4	29.6	21.6
10	Tomatoes	0.4	3.9	128.1	-31.8	174.7
Total		46.0	63.5			
B. Ranked by Percentage Change						
1	Tomatoes	0.4	3.9	128.1	-31.8	174.7
2	Onions	0.6	4.2	124.3	-51.0	75.9
3	Wheat	0.6	3.6	86.7	-18.4	77.7
4	Wheat Flour	3.0	15.2	73.1	-19.4	67.6
5	Liquefied Hydrocarbons	0.5	3.0	55.9	-8.0	46.4
6	Motor Vehicle Tax	0.1	0.3	38.7	0.0	38.7
7	Postal Services	0.0	0.1	34.9	5.9	34.7
8	Footware	1.5	3.8	29.3	12.7	29.3
9	Transport Services	1.8	5.0	28.7	6.3	26.1
10	Motor Fuel	2.9	9.2	24.4	0.1	16.0
Total		11.3	48.2			
C. Ranked by Weights						
1	House Rent	19.3	7.3	6.1	5.4	6.1
2	Milk Fresh	7.1	5.7	8.4	2.9	8.3
3	Readymade Food	5.5	4.4	7.7	7.3	7.3
4	Education	4.9	2.8	7.3	10.6	8.8
5	Electricity Charges	4.6	4.8	12.3	-15.7	4.7
6	Wheat Flour	3.0	15.2	73.1	-19.4	67.6
7	Appliances/Articles/Products For Personal	3.0	2.2	7.2	8.0	6.3
8	Motor Fuel	2.9	9.2	24.4	0.1	16.0
9	Cotton Cloth	2.2	1.4	5.7	6.7	5.8
10	Meat	2.0	3.7	14.7	10.5	14.5
Total		54.5	56.6			

Table 7.5: Top Ten Contributors to Rural CPI Inflation (YoY) – August 2026

Table A3: Top 10x Contributors to Rural Consumption (FY) - August 2026						
Sr. No.	Items/Contributors	Weights	Weighted Contribution (%)	YoY Change		
				Aug-26	Aug-25	Jul-26
<u>A. Ranked by Weighted Contribution</u>						
1	Wheat	3.5	17.5	84.4	-17.3	74.3
2	Wheat Flour	3.4	16.0	77.5	-16.5	74.3
3	Motor Fuels	2.5	7.0	25.8	0.2	17.0
4	Milk Fresh	10.4	6.3	7.6	6.0	8.3
5	Solid Fuel	4.5	6.1	16.7	8.5	16.4
6	Tomatoes	0.5	5.0	143.5	-25.0	167.2
7	Onions	0.9	4.8	117.6	-50.2	86.5
8	Personal Effects N.E.C.	1.2	4.1	21.1	33.5	18.7
9	Liquefied Hydrocarbons	1.0	4.0	47.1	-5.4	34.7
10	House Rent	8.6	3.6	7.8	6.0	7.8
Total		36.5	74.4			
<u>B. Ranked by Percentage Change</u>						
1	Tomatoes	0.51	5.0	143.5	-25.0	167.2
2	Onions	0.9	4.8	117.6	-50.2	86.5
3	Wheat	3.5	17.5	84.4	-17.3	74.3
4	Wheat Flour	3.4	16.0	77.5	-16.5	74.3
5	Liquefied Hydrocarbons	1.0	4.0	47.1	-5.4	34.7
6	Motor Vehicle Tax	0.0	0.1	34.3	0.0	34.3
7	Newspapers	0.0	0.1	29.2	3.2	33.3
8	Motor Fuels	2.5	7.0	25.8	0.2	17.0
9	Wheat Products	0.1	0.2	23.5	-11.8	19.9
10	Personal Effects N.E.C.	1.2	4.1	21.1	33.5	18.7
Total		13.2	58.7			
<u>C. Ranked by Weights</u>						
1	Milk Fresh	10.4	6.3	7.6	6.0	8.3
2	House Rent	8.6	3.6	7.8	6.0	7.8
3	Solid Fuel	4.5	6.1	16.7	8.5	16.4
4	Readymade Food	3.8	2.1	5.7	8.9	5.0
5	Wheat	3.5	17.5	84.4	-17.3	74.3
6	Electricity Charges	3.4	3.1	12.3	-15.7	4.7
7	Wheat Flour	3.4	16.0	77.5	-16.5	74.3
8	Cotton Cloth	2.8	1.4	5.6	5.9	5.4
9	Motor Fuels	2.5	7.0	25.8	0.2	17.0
10	Vegetable Ghee	2.4	2.3	8.7	12.0	7.9
Total		45.3	65.4			

Table 7.6: Inflation (CPI, WPI, SPI, Core)

Period	CPI							WPI			SPI**	Core Inflation			
	General			Food		Non-food		General	Food	Non-food		NFNE*		Trimmed	
	National	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural					Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Annual Average															
FY24	23.4	24.1	22.4	22.1	21.6	25.5	23.3	20.2	19.9	20.3	32.1	16.1	22.7	19.1	22.7
FY25	4.5	5.3	3.3	1.6	-0.9	7.9	7.7	1.9	4.4	0.6	6.0	8.5	11.1	5.9	6.2
FY26	7.1	7.1	7.0	4.2	5.4	9.0	8.4	3.9	5.0	3.2	6.3	7.4	8.2	6.0	6.8
Year-on-Year															
Aug-25	3.1	3.5	2.5	-0.5	-0.5	6.1	5.3	-1.0	1.3	-2.3	2.4	6.9	7.8	4.2	3.5
Sep-25	5.8	5.7	5.9	4.4	6.0	6.5	5.8	0.6	6.1	-2.4	4.5	7.0	7.8	5.7	6.5
Oct-25	6.2	6.0	6.6	4.5	6.8	7.0	6.4	1.1	5.8	-1.5	4.5	7.5	8.4	6.0	6.8
Nov-25	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.0	5.9	6.7	6.7	1.1	5.9	-1.6	4.0	6.6	8.2	5.3	6.4
Dec-25	5.6	5.8	5.4	3.2	3.8	7.5	6.9	0.6	4.7	-1.7	3.6	6.9	8.1	5.5	6.0
Jan-26	5.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.7	7.4	6.9	0.2	4.7	-2.2	3.7	7.2	8.3	4.9	5.4
Feb-26	7.0	6.8	7.3	4.4	6.8	8.3	7.7	1.0	5.3	-1.3	4.6	7.1	8.3	5.1	5.6
Mar-26	7.3	7.4	7.2	2.9	4.5	10.3	9.7	6.7	2.9	8.8	6.6	7.4	8.4	5.9	6.3
Apr-26	10.9	11.1	10.6	6.9	7.3	13.8	13.6	13.6	7.0	17.2	12.6	8.0	8.5	9.2	8.9
May-26	11.7	11.8	11.5	6.5	8.5	15.2	14.2	12.7	6.8	16.0	14.9	9.0	8.4	9.8	9.6
Jun-26	11.1	11.2	10.9	8.2	9.4	13.1	12.3	10.7	7.1	12.7	15.0	8.7	7.9	9.6	9.3
Jul-26	9.2	8.7	9.9	9.6	10.2	8.2	9.7	9.4	8.0	10.3	11.5	8.6	8.1	7.5	8.0
Aug-26	11.1	10.4	12.2	12.1	13.3	9.4	11.3	11.8	9.7	13.0	9.3	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.1
12- Month Moving Average															
Aug-25	3.4	4.0	2.6	1.2	-1.1	5.9	6.4	0.4	3.8	-1.3	3.2	7.8	9.9	5.3	5.3
Sep-25	3.4	3.7	2.8	1.4	-0.5	5.3	6.1	0.3	4.1	-1.6	2.5	7.6	9.5	5.3	5.1
Oct-25	3.3	3.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	4.8	6.0	0.1	4.2	-2.0	1.8	7.5	9.2	5.5	5.0
Nov-25	3.4	3.6	3.2	1.8	0.5	4.7	5.8	0.0	4.2	-2.2	1.3	7.4	9.0	5.4	4.7
Dec-25	3.6	3.7	3.3	1.9	0.8	4.9	5.8	-0.1	4.2	-2.4	1.3	7.3	8.8	4.8	4.5
Jan-26	3.8	3.9	3.7	2.2	1.5	5.1	5.8	-0.1	4.4	-2.5	1.5	7.2	8.6	4.7	4.7
Feb-26	4.3	4.4	4.2	2.7	2.4	5.5	5.9	0.0	4.6	-2.4	1.8	7.2	8.5	4.9	5.3
Mar-26	4.8	4.9	4.8	3.1	3.3	6.1	6.2	0.7	4.6	-1.4	2.5	7.1	8.3	5.1	5.8
Apr-26	5.7	5.8	5.7	3.8	4.3	7.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	0.4	3.8	7.2	8.3	5.7	6.4
May-26	6.4	6.5	6.4	3.9	4.8	8.1	7.8	3.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	7.3	8.2	6.2	6.6
Jun-26	7.1	7.1	7.0	4.2	5.4	9.0	8.4	3.9	5.0	3.2	6.3	7.4	8.2	6.0	6.8
Jul-26	7.5	7.5	7.5	4.9	6.1	9.2	8.8	4.7	5.5	4.3	7.3	7.6	8.2	6.2	6.9
Aug-26	8.2	8.1	8.3	5.9	7.3	9.5	9.3	5.8	6.2	5.6	7.9	7.7	8.2	6.5	7.0
Period Average (Since July)															
Aug-25	3.6	3.9	3.0	0.8	0.5	6.0	5.4	-0.7	2.1	-2.3	1.2	6.9	7.9	4.3	4.1
Sep-25	4.3	4.5	4.0	2.0	2.3	6.2	5.5	-0.3	3.4	-2.3	2.3	6.9	7.9	4.5	4.8
Oct-25	4.8	4.9	4.6	2.6	3.5	6.4	5.7	0.0	4.0	-2.1	2.8	7.1	8.0	5.0	5.4
Nov-25	5.1	5.1	5.0	3.1	4.0	6.4	5.9	0.2	4.4	-2.0	3.1	7.0	8.1	5.2	5.8
Dec-25	5.2	5.2	5.0	3.1	3.9	6.6	6.1	0.3	4.4	-2.0	3.2	7.0	8.1	5.3	5.9
Jan-26	5.2	5.3	5.2	3.2	4.0	6.7	6.2	0.3	4.5	-2.0	3.3	7.0	8.1	5.2	6.1
Feb-26	5.5	5.5	5.4	3.3	4.4	6.9	6.4	0.4	4.6	-1.9	3.4	7.0	8.1	5.3	6.0
Mar-26	5.7	5.7	5.6	3.3	4.4	7.3	6.8	1.1	4.4	-0.7	3.8	7.1	8.1	5.3	6.0
Apr-26	6.2	6.3	6.1	3.6	4.7	8.0	7.4	2.3	4.7	1.0	4.6	7.2	8.2	5.8	6.3
May-26	6.7	6.8	6.6	3.9	5.0	8.6	8.1	3.2	4.8	2.4	5.5	7.3	8.2	6.0	6.8
Jun-26	7.1	7.1	7.0	4.2	5.4	9.0	8.4	3.9	5.0	3.2	6.3	7.4	8.2	6.0	6.8
Jul-26	9.2	8.7	9.9	9.6	10.2	8.2	9.7	9.4	8.0	10.3	11.5	8.6	8.1	7.5	8.0
Aug-26	10.2	9.6	11.1	10.8	11.7	8.8	10.5	10.6	8.8	11.6	10.4	8.7	8.3	7.6	8.5
Month-on-Month															
Aug-25	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-1.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Sep-25	2.1	1.6	2.8	4.0	5.5	0.1	0.4	0.5	3.4	-1.1	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7
Oct-25	1.7	1.4	2.1	1.7	3.0	1.1	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.2
Nov-25	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	-0.7	0.7	1.0	-0.2	-1.0	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4
Dec-25	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-1.7	-1.9	0.5	0.7	-0.9	-1.1	-0.7	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
Jan-26	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.7
Feb-26	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Mar-26	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.1	-0.6	2.1	2.4	5.9	-0.1	9.4	2.2	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5
Apr-26	2.5	2.7	2.1	2.3	0.9	3.0	3.2	5.1	1.8	6.8	3.6	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
May-26	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4	-0.8	0.5	-1.4	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.8
Jun-26	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	1.0	0.9	-1.4	-0.9	-1.2	0.9	-2.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5
Jul-26	1.2	1.2	1.2	3.7	3.4	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	2.4	-1.2	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.6	1.0
Aug-26	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.0	2.1	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.3	2.4	0.96	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.1

* Non-Food Non-Energy, ** SPI for all expenditure groups combined, Note: Digits 0.0 are due to rounding off.

Table 7.7: National CPI Inflation by Groups

Period	General	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Non-Perishable Food Items	Perishable Food Items	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishing and Household Equipment Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Misc. Goods and Services
Year-on-Year															
Aug-25	3.1	-1.8	2.0	-21.6	3.6	8.1	3.9	3.5	10.6	2.5	0.5	-2.3	10.9	7.2	14.4
Sep-25	5.8	5.0	6.5	-3.7	3.4	8.0	4.4	4.1	10.6	4.2	0.4	-2.7	10.7	6.1	14.9
Oct-25	6.2	5.6	6.3	1.7	3.3	8.1	4.2	4.0	9.7	6.7	0.6	-3.7	10.6	6.1	18.2
Nov-25	6.1	5.5	7.2	-3.7	4.5	6.5	5.3	3.5	8.3	6.1	0.6	-4.1	9.0	5.3	18.0
Dec-25	5.6	3.2	7.5	-20.1	3.9	6.2	6.9	3.4	7.7	4.9	0.6	-4.3	9.9	5.6	19.3
Jan-26	5.8	3.9	7.5	-19.7	3.7	6.1	7.3	3.2	7.1	2.6	0.6	-4.4	10.1	4.9	21.0
Feb-26	7.0	5.8	6.9	-2.6	2.9	6.2	9.7	3.5	7.2	0.4	0.6	-4.6	9.6	4.9	23.0
Mar-26	7.3	3.6	5.0	-6.9	2.3	5.8	11.5	3.9	7.4	12.5	0.8	-4.1	9.0	5.1	21.6
Apr-26	10.9	7.6	7.3	10.3	2.0	6.2	16.9	3.8	7.1	29.9	0.8	-5.1	8.3	5.3	18.3
May-26	11.7	7.9	9.4	-3.0	2.3	8.8	16.8	5.1	7.5	36.8	1.0	-0.2	8.4	5.7	15.0
Jun-26	11.1	9.4	10.2	3.6	3.3	9.3	15.5	5.9	7.6	25.7	0.9	0.1	8.3	5.4	12.2
Jul-26	9.2	10.6	11.6	5.2	3.2	9.2	7.1	6.9	7.8	15.1	13.6	1.3	9.0	5.7	10.8
Aug-26	11.1	13.9	12.3	24.9	3.2	9.2	8.9	7.1	8.0	20.2	13.6	0.5	7.8	6.1	12.2
12- Month Moving Average															
Aug-25	3.4	-1.1	0.1	-8.0	6.0	11.9	3.6	4.6	12.9	-1.8	4.0	4.8	10.7	7.7	13.6
Sep-25	3.4	-0.6	0.9	-9.6	5.7	11.3	2.5	4.4	12.6	-0.8	3.1	4.0	10.6	7.4	13.8
Oct-25	3.3	-0.2	1.6	-10.6	5.4	10.8	1.4	4.2	12.4	0.3	2.1	3.0	10.6	7.3	14.2
Nov-25	3.4	0.3	2.3	-11.4	5.4	10.1	1.3	4.0	12.0	1.0	1.3	2.0	10.5	7.0	14.7
Dec-25	3.6	0.5	3.1	-13.9	5.2	9.4	1.6	3.9	11.5	1.6	0.4	1.0	10.5	6.8	15.3
Jan-26	3.8	1.1	3.9	-14.6	5.1	8.8	2.0	3.7	10.9	1.8	0.4	0.0	10.4	6.6	16.0
Feb-26	4.3	1.9	4.6	-13.4	4.7	8.2	2.9	3.7	10.3	1.9	0.5	-1.1	10.3	6.4	16.9
Mar-26	4.8	2.7	5.1	-11.2	4.3	7.6	4.0	3.7	9.8	3.0	0.5	-2.0	10.1	6.2	17.6
Apr-26	5.7	3.8	5.7	-8.3	3.8	7.3	5.6	3.7	9.2	5.9	0.6	-3.1	9.9	6.1	17.9
May-26	6.4	4.1	6.1	-7.8	3.4	7.3	7.2	3.8	8.8	9.2	0.6	-3.2	9.7	6.0	17.9
Jun-26	7.1	4.7	6.6	-6.7	3.2	7.3	8.8	4.0	8.4	11.3	0.7	-3.1	9.6	5.8	17.6
Jul-26	7.5	5.5	7.3	-5.6	3.2	7.4	9.1	4.3	8.2	12.3	1.8	-2.9	9.5	5.6	17.2
Aug-26	8.2	6.8	8.1	-1.6	3.2	7.5	9.5	4.6	8.0	13.8	2.9	-2.6	9.2	5.5	16.9
Period Average (Since July)															
Aug-25	3.6	-0.5	2.3	-15.0	3.6	8.2	3.7	3.4	10.7	2.6	0.5	-1.9	10.6	7.4	14.6
Sep-25	4.3	1.4	3.7	-11.4	3.5	8.2	4.0	3.7	10.7	3.1	0.5	-2.1	10.6	7.0	14.7
Oct-25	4.8	2.4	4.4	-8.1	3.5	8.1	4.0	3.7	10.4	4.0	0.5	-2.5	10.6	6.8	15.6
Nov-25	5.1	3.1	4.9	-7.2	3.7	7.8	4.3	3.7	10.0	4.4	0.5	-2.8	10.3	6.5	16.1
Dec-25	5.2	3.1	5.4	-9.3	3.7	7.5	4.7	3.6	9.6	4.5	0.5	-3.1	10.2	6.3	16.6
Jan-26	5.2	3.2	5.7	-10.6	3.7	7.3	5.1	3.6	9.2	4.2	0.5	-3.3	10.2	6.1	17.3
Feb-26	5.5	3.5	5.8	-9.9	3.6	7.2	5.7	3.6	9.0	3.8	0.6	-3.4	10.1	6.0	18.0
Mar-26	5.7	3.5	5.7	-9.6	3.5	7.0	6.3	3.6	8.8	4.7	0.6	-3.5	10.0	5.9	18.4
Apr-26	6.2	3.9	5.9	-7.9	3.3	6.9	7.3	3.6	8.6	7.3	0.6	-3.7	9.8	5.8	18.4
May-26	6.7	4.3	6.2	-7.6	3.2	7.1	8.2	3.8	8.5	9.9	0.6	-3.4	9.7	5.8	18.1
Jun-26	7.1	4.7	6.6	-6.7	3.2	7.3	8.8	4.0	8.4	11.3	0.7	-3.1	9.6	5.8	17.6
Jul-26	9.2	10.6	11.6	5.2	3.2	9.2	7.1	6.9	7.8	15.1	13.6	1.3	9.0	5.7	10.8
Aug-26	10.2	12.3	11.9	14.4	3.2	9.2	8.0	7.0	7.9	17.6	13.6	0.9	8.4	5.9	11.5
Month-on-Month															
Aug-25	-0.6	-1.2	0.6	-12.1	0.1	0.2	-1.1	0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.2	0.7
Sep-25	2.1	5.5	4.4	12.7	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.7	1.7
Oct-25	1.7	2.7	0.8	14.9	0.0	0.3	1.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.4	4.1
Nov-25	0.4	-0.2	0.9	-6.8	0.4	0.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.6
Dec-25	-0.4	-2.2	0.4	-17.7	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.6	1.6
Jan-26	0.4	0.1	1.9	-13.4	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.4	-1.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	2.3
Feb-26	0.3	-0.9	-1.2	2.0	0.4	0.3	1.9	0.2	0.6	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	3.4
Mar-26	1.2	-0.3	-0.7	2.8	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.2	11.8	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.1
Apr-26	2.5	1.8	0.1	15.3	0.2	0.8	2.4	0.5	0.3	15.5	0.1	-0.1	3.0	0.7	-0.5
May-26	0.5	0.1	2.0	-13.0	0.3	3.4	-1.3	1.5	0.8	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.6	-1.2
Jun-26	-0.3	1.0	-0.4	12.4	1.4	0.8	-0.4	0.9	0.9	-7.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.4	-1.9
Jul-26	1.2	4.2	2.3	17.7	0.1	0.2	-0.6	1.1	0.5	-5.2	12.7	1.3	0.9	0.7	-0.4
Aug-26	1.2	1.7	1.2	4.4	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.9	3.4	0.0	-0.5	0.2	0.6	1.9
Current Month Average of Last 3-Years															
YoY	7.9	4.9	3.9	14.8	4.5	11.5	11.7	6.4	12.1	8.6	9.0	2.0	10.5	7.7	12.7
MoM	0.3	0.6	1.0	-1.6	0.1	0.3	-0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.2

Table 7.8: Urban CPI Inflation by Groups

Period	General	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Non-Perishable Food Items	Perishable Food Items	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishing and Household Equipment Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Misc. Goods and Services
Year-on-Year															
Aug-25	3.5	-2.0	2.1	-22.8	3.2	8.1	5.3	3.8	9.7	2.3	0.3	-3.1	10.6	6.7	13.9
Sep-25	5.7	4.2	5.7	-4.4	3.1	7.9	5.7	4.7	9.0	4.1	0.3	-3.4	10.5	5.5	14.7
Oct-25	6.0	4.3	5.0	0.7	3.1	8.1	5.5	4.1	8.2	6.9	0.4	-4.2	10.4	5.5	18.0
Nov-25	6.1	5.2	6.5	-2.0	4.9	5.7	6.4	3.2	7.0	6.2	0.5	-4.3	8.2	4.5	17.6
Dec-25	5.8	2.9	7.0	-19.2	4.3	5.6	8.0	3.5	6.6	5.0	0.5	-4.4	9.1	5.0	19.0
Jan-26	5.8	3.2	6.2	-16.3	4.1	5.5	8.3	3.1	6.2	2.8	0.5	-4.4	9.1	4.3	21.1
Feb-26	6.8	4.6	5.2	-0.4	3.5	5.7	10.5	3.2	6.2	0.3	0.5	-4.5	8.8	4.4	23.3
Mar-26	7.4	2.6	3.7	-5.1	2.8	5.2	12.1	3.7	6.5	12.8	0.6	-3.6	8.9	4.8	21.5
Apr-26	11.1	7.5	6.7	12.9	2.1	5.5	16.2	3.5	6.2	32.2	0.8	-4.5	7.7	5.1	18.1
May-26	11.8	6.8	8.1	-2.9	2.3	10.3	16.1	5.0	6.6	39.5	1.0	-0.1	8.2	5.8	15.0
Jun-26	11.2	8.7	9.5	3.2	3.8	11.2	14.5	6.1	6.5	28.1	0.9	0.7	8.2	5.2	12.3
Jul-26	8.7	10.3	10.8	7.5	3.7	11.2	5.2	6.9	7.3	16.5	15.3	1.3	8.8	5.9	10.6
Aug-26	10.4	13.3	11.2	27.9	3.6	11.2	6.6	6.7	7.6	21.8	15.3	0.8	7.3	6.2	11.7
12- Month Moving Average															
Aug-25	4.0	0.0	1.3	-7.2	5.8	12.4	4.5	4.1	13.6	-1.5	3.4	3.1	8.3	6.6	12.3
Sep-25	3.7	0.3	1.9	-8.8	5.5	11.8	3.1	4.1	13.0	-0.6	2.5	2.4	8.4	6.4	12.6
Oct-25	3.5	0.5	2.4	-9.9	5.2	11.3	1.8	4.1	12.6	0.4	1.7	1.5	8.8	6.3	13.1
Nov-25	3.6	0.9	2.9	-10.5	5.1	10.5	1.7	3.9	11.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	8.8	6.1	13.7
Dec-25	3.7	1.0	3.5	-12.9	5.1	9.6	2.1	3.8	11.2	1.6	0.2	-0.2	9.0	6.0	14.4
Jan-26	3.9	1.5	4.1	-13.3	5.0	8.8	2.6	3.7	10.4	1.8	0.2	-1.0	9.2	5.8	15.3
Feb-26	4.4	2.0	4.5	-12.1	4.7	8.1	3.6	3.6	9.7	1.9	0.3	-1.9	9.4	5.6	16.4
Mar-26	4.9	2.6	4.7	-10.0	4.3	7.3	4.8	3.7	9.0	3.1	0.4	-2.6	9.4	5.6	17.2
Apr-26	5.8	3.5	5.2	-7.0	3.8	7.0	6.4	3.6	8.3	6.1	0.4	-3.4	9.2	5.6	17.6
May-26	6.5	3.7	5.4	-6.8	3.4	7.1	7.9	3.7	7.8	9.6	0.5	-3.4	9.2	5.5	17.6
Jun-26	7.1	4.1	5.7	-6.0	3.4	7.3	9.4	3.9	7.4	11.9	0.5	-3.2	9.1	5.3	17.4
Jul-26	7.5	4.8	6.4	-4.6	3.4	7.5	9.4	4.2	7.1	13.1	1.8	-2.9	9.0	5.2	17.0
Aug-26	8.1	6.1	7.1	-0.3	3.4	7.8	9.5	4.5	7.0	14.7	3.1	-2.6	8.7	5.2	16.8
Period Average (Since July)															
Aug-25	3.9	-0.4	2.5	-15.7	3.1	8.2	5.1	3.6	9.9	2.6	0.3	-2.7	10.0	6.9	14.0
Sep-25	4.5	1.1	3.6	-12.1	3.1	8.1	5.3	3.9	9.6	3.1	0.3	-2.9	10.2	6.4	14.2
Oct-25	4.9	1.9	3.9	-8.9	3.1	8.1	5.4	4.0	9.2	4.0	0.3	-3.2	10.2	6.2	15.2
Nov-25	5.1	2.6	4.5	-7.5	3.5	7.6	5.6	3.8	8.8	4.4	0.4	-3.5	9.8	5.8	15.7
Dec-25	5.2	2.6	4.9	-9.5	3.6	7.3	6.0	3.8	8.4	4.5	0.4	-3.6	9.7	5.7	16.2
Jan-26	5.3	2.7	5.1	-10.3	3.7	7.0	6.3	3.7	8.1	4.3	0.4	-3.7	9.6	5.5	16.9
Feb-26	5.5	3.0	5.1	-9.3	3.7	6.8	6.8	3.6	7.8	3.8	0.4	-3.8	9.5	5.3	17.8
Mar-26	5.7	2.9	4.9	-8.9	3.6	6.7	7.4	3.6	7.7	4.8	0.4	-3.8	9.4	5.3	18.2
Apr-26	6.3	3.4	5.1	-7.1	3.4	6.5	8.3	3.6	7.5	7.5	0.5	-3.9	9.3	5.3	18.2
May-26	6.8	3.7	5.4	-6.8	3.3	6.9	9.0	3.7	7.4	10.4	0.5	-3.5	9.2	5.3	17.9
Jun-26	7.1	4.1	5.7	-6.0	3.4	7.3	9.4	3.9	7.4	11.9	0.5	-3.2	9.1	5.3	17.4
Jul-26	8.7	10.3	10.7	7.5	3.7	11.2	5.2	6.9	7.3	16.5	15.3	1.3	8.8	5.9	10.6
Aug-26	9.6	11.8	11.0	17.0	3.6	11.2	5.9	6.8	7.4	19.1	15.3	1.1	8.0	6.1	11.1
Month-on-Month															
Aug-25	-0.7	-1.6	0.3	-13.0	0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.6	0.7	-1.0	0.0	0.4	1.6	0.2	0.7
Sep-25	1.6	4.7	3.7	12.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.8	1.6
Oct-25	1.4	2.0	0.2	13.7	0.0	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.4	3.8
Nov-25	0.5	0.3	1.3	-5.2	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6
Dec-25	-0.4	-2.1	0.4	-17.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.4
Jan-26	0.2	-0.3	1.3	-11.8	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.3	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.6
Feb-26	0.3	-1.1	-1.5	2.7	0.5	0.4	1.7	0.2	0.4	-2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.6
Mar-26	1.3	0.0	-0.3	2.6	0.3	0.7	1.3	0.6	0.3	12.1	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.6	-0.1
Apr-26	2.7	2.6	0.9	16.0	0.1	0.8	1.6	0.6	0.5	17.0	0.2	0.0	3.0	0.9	-0.5
May-26	0.7	0.1	2.0	-13.1	0.2	5.9	-1.3	1.6	0.6	5.5	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8	-1.0
Jun-26	-0.5	1.0	-0.3	11.9	1.7	0.9	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-7.3	0.0	0.7	0.1	-0.3	-2.0
Jul-26	1.2	4.4	2.5	18.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.9	0.9	-5.7	14.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	-0.5
Aug-26	0.9	1.1	0.7	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	3.5	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.5	1.8
Current Month Average of Last 3-Years															
YoY	8.5	5.1	3.9	16.4	4.6	12.0	13.6	5.8	12.1	9.1	9.1	1.2	9.3	6.9	11.9
MoM	0.2	0.3	0.7	-2.1	0.0	0.3	-0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.1

Table 7.9: Rural CPI Inflation by Groups

Period	General	Food and Non-Alcoholic	Non-Perishable Food Items	Perishable Food Items	Alcoholic Beverages,	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishing and Household Equipment Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Misc. Goods and Services
Year-on-Year															
Aug-25	2.5	-1.6	1.9	-20.2	4.0	8.1	0.6	3.1	11.5	2.7	0.9	-0.9	11.9	8.0	15.0
Sep-25	5.9	6.0	7.5	-2.9	3.7	8.1	1.2	3.3	12.3	4.4	0.6	-1.6	11.3	7.3	15.2
Oct-25	6.6	6.9	7.7	2.7	3.6	8.0	1.2	3.8	11.3	6.4	0.9	-2.9	11.2	7.1	18.4
Nov-25	6.3	5.9	8.1	-5.6	4.0	7.5	2.8	3.9	9.7	6.0	0.9	-3.7	11.2	6.9	18.6
Dec-25	5.4	3.6	8.1	-21.1	3.5	7.0	4.2	3.2	8.9	4.8	0.9	-4.2	12.3	6.7	19.7
Jan-26	5.8	4.7	9.0	-23.4	3.2	6.8	4.9	3.4	8.1	2.4	0.8	-4.4	13.0	5.9	20.9
Feb-26	7.3	7.2	8.8	-5.0	2.2	6.7	7.6	3.9	8.2	0.5	0.8	-4.7	12.3	5.9	22.6
Mar-26	7.2	4.6	6.4	-9.0	1.8	6.5	10.0	4.2	8.3	12.0	1.1	-4.8	9.6	5.7	21.8
Apr-26	10.6	7.8	7.9	7.2	1.9	7.0	18.3	4.3	8.0	26.3	1.0	-6.1	10.0	5.6	18.7
May-26	11.5	9.2	10.9	-3.2	2.2	7.0	18.4	5.4	8.5	32.4	0.9	-0.4	8.9	5.5	15.1
Jun-26	10.9	10.1	11.0	4.1	2.8	7.1	17.8	5.7	8.7	21.9	0.8	-0.9	8.5	5.7	12.1
Jul-26	9.9	11.1	12.5	2.5	2.7	6.9	11.9	7.0	8.3	12.9	10.4	1.2	9.8	5.4	11.1
Aug-26	12.2	14.5	13.5	21.5	2.7	6.9	14.5	7.6	8.5	17.6	10.4	-0.1	9.4	5.9	12.7
12- Month Moving Average															
Aug-25	2.6	-2.3	-1.2	-9.0	6.2	11.3	1.4	5.2	12.2	-2.3	5.2	7.7	18.8	9.6	15.3
Sep-25	2.8	-1.7	-0.1	-10.5	5.9	10.7	0.9	4.8	12.2	-1.2	4.1	6.6	17.8	9.3	15.4
Oct-25	3.0	-1.1	0.7	-11.3	5.7	10.2	0.6	4.5	12.2	0.0	3.0	5.5	16.8	9.0	15.6
Nov-25	3.2	-0.5	1.7	-12.5	5.6	9.7	0.2	4.3	12.1	0.9	1.9	4.2	15.8	8.7	16.0
Dec-25	3.3	-0.1	2.6	-14.9	5.4	9.2	0.2	4.0	11.8	1.5	0.8	2.9	15.0	8.4	16.4
Jan-26	3.7	0.7	3.7	-16.0	5.2	8.7	0.6	3.8	11.4	1.7	0.8	1.6	14.2	8.0	16.9
Feb-26	4.2	1.8	4.7	-14.8	4.8	8.3	1.2	3.7	11.0	1.8	0.8	0.2	13.3	7.7	17.6
Mar-26	4.8	2.9	5.5	-12.7	4.3	7.9	2.2	3.7	10.6	2.9	0.9	-1.1	12.1	7.4	18.1
Apr-26	5.7	4.0	6.3	-9.7	3.8	7.7	3.9	3.7	10.2	5.5	0.9	-2.5	11.8	7.2	18.4
May-26	6.4	4.7	6.9	-9.0	3.4	7.5	5.5	3.8	9.8	8.5	0.9	-2.8	11.4	6.9	18.2
Jun-26	7.0	5.4	7.5	-7.6	3.1	7.3	7.2	4.0	9.5	10.2	0.9	-2.9	11.0	6.6	17.8
Jul-26	7.5	6.3	8.3	-6.6	2.9	7.2	8.2	4.3	9.2	11.1	1.7	-2.8	10.8	6.3	17.4
Aug-26	8.3	7.6	9.3	-3.1	2.8	7.1	9.4	4.7	9.0	12.4	2.5	-2.8	10.6	6.1	17.1
Period Average (Since July)															
Aug-25	3.0	-0.5	2.0	-14.2	4.2	8.3	0.4	3.2	11.5	2.7	0.9	-0.5	12.4	8.4	15.6
Sep-25	4.0	1.6	3.8	-10.6	4.0	8.2	0.7	3.3	11.8	3.3	0.8	-0.9	12.1	8.0	15.4
Oct-25	4.6	3.0	4.8	-7.1	3.9	8.1	0.8	3.4	11.6	4.0	0.8	-1.4	11.8	7.8	16.2
Nov-25	5.0	3.6	5.5	-6.8	3.9	8.0	1.2	3.5	11.2	4.4	0.8	-1.8	11.7	7.6	16.7
Dec-25	5.0	3.6	5.9	-9.2	3.8	7.8	1.7	3.5	10.8	4.5	0.8	-2.2	11.8	7.4	17.2
Jan-26	5.2	3.7	6.4	-11.0	3.7	7.7	2.2	3.4	10.4	4.2	0.8	-2.5	12.0	7.2	17.7
Feb-26	5.4	4.2	6.7	-10.4	3.6	7.6	2.9	3.5	10.1	3.7	0.8	-2.8	12.0	7.0	18.4
Mar-26	5.6	4.2	6.6	-10.3	3.4	7.4	3.7	3.6	9.9	4.7	0.9	-3.0	11.7	6.9	18.8
Apr-26	6.1	4.6	6.8	-8.9	3.2	7.4	5.1	3.7	9.7	6.8	0.9	-3.4	11.6	6.8	18.8
May-26	6.6	5.0	7.1	-8.5	3.1	7.4	6.3	3.8	9.6	9.2	0.9	-3.1	11.3	6.6	18.4
Jun-26	7.0	5.4	7.5	-7.6	3.1	7.3	7.2	4.0	9.5	10.2	0.9	-2.9	11.0	6.6	17.8
Jul-26	9.9	11.1	12.5	2.5	2.7	6.9	11.9	7.0	8.3	12.9	10.4	1.2	9.8	5.4	11.1
Aug-26	11.1	12.8	13.0	11.4	2.7	6.9	13.2	7.3	8.4	15.2	10.4	0.5	9.6	5.6	11.9
Month-on-Month															
Aug-25	-0.5	-0.8	0.9	-11.0	0.1	0.2	-1.2	0.1	0.7	-0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Sep-25	2.8	6.3	5.2	13.4	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.5	1.7
Oct-25	2.1	3.4	1.4	16.2	-0.1	0.4	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.9	0.2	0.5	4.4
Nov-25	0.2	-0.8	0.6	-8.5	0.3	0.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.6
Dec-25	-0.6	-2.2	0.4	-18.1	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.2	1.9
Jan-26	0.6	0.4	2.5	-15.2	0.1	0.5	1.6	0.7	0.6	-1.4	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.5	1.9
Feb-26	0.3	-0.6	-0.8	1.1	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.2	0.9	-1.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	3.0
Mar-26	1.0	-0.7	-1.1	3.0	0.2	1.4	2.3	0.5	0.1	11.2	0.3	-0.3	0.7	0.0	0.4
Apr-26	2.1	0.9	-0.6	14.3	0.2	0.8	4.4	0.5	0.1	13.0	0.0	-0.4	2.8	0.4	-0.5
May-26	0.3	0.2	1.9	-12.8	0.5	0.5	-1.2	1.5	1.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	-1.3
Jun-26	0.0	0.9	-0.5	13.1	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.2	-7.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.5	-1.7
Jul-26	1.2	3.9	2.2	17.0	0.0	0.4	-1.8	1.3	0.2	-4.5	9.7	2.2	1.7	0.5	-0.3
Aug-26	1.6	2.3	1.8	5.6	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.9	3.2	0.0	-1.1	0.0	0.6	2.0
Current Month Average of Last 3-Years															
YoY	7.1	4.6	3.8	13.0	4.5	11.1	7.9	7.3	12.2	7.9	8.9	3.3	14.8	9.3	13.8
MoM	0.6	1.0	1.3	-1.0	0.2	0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.3

Technical Notes

1. All the three measures of inflation, viz. CPI (National, Urban and Rural), WPI and SPI are computed by the following Laspeyres Index formula:

$$I_t = \sum_j w_0^j \left(\frac{P_t^j}{P_0^j} \right)$$

Where I_t is price index, w_0^j is weight of commodity j in the overall basket, P_t^j is price of commodity j in period t and P_0^j is its price in the base year.

2. Base year for all the indices is the year 2015-16.
3. CPI baskets for urban and rural areas contains 356 and 244 consumers' items respectively; WPI basket contains 419 items; SPI contains 51 items.
4. YoY inflation is the percent change of an index in a given month over the index in the same month of the last year. It is computed as follows:

$$\pi_t = \left(\frac{I_t}{I_{t-12}} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

5. Period average inflation is the percent change of the average index during the period from July to the given month of a fiscal year over the average index during the corresponding period of the last year. It is computed as follows:

$$\bar{\pi}_t = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{t-v} I_{t-i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{t-12-v} I_{t-12-i}} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

Where v is the serial number of the month of December of current fiscal year in a given time series.

6. Monthly inflation is the percent change of an index in a given month over the index in the preceding month. It is computed as follows:

$$\pi_t = \left(\frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

7. 12-month moving average inflation (Long-run trend inflation) is the percent change of 12-month moving average of a price index; it is computed as follows:

$$\tilde{\pi}_t = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{11} I_{t-i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{11} I_{t-12-i}} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

8. Core Inflation is defined as the persistent component of measured inflation that excludes volatile and controlled prices. It reflects the normal supply and demand conditions in the economy. Core inflation is computed by the following two methods i.e. NFNE inflation and trimmed inflation:

- a) Non-food, Non-energy inflation (NFNE inflation); it is computed by excluding food group and energy items (kerosene oil, petrol, diesel, CNG, electricity and natural gas) from the CPI basket.

- b) 20% trimmed-mean inflation; it is computed through the following steps:
- All CPI items are arranged in ascending order according to YoY/12-month moving average/monthly/period average changes in their price indices in a given month.
 - 20 percent of the items showing extreme changes are excluded with 10 percent of the items at the top of the list (corresponding to cumulative weight of 90% or more) and 10 percent of the items at the bottom of the list (corresponding to cumulative weight of 10 percent or less).
 - The weighted mean of the changes in price indices of the rest of the items is core inflation.
9. Weighted contribution of different items (or sub-groups) to total inflation is worked out as below:
Let the overall index (I_t) is the weighted average of price indices of individual items or sub-groups (I_{it}), i.e.

$$I_t = \sum_i w_i \cdot I_{it}$$

The weighted contribution of a single item (or a sub-group) to overall inflation is defined as:

$$C_{it} = \alpha_{it-12} \cdot w_i \cdot \left(\frac{\pi_{it}}{\pi_t} \right)$$

Where C_{it} : Contribution of i^{th} item to the overall inflation

$$\alpha_{it-12} = \frac{I_{it-12}}{I_{t-12}}; \text{ i.e. ratio of item's index to overall index in the reference month}$$

w_i : Weights of i^{th} item

π_{it} : Inflation of i^{th} item

π_t : Overall inflation

List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Stands for
CIF	Cost, Insurance, and Freight
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CPI	Consumer Price Index
FY	Fiscal year
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
kg	Kilogram
MT	Metric Ton
LB	Pound
PBS	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
SPI	Sensitive Price Indicator
WPI	Wholesale Price Index
12MMA	12 Month Moving Average
