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CCPI based Inflation increased in July 2020

Headline Inflation

Year-on-year inflation : 4.2%
Annual Average inflation : 4.8%
Monthly Change : 0.1%

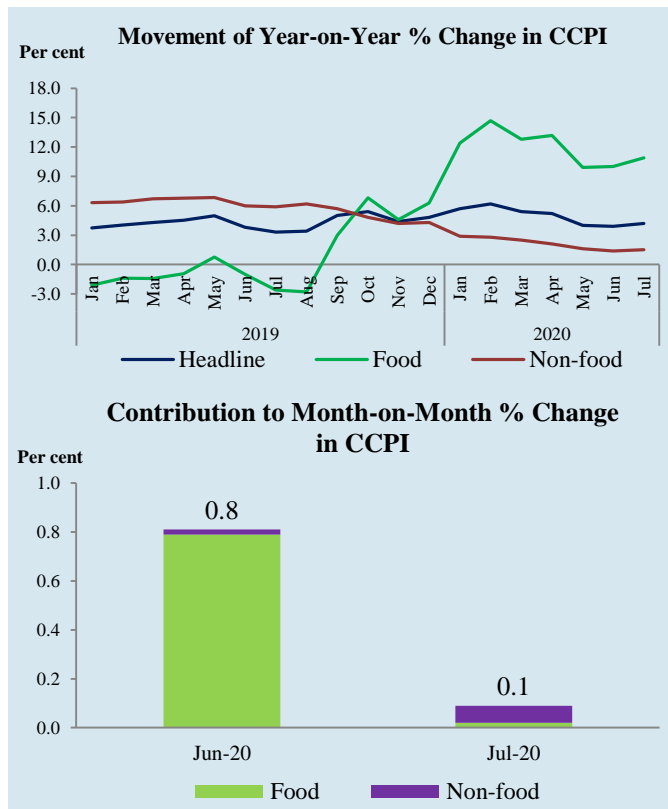
Core Inflation

Year-on-year inflation : 3.2%
Annual Average inflation : 4.0%
Monthly Change : 0.2%

Headline inflation as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2013=100)¹ increased to 4.2 per cent in July 2020 from 3.9 per cent in June 2020. This was mainly driven by monthly increase of prices of items in Non-food category along with the statistical effect of the low base prevailed in July 2019. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 10.9 per cent in July 2020 from 10.0 per cent in June 2020. Further, Non-food inflation (Y-o-Y) also increased marginally to 1.5 per cent in July 2020 from 1.4 per cent in June 2020.

The change in the CCPI measured on an annual average basis also increased marginally to 4.8 per cent in July 2020 from 4.7 per cent in June 2020.

Monthly change of CCPI recorded at 0.1 per cent was mainly due to net effect of price changes observed in the items of the Non-food category. Within the Non-food category, prices of items in Health



¹The Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2013=100) is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics.

(payments to private hospitals/ nursing homes) sub-category increased during the month. Meanwhile, prices of items in the Food category also recorded marginal increases in July 2020.

The core inflation (Y-o-Y), which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased marginally to 3.2 per cent in July 2020 from 3.1 per cent in June 2020. However, annual average core inflation declined further to its sixteen months low of 4.0 per cent in July 2020 from 4.2 per cent in June 2020.

Data Annexure:

Table 01 : Movements of the CCPI (2013=100)

Year	Month	Index Number		Monthly Percentage Change		Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Annual Average Percentage Change	
		CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)
2018	January	122.8	125.6	-0.1	0.6	5.8	3.5	6.6	5.6
	February	121.9	125.8	-0.7	0.2	4.5	3.5	6.4	5.3
	March	121.4	125.9	-0.4	0.1	4.2	3.4	6.1	5.0
	April	121.5	126.2	0.1	0.2	3.8	3.5	5.9	4.7
	May	122.9	126.4	1.2	0.2	4.0	3.2	5.7	4.5
	June	125.4	127.0	2.0	0.5	4.4	3.4	5.6	4.4
	July	125.8	127.3	0.3	0.2	5.4	3.9	5.6	4.3
	August	125.8	127.5	0.0	0.2	5.9	3.7	5.6	4.1
	September	124.9	128.0	-0.7	0.4	4.3	3.8	5.4	3.9
	October	124.6	128.1	-0.2	0.1	3.1	3.8	5.0	3.8
	November	126.2	128.9	1.3	0.6	3.3	3.4	4.6	3.6
	December	126.3	128.8	0.1	-0.1	2.8	3.1	4.3	3.5
2019	January	127.4	132.5	0.9	2.9	3.7	5.5	4.1	3.7
	February	126.8	132.6	-0.5	0.1	4.0	5.4	4.1	3.8
	March	126.6	133.0	-0.2	0.3	4.3	5.6	4.1	4.0
	April	127.0	133.1	0.3	0.1	4.5	5.5	4.1	4.2
	May	129.0	134.2	1.6	0.8	5.0	6.2	4.2	4.4
	June	130.2	134.4	0.9	0.1	3.8	5.8	4.2	4.7
	July	130.0	134.6	-0.2	0.1	3.3	5.7	4.0	4.8
	August	130.1	134.6	0.1	0.0	3.4	5.6	3.8	5.0
	September	131.1	135.2	0.8	0.4	5.0	5.6	3.9	5.1
	October	131.3	135.2	0.2	0.0	5.4	5.5	4.0	5.3
	November	131.7	135.5	0.3	0.2	4.4	5.1	4.1	5.4
	December	132.4	135.0	0.5	-0.4	4.8	4.8	4.3	5.5
2020	January	134.6	136.5	1.7	1.1	5.7	3.0	4.5	5.3
	February	134.6	136.9	0.0	0.3	6.2	3.2	4.6	5.1
	March	133.4	136.9	-0.9	0.0	5.4	2.9	4.7	4.9
	April	133.6	137.2	0.1	0.2	5.2	3.1	4.8	4.7
	May	134.2	138.1	0.4	0.7	4.0	2.9	4.7	4.4
	June	135.3	138.6	0.8	0.4	3.9	3.1	4.7	4.2
	July	135.4	138.9	0.1	0.2	4.2	3.2	4.8	4.0

Source: Department of Census and Statistics