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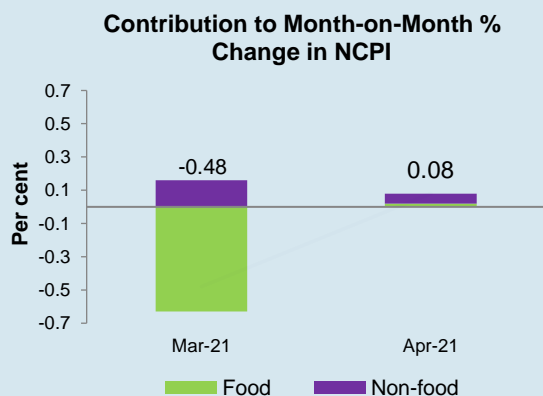
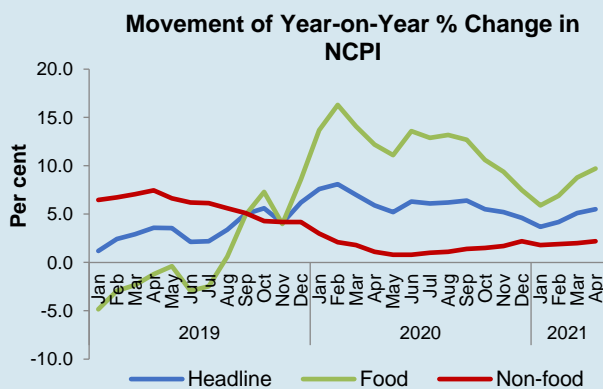
## NCPI based Inflation increased in April 2021

### Headline Inflation

Year-on-year inflation : 5.5%  
 Annual Average inflation : 5.3%  
 Monthly Change : 0.08%

### Core Inflation

Year-on-year inflation : 4.1%  
 Annual Average inflation : 4.4%  
 Monthly Change : 0.5%



Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI, 2013=100)<sup>1</sup>, increased to 5.5 per cent in April 2021 from 5.1 per cent in March 2021. This was mainly due to the statistical effect of the low base prevailed in April 2020. Meanwhile, Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 9.7 per cent in April 2021 from 8.8 per cent in March 2021 and Non-Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 2.2 per cent in April 2021 from 2.0 per cent in March 2021.

The NCPI, measured on an annual average basis, remained unchanged at 5.3 per cent in April 2021.

Monthly change of NCPI recorded a marginal increase in April 2021. This was due to price increases observed in items of both Food and Non-food categories. Accordingly, within the Food category, increases were observed mainly in the prices of coconut oil, fresh fish and fresh fruits during April 2021. However, prices of coconut and vegetables recorded a decrease during the month. Moreover, prices of items in the Non-Food category recorded an increase during the month due to price increases observed in the Clothing and Footwear (clothing), Transport (lubricant oil) and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (hair cutting and shaving charges) sub-categories.

Further, year-on-year core inflation decreased to 4.1 per cent in April 2021 from 4.3 per cent in March 2021, while annual average core inflation increased marginally to 4.4 per cent in April 2021 from 4.3 per cent in March 2021.

<sup>1</sup>The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI, 2013=100) is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics.

Data Annexure:

**Table 1: Movements of the NCPI**

Base: 2013 = 100

Year	Month	Index Number		Monthly Percentage Change		Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Annual Average Percentage Change	
		NCPI	NCPI (Core)	NCPI	NCPI (Core)	NCPI	NCPI (Core)	NCPI	NCPI (Core)
2019	January	127.3	130.2	0.2	2.0	1.2	5.1	1.8	2.7
	February	126.7	131.3	-0.5	0.8	2.4	5.5	1.7	3.0
	March	126.4	131.8	-0.2	0.4	2.9	5.8	1.7	3.3
	April	127.3	132.6	0.7	0.6	3.6	6.3	1.9	3.7
	May	128.7	133.0	1.1	0.3	3.5	6.3	2.0	4.0
	June	129.2	133.0	0.4	0.0	2.1	6.1	2.0	4.4
	July	129.4	133.4	0.2	0.3	2.2	6.1	1.9	4.7
	August	129.7	133.7	0.2	0.2	3.4	5.9	2.0	5.0
	September	130.6	134.0	0.7	0.2	5.0	5.6	2.3	5.2
	October	131.9	134.4	1.0	0.3	5.6	5.6	2.8	5.4
	November	132.9	134.6	0.8	0.1	4.1	5.5	3.0	5.6
	December	135.0	134.2	1.6	-0.3	6.2	5.2	3.5	5.7
2020	January	137.0	135.3	1.5	0.8	7.6	3.9	4.1	5.6
	February	137.0	135.8	0.0	0.4	8.1	3.4	4.5	5.5
	March	135.2	136.0	-1.3	0.1	7.0	3.2	4.9	5.2
	April	134.8	136.9	-0.3	0.7	5.9	3.2	5.1	5.0
	May	135.4	137.9	0.4	0.7	5.2	3.7	5.2	4.8
	June	137.3	138.9	1.4	0.7	6.3	4.4	5.6	4.6
	July	137.3	139.4	0.0	0.4	6.1	4.5	5.9	4.5
	August	137.8	139.9	0.4	0.4	6.2	4.6	6.1	4.4
	September	138.9	140.4	0.8	0.4	6.4	4.8	6.2	4.3
	October	139.1	140.5	0.1	0.1	5.5	4.5	6.2	4.2
	November	139.8	140.6	0.5	0.1	5.2	4.5	6.3	4.2
	December	141.2	140.5	1.0	-0.1	4.6	4.7	6.2	4.1
2021	January	142.1	141.0	0.6	0.4	3.7	4.2	5.8	4.2
	February	142.8	141.3	0.5	0.2	4.2	4.1	5.5	4.2
	March	142.1	141.8	-0.5	0.4	5.1	4.3	5.3	4.3
	April	142.2	142.5	0.1	0.5	5.5	4.1	5.3	4.4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics