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THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – NOVEMBER 2016

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, and Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Co-operative store and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 373 items which represent the typical urban households' consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2006/07.

DCS commenced releasing monthly National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) from November 2015 with a time lag of 21 days. However, CCPI is released on the last working day of each month. Accordingly, the NCPI for the month of October 2016 was released on 21st November 2016.

Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of November 2016 was 190.9 and it records an increase of 1.2 index points or a percentage of 0.63 compared to the month of October 2016 for which the index was 189.7 This increase represents an expenditure value of Rs.336.35 in the "Market Basket".

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

Major Group*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)		
	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2016	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2016	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2016
All Items	184.7	189.7	190.9	729.69	334.83	336.35	1.43	0.63	0.63
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	217.5	223.8	223.9	727.80	328.01	12.70	1.43	0.62	0.02
Non Food	161.9	166.0	168.0	1.89	6.82	323.65	0.00	0.01	0.61
Clothing and Footwear	203.9	208.9	212.5	-4.32	-0.59	31.07	-0.01	0.00	0.06
Housing Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	138.6	137.8	138.5	4.32	-16.30	45.49	0.01	-0.03	0.09
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	168.2	172.3	172.8	0.00	0.78	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.01
Health	318.9	354.7	365.7	0.00	0.00	97.62	0.00	0.00	0.18
Communication	94.0	96.2	106.4	0.00	0.00	135.05	0.00	0.00	0.25
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	155.9	164.7	165.7	1.89	9.83	7.81	0.00	0.02	0.01
Other	175.4	180.1	180.1	0.00	13.10	1.92	0.00	0.02	0.00

*Note : There are 10 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in November 2016 were noted only in Seven main groups, details on which are given in Table 1.

Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the increase in CCPI from October 2016 to November 2016 are given in Table 2. The increase in the index point by 0.63% was due to the increase of food items by 0.02% and increase of non-food items by 0.61% respectively.

Contribution of Food and non alcoholic beverages items: 0.02%

Increase in value change in index were reported for Rice (0.18%), Dried Fish (0.04%), Coconut (0.10%), Vegetables (0.14%), Red Onions (0.02%), Garlic (0.02%) and Limes (0.19%) while decreases in value change were reported for Chicken (0.07%), Sea Fish (0.31%), Eggs (0.07%), Papaw (0.15%), Mangoes (0.14%) and Green Chillies (0.02%).

Contribution of non food items: 0.61%

Among non food groups value increases were reported for groups of 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.06%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.09%), 'Health' (0.18%) and 'Communication' (0.25%) while 'Recreation & Culture' and 'Education' groups showed an insignificant but positive increases. Value of the group of 'Transport' remain unchanged. In terms of 'Health' and 'Communication' groups, the amount of price increases have been due to recently introduced VAT component in laboratory test fee, Consultation fee, Hospital room charges and telephone charges respectively.

**Table 2: Contribution to the increase in CCPI from October 2016 to November 2016
(Base: 2006/07=100)**

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change			
	Rs.cts.	% change		
		Increase %	Decrease %	Net effect %
Food	12.70	0.80	0.75	0.02
1 Rice	94.74	0.18		
2 Chicken	-35.82		0.07	
3 Sea Fish	-165.46		0.31	
4 Dried Fish	21.85	0.04		
<i>Sprats</i>	20.72	0.04		
5 Eggs	-36.26		0.07	
6 Coconut	53.91	0.10		
7 Papaw	-79.05		0.15	
8 Mangoes	-75.15		0.14	
9 Vegetables	76.30	0.14		
10 Red Onions	12.18	0.02		
11 Garlic	8.69	0.02		
12 Green chillies	-8.42		0.02	
13 Limes	101.37	0.19		
14 Others	43.81	0.08		
Non Food	323.65	0.61		0.61
15 Clothing and footwear	31.07	0.06		
16 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	45.49	0.09		
<i>Maintanance & Repair of Dwellings</i>	45.49	0.09		
17 Health	97.62	0.18		
<i>Consultation fee to Specialist</i>	39.74	0.07		
<i>Laboratory tests</i>	42.53	0.08		
<i>Hospital room charges</i>	8.38	0.02		
18 Communication	135.05	0.25		
<i>Telephone charges</i>	135.05	0.25		
19 Others	14.41	0.03		
All Items	336.35			0.63

INFLATION:

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 3: Movements of the CCPI(Base: 2006/07=100)

Year	Month	Index Number	All Item			Food			Non Food		
			%Change MonthtoMonth	Inflation		%Change MonthtoMonth	Inflation		%Change Monthto Month	Inflation	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2015	October	182.1	0.4%	1.7%	0.7%	0.8%	2.7%	5.1%	0.0%	0.8%	-3.0%
	November	184.7	1.4%	3.1%	0.9%	3.0%	5.2%	5.1%	0.0%	1.1%	-2.8%
	December	185.2	0.3%	2.8%	0.9%	0.8%	4.2%	4.9%	-0.2%	1.5%	-2.5%
	January	184.9	-0.2%	0.9%	0.7%	-0.5%	-0.2%	3.9%	0.2%	2.0%	-2.0%
	February	183.8	-0.6%	2.7%	0.9%	-1.1%	0.8%	3.2%	-0.1%	4.6%	-1.1%
2016	March	181.7	-1.1%	2.0%	1.1%	-2.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-0.1%	2.5%	-0.5%
	April	184.1	1.3%	3.1%	1.3%	2.2%	4.9%	2.8%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%
	May	188.5	2.4%	4.8%	1.7%	2.2%	5.6%	2.9%	2.5%	4.2%	0.6%
	June	192.5	2.1%	6.0%	2.2%	4.3%	8.2%	3.3%	0.2%	4.0%	1.2%
	July	192.9	0.2%	5.5%	2.7%	0.6%	8.1%	3.8%	-0.2%	3.0%	1.7%
	August	189.1	-2.0%	4.0%	3.0%	-3.7%	5.6%	4.0%	-0.3%	2.4%	2.1%
	September	188.5	-0.3%	3.9%	3.4%	-0.7%	5.5%	4.3%	0.2%	2.5%	2.5%
	October	189.7	0.6%	4.2%	3.6%	1.3%	6.0%	4.6%	0.0%	2.5%	2.7%
	November	190.9	0.6%	3.4%	3.6%	0.0%	2.9%	4.4%	1.2%	3.8%	2.9%

Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 3.4% in November 2016 and inflation calculated for October 2016 was 4.2% (Table3).YoY inflation has decreased in November 2016 compared to that of October 2016 while MoM change has remained unchanged, mainly due to base effect. YoY inflation of Food Group has decreased from 6.0% in October 2016 to 2.9% in November 2016 while that of Non-food Group has increased from 2.5% to 3.8% during this period.

Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of November 2016, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 1.43%.

The contribution of Non food items was 1.95%. This was mainly due to value change increases in groups of 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.15%), 'Furnishing HH Equipment's & Routine HH Maintenance' (0.09%), 'Health' (0.80%), 'Transport' (0.43%), 'Communication' (0.32%), 'Recreation & Culture' (0.01%), 'Education' (0.01%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.15%) while decreases in value change reported in the groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels' (0.01%).

Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of November 2016 was 3.6%. The corresponding rate for the month of October 2016 was also 3.6%.

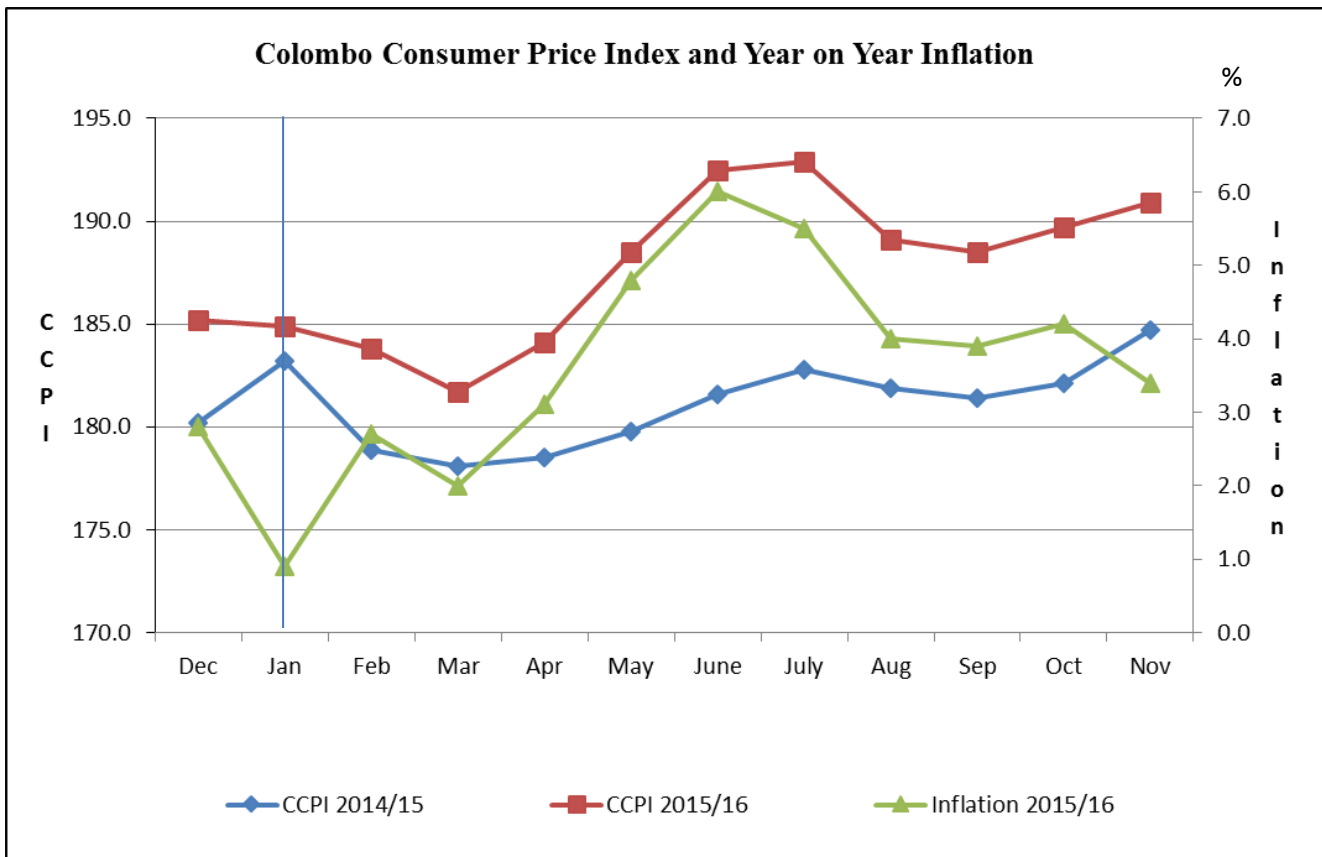


Table 4 : Monthly Average Open Market Retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (November 2015, October & November 2016)

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2015Nov.	2016Oct.	2016Nov.	Nov.16– Oct. 16	Nov.16 - Nov.15
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	70.06	71.08	75.69	6.48	8.04
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	71.54	72.79	76.75	5.44	7.32
3. Rice –Nadu	Kg	76.15	79.07	82.96	4.91	8.94
4. Rice– Samba	Kg	92.14	89.90	92.47	2.86	0.36
5. Cowpea	Kg	269.15	257.85	259.46	0.63	-3.60
6.Green Grams	Kg	255.17	231.17	223.99	-3.10	-12.22
7. Coconut	Each	43.18	45.08	47.08	4.43	9.01
8. Coconut Oil	750ml	200.26	220.75	223.83	1.40	11.77
9.Chicken	Kg	447.76	487.81	469.73	-3.71	4.91
10. Eggs	Each	13.88	15.26	12.76	-16.38	-8.09
11. Red Onion	Kg	136.99	124.91	128.16	2.60	-6.44
12. B' Onion	Kg	134.90	88.92	92.42	3.94	-31.49
13. Potatoes	Kg	138.41	128.65	132.01	2.61	-4.62
14. Garlic	Kg	293.13	429.75	445.30	3.62	51.91
15. Dried Chilies	Kg	351.00	362.02	368.05	1.67	4.86
16. Green Chilies	Kg	681.04	197.63	178.15	-9.85	-73.84
17. Sugar	Kg	92.82	96.86	97.23	0.57	4.76
18. Pepper	Kg	1693.74	1835.25	1827.58	-0.42	7.90
Vegetables-						
19. Ash Plantain	Kg	133.55	128.08	130.42	1.83	-2.35
20. Carrot	Kg	221.21	133.37	141.27	5.93	-36.14
21. Snake Gourd	Kg	141.55	118.46	136.25	15.02	-3.74
22. Tomatoes	Kg	163.82	105.61	96.34	-8.78	-41.19
23. Capsicum	Kg	365.05	165.16	189.04	14.46	-48.22
24. Beetroot	Kg	155.49	111.27	121.57	9.26	-21.81
25. Beans	Kg	286.57	204.88	226.53	10.57	-20.95
Fruits						
26. Banana	Each	12.56	16.76	17.20	2.63	36.97
27. Papaw	Kg	83.26	130.91	95.75	-26.86	15.06
28. Mangoes	Each	95.13	148.06	89.54	-39.53	-5.88
Fresh Fish –						
29. Seer	Kg	1213.99	1379.50	1316.34	-4.58	8.43
30.Talapath	Kg	870.96	912.24	890.58	-2.37	2.25
31.Paraw	Kg	909.68	920.17	869.68	-5.49	-4.40
Dried Fish -						
32.Katta	Kg	1135.82	1176.73	1168.42	-0.71	2.87
33. Sprats	Kg	664.77	574.13	614.73	7.07	-7.53
34. Kerosene Oil	Lt	49.00	49.00	49.00	0.00	0.00
35.Petrol(CPC & IOC Avg.)	Lt	117.00	117.00	117.00	0.00	0.00
36. Diesel (CPC & IOC Avg.)	Lt	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00
37. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-10.03
Shell\Litro	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-10.03
Laughs	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-10.03