

**NEWS RELEASE****THE NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BASE 2013=100): NOVEMBER 2018****Department of Census and Statistics****TEL: 011-2147414****FAX: 011-2877945****E-mail: prices@statistics.gov.lk**

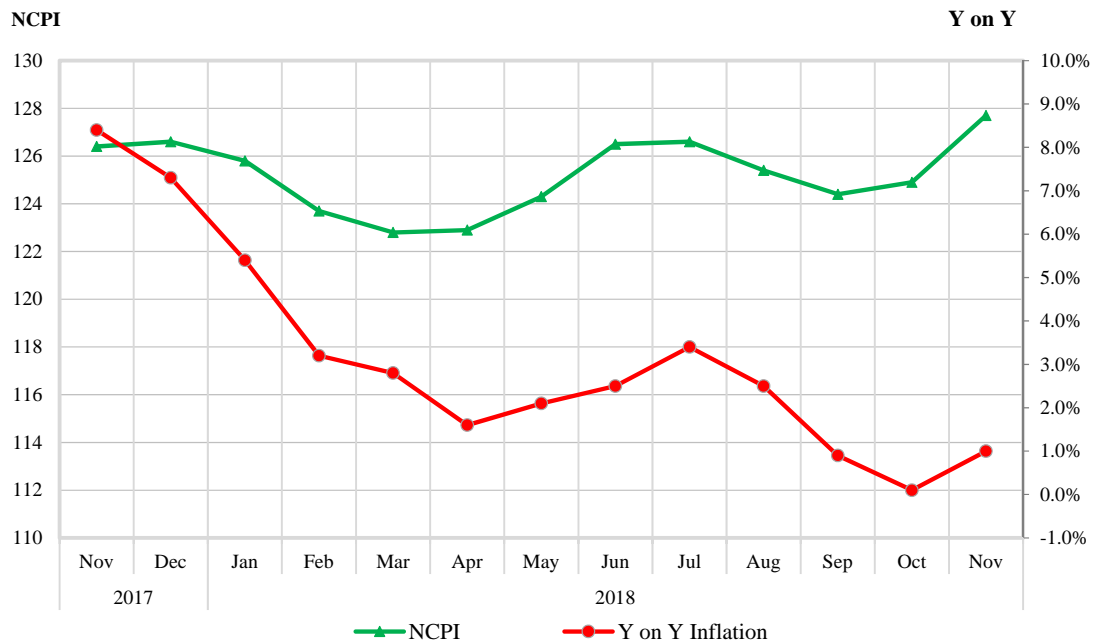
Issuing National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), for the month of November 2018, Director General of Census and Statistics said that the Year on Year inflation based on NCPI has been compiled as 1.0%. The inflation reported for the month of October 2018 was 0.1%. Contributions to the inflation in November 2018 from food group and non-food group are -1.78% and 2.80% respectively, whilst contributions of these two groups to the inflation in November 2017 were 6.9% and 1.5% respectively, resulting headline inflation of 8.4%.

When compared to month on month changes, NCPI in November 2018 has increased to 127.7 from 124.9 reported in October 2018. This shows an increase of 2.8 index points that is percentage of 2.2 was reported in November 2018 compared to that of October 2018. This month on month change was contributed by increases of expenditure value of food items by 2.19% and also increases of non-food items by 0.04% respectively.

The increases in expenditure value of food items were reported Vegetables, Green Chilies, Rice, Limes, Potatoes, Big Onions, Red Onions, Eggs, Coconuts, Bread Fruit, Chili Powder, Tea dust/leaves, Jak and jak seeds, Manioc and Wheat Flour. However, decreases in expenditure value in index were reported for Fresh Fish, Chicken, Banana, Papaw, Sugar, Mangoes, Dried Fish, Coconut Oil, Pineapple and Pepper.

The increases in expenditure value of non food items in November 2018 compared to the previous month was due to the expenditure value increases in groups of 'Health', 'Recreation and Culture', 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services', 'Furnishings, Household equipment and Routing household maintenance', 'Restaurants & Hotels', 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' and 'Clothing & Footwear'. However, decreases in expenditure value in index were reported for groups of 'Communication', 'Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' and 'Transport'. Meanwhile, the expenditure value of 'Education' group remained unchanged during the month.

Movements of the NCPI (Base 2013=100) and Year on Year Inflation



Movements of the NCPI (Base : 2013 = 100)

Year	Month	Index Number	Month to Month % change of Index Number	Year on Year Inflation %
2017	November	126.4	1.3	8.4
	December	126.6	0.2	7.3
2018	January	125.8	-0.6	5.4
	February	123.7	-1.7	3.2
	March	122.8	-0.7	2.8
	April	122.9	0.1	1.6
	May	124.3	1.1	2.1
	June	126.5	1.8	2.5
	July	126.6	0.1	3.4
	August	125.4	-0.9	2.5
	September	124.4	-0.8	0.9
	October	124.9	0.4	0.1
	November	127.7	2.2	1.0