
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2021=100)

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency responsible for compiling the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Following internationally accepted guidelines, the base year has been revised from 2013=100 to 2021=100 in order to accommodate changing expenditure patterns and incorporate changes in goods and services available in the market. Accordingly, with the new base year, the CCPI (Base 2021=100) has been released monthly from February 2023 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

The CCPI is compiled to measure the average change in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in the urban areas of the Colombo District. Price collection for the index (Base 2021=100) is carried out at 10 price collection centers located in Peliyagoda, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Kirulapone, Nugegoda, and Rathmalana, as well as at two dedicated economic centers, namely Narahenpita and Rathmalana.

Prices are collected weekly from outlets located within each of the above-mentioned market areas, including Sathosa outlets and supermarkets. The consumer basket includes 426 items, representing the typical consumption expenditure of urban households. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2019.

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- ▢ The CCPI for all items for April 2026 is 201.6, recording an increase of 5.8 index points compared to 195.8 in March 2026.
 - ▢ The overall rate of inflation, as measured by the CCPI on a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) basis, stood at 5.4% in April 2026.

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1. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month-on-month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are briefly described below.

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 (%) ¹		
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.
	2025	2026	2026	2025	2026	2026	2025	2026	2026
All Items	191.2	195.8	201.6	-318.45	451.99	5380.92	-0.18	0.25	2.99
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	238.4	240.9	245.1	-203.62	-487.27	1006.80	-0.12	-0.27	0.56
Non Food	174.4	179.7	186.2	-114.84	939.26	4374.12	-0.07	0.52	2.43
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	246.4	248.2	251.4	-10.80	-16.01	49.82	-0.01	-0.01	0.03
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	132.9	137.0	140.1	82.46	128.92	883.61	0.05	0.07	0.49
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	186.0	191.2	191.5	-53.20	2.38	10.46	-0.03	0.00	0.01
Health	184.2	190.8	191.4	4.73	5.52	20.55	0.00	0.00	0.01
Transport	225.5	228.8	251.7	-157.56	506.81	2640.48	-0.09	0.28	1.47
Education	182.3	191.4	194.1	0.00	92.19	129.67	0.00	0.05	0.07
Restaurant and Hotels	238.8	250.5	263.9	0.00	10.11	633.44	0.00	0.01	0.35
Other	184.5	190.5	190.6	19.53	209.34	6.08	0.01	0.12	0.00

Note 1: The market basket consists of 12 main groups, of which eight recorded significant changes in April 2026; details are given in Table 2.

Note 2: The monthly percentage change of the index is calculated based on expenditure values.

Note 3: 1 Percentages of items do not tally with the overall percentage due to rounding

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

The CCPI for all items for April 2026 was 201.6, recording an increase of 5.8 index points or 2.99 percent compared to 195.8 in March 2026. This represents an increase in expenditure value of Rs. 5,380.92 in the market basket.

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from March 2026 to April 2026 are presented in Table 02. The month-on-month change was contributed by an increase in Food items by 0.56% and an increase in Non Food items by 2.43%.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages items 0.56%

As shown in Table 2, increases in value changes were reported for Coconut Oil (0.10%), Vegetables (0.10%), Dried Fish (0.09%), Green Gram (0.08%), Mysore Dhal (0.07%), Eggs (0.04%), Rice (0.04%), Sea Fish (0.04%), Milk Powder (0.03%), Infant Milk Powder (0.02%), Dried Chillies (0.02%), Sugar (0.02%), Bread (normal) (0.02%), Limes (0.01%), Chicken (0.01%), Buns (0.01%), Big Onions (0.01%), Canned Fish (0.01%), and Curry Powder (0.01%), while decreases in value changes were reported for Fresh Fruits (0.09%), Tea Dust (0.04%) and jaggery (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non-Food items: 2.43%

Increases in value changes were reported for the groups of 'Transport' (1.47%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.49%), 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.35%), 'Education' (0.07%), 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.03%), 'Health' (0.01%) and 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.01%).

Further, slight price increases were reported in the groups of 'Clothing and Footwear' and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services', while a slight price decrease was reported in the group of 'Recreation and Culture'. Meanwhile, the price index of the 'Communication group' remained unchanged during the month.

Table 2: Contribution to the changes in CCPI from March 2026 to April 2026 (Base2021=100)

	Rs.Cts.	Value Change		
		% change		
		Increase	Decrease	Net effect
Food	1006.80	0.72	0.16	0.56
1 Rice	71.56	0.04		
<i>Rice - (Kekulu - red)</i>	<i>-22.94</i>		<i>0.01</i>	
<i>Rice - (Samba)</i>	<i>90.69</i>	<i>0.05</i>		
2 Green gram	135.23	0.08		
3 Bread (Normal)	27.17	0.02		
4 Buns	22.78	0.01		
5 Chicken	23.90	0.01		
6 Sea Fish	64.95	0.04		
7 Dried Fish	166.04	0.09		
<i>Sprats (dry)</i>	<i>81.86</i>	<i>0.05</i>		
<i>Katta (dry)</i>	<i>68.03</i>	<i>0.04</i>		
8 Canned fish	9.83	0.01		
9 Milk powder	58.25	0.03		
10 Infant milk powder	40.41	0.02		
11 Eggs	71.85	0.04		
12 Coconut oil	184.29	0.10		
13 Fresh fruits	-169.11		0.09	
<i>Banana</i>	<i>60.23</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
<i>Papaw</i>	<i>-190.01</i>		<i>0.11</i>	
<i>Apple</i>	<i>19.77</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
<i>Mangoes</i>	<i>-52.56</i>		<i>0.03</i>	
<i>Oranges</i>	<i>9.10</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
<i>Pineapple</i>	<i>-14.77</i>		<i>0.01</i>	
14 Vegetables	182.03	0.10		
15 Dhal - Mysore	124.01	0.07		
16 Big Onion	14.87	0.01		
17 Sugar	28.54	0.02		
18 Jaggery	-17.14		0.01	
19 Dried chilies	29.14	0.02		
20 Curry powder	9.56	0.01		
21 Limes	26.88	0.01		
22 Tea dust/ leaves	-64.05		0.04	
23 Others	-34.17		0.02	

	Non Food	4374.12	2.43	0.00	2.43
24	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	49.82	0.03		
25	Housing,Water,Electricity,Gas,And Other Fuels	883.61	0.49		
	<i>Electricity bill</i>	<i>231.18</i>	<i>0.13</i>		
	<i>LP Gas</i>	<i>393.05</i>	<i>0.22</i>		
	<i>Kerosene oil</i>	<i>57.04</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
26	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	10.46	0.01		
27	Health	20.55	0.01		
	<i>Payments to private hospitals/ nursing homes</i>	<i>11.75</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
28	Transport	2640.48	1.47		
	<i>Petrol</i>	<i>2074.05</i>	<i>1.15</i>		
	<i>Diesel</i>	<i>270.00</i>	<i>0.15</i>		
	<i>Lubricating oil</i>	<i>30.63</i>	<i>0.02</i>		
	<i>bus fare</i>	<i>213.62</i>	<i>0.12</i>		
	<i>three wheelers fare (other than schooling)</i>	<i>59.66</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
	<i>Airline fare</i>	<i>-15.94</i>		<i>0.01</i>	
29	Education	129.67	0.07		
	<i>Course fees (Higher education)</i>	<i>129.67</i>	<i>0.07</i>		
30	Restaurant and Hotels	633.44	0.35		
31	Others	6.08	0.00		
	All Items	5380.92	3.15	0.16	2.99

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

2. Inflation

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as the 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 CCPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months and the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 03: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2021=100)

Year	Month	All Item				Food				Non Food			
		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2025	April	191.2	-0.2	-2.0	-1.1	238.4	-0.3	1.3	0.4	174.4	-0.1	-3.6	-1.8
	May	192.8	0.8	-0.7	-1.2	244.8	2.7	5.2	0.8	174.3	-0.1	-3.3	-2.1
	June	194.5	0.9	-0.6	-1.4	249.3	1.8	4.3	1.1	175.0	0.4	-2.8	-2.5
	July	194.1	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6	243.0	-2.5	1.5	1.1	176.7	1.0	-1.2	-2.8
	August	193.3	-0.4	1.2	-1.5	239.4	-1.5	2.0	1.2	177.0	0.2	0.8	-2.8
	September	193.7	0.2	1.5	-1.4	240.1	0.3	2.9	1.4	177.1	0.1	0.7	-2.7
	October	193.8	0.1	2.1	-1.2	240.0	0.0	3.5	1.6	177.4	0.2	1.4	-2.5
	November	193.4	-0.2	2.1	-0.8	238.6	-0.6	3.0	1.8	177.3	-0.1	1.7	-2.1
	December	195.8	1.2	2.1	-0.5	247.9	3.9	3.0	2.0	177.3	0.0	1.8	-1.7
	January	197.0	0.6	2.3	0.0	249.4	0.6	3.3	2.5	178.3	0.6	1.8	-1.1
2026	February	195.3	-0.9	1.6	0.5	242.9	-2.6	0.2	2.6	178.3	0.0	2.3	-0.4
	March	195.8	0.3	2.2	0.9	240.9	-0.8	0.7	2.6	179.7	0.8	2.9	0.2
	April	201.6	3.0	5.4	1.6	245.1	1.7	2.8	2.7	186.2	3.6	6.8	1.0

Note: Year on Year inflation, 12 Month Moving Average inflation and Month on Month change were calculated using the rounding off index numbers

2.1 Year on Year (Y-on-Y) Inflation

The overall rate of inflation as measured by the CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is 5.4% in April 2026 and Y-on-Y inflation calculated for the month of March 2026 was 2.2% (Table 03). The Y-on-Y inflation of Food Group increased to 2.8% in April 2026 from 0.7% in March 2026 and the Y-on-Y inflation of Non Food Group increased to 6.8% in April 2026 from 2.9% in March 2026.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of April 2026, on Y-on-Y basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 0.92%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 4.53%. This was mainly due to price increases in the groups of 'Transport' (1.72%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (1.19%), 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.67%), 'Education' (0.32%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.19%), 'Health' (0.15%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.10%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.10%), 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.04%), 'Communication' (0.02%), and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%).

Table 04: Contribution to the changes in CCPI (Base 2021=100) year on year basis April 2026 as compared to April 2025

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change	Increase	Decrease	Net effect
	Rs.Cts.	%	%	%
FOOD AND NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1617.84			0.92
Rice	68.47	0.04		
Rice flour	37.90	0.02		
Wheat flour	9.87	0.01		
Ulundu flour	-17.17		0.01	
Gram	-18.94		0.01	
Cowpea	20.52	0.01		
Bread (Normal)	22.78	0.01		
Buns	15.59	0.01		
Bread (Special)	9.65	0.01		
Noodles	-31.89		0.02	
Chicken	415.84	0.24		
Beef	30.12	0.02		
Pork	59.08	0.03		
Mutton	20.77	0.01		
Sea fish	1051.92	0.60		
Prawns	48.02	0.03		
Dried Fish	422.41	0.24		
Canned fish	27.03	0.02		
Maldives fish	26.95	0.02		
Milk powder	362.25	0.21		
Infant milk powder	15.99	0.01		
Yoghurt	-34.64		0.02	
Eggs	166.36	0.09		
Coconuts	-566.23		0.32	
Coconut oil	270.95	0.15		
Fresh fruits	311.55	0.18		
Vegetable	-1080.68		0.62	
Potatoes	-27.78		0.02	
Dhal Mysore	51.24	0.03		
Red onions	-46.36		0.03	
Big Onions	80.97	0.05		
Garlic	-62.91		0.04	

Green chilies	-179.78	0.10		
Soya meat	-10.81	0.01		
Ice-cream	33.51	0.02		
Chili powder	59.61	0.03		
Dried chilies	146.53	0.08		
Curry powder	35.26	0.02		
Salt	-45.24	0.03		
Turmeric powder	-44.93	0.03		
Tamarind	-105.97	0.06		
Ginger	-121.00	0.07		
Tea dust/ leaves	-64.95	0.04		
Soft drinks	38.86	0.02		
Fruit drinks/ Cordials	-68.38	0.04		
NON FOOD	7952.19	4.53	0.00	4.53
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	77.58	0.04		
Clothing and Foot Wear	180.16	0.10		
<i>Clothing</i>	<i>171.14</i>	<i>0.10</i>		
<i>Footwear</i>	<i>9.02</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2099.28	1.19		
<i>Housing rent</i>	<i>564.47</i>	<i>0.32</i>		
<i>Electricity bill</i>	<i>912.54</i>	<i>0.52</i>		
<i>L. P. Gas</i>	<i>535.60</i>	<i>0.30</i>		
<i>Kerosene oil</i>	<i>94.18</i>	<i>0.05</i>		
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	176.42	0.10		
<i>Washing powder</i>	<i>-41.38</i>	<i>0.02</i>		
<i>Wages to servants</i>	<i>174.33</i>	<i>0.10</i>		
Health	264.66	0.15		
<i>Fees to private medical practices</i>	<i>159.19</i>	<i>0.09</i>		
<i>Consultation fees to specialists</i>	<i>46.76</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
<i>Fees to Aurvadic practitioners</i>	<i>10.38</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
<i>Payments. to medical laboratories</i>	<i>16.30</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
<i>Payments to private hospitals</i>	<i>26.90</i>	<i>0.02</i>		
Transport	3019.43	1.72		
<i>Petrol</i>	<i>2186.98</i>	<i>1.24</i>		
<i>Diesel</i>	<i>291.82</i>	<i>0.17</i>		

<i>Lubricating oil</i>	30.63	0.02
<i>Cost of servicing of vehicles</i>	124.62	0.07
<i>Vehicle maintenance expenses (Repair charges)</i>	15.64	0.01
<i>Bus fare</i>	203.71	0.12
<i>Van fare (other than schooling)</i>	31.67	0.02
<i>three wheelers fare (other than schooling)</i>	59.66	0.03
<i>Transport for schooling/ preschooling</i>	31.89	0.02
<i>Airline fare</i>	27.64	0.02
Communication	33.23	0.02
<i>Telephones</i>	24.99	0.01
Recreation and Culture	21.86	0.01
Education	555.12	0.32
<i>Pre-school fees</i>	29.14	0.02
<i>Primary School fees (International)</i>	57.38	0.03
<i>Tuition fees</i>	125.57	0.07
<i>Secondary school fees (International)</i>	160.82	0.09
<i>Course fees (Higher education)</i>	161.37	0.09
<i>Course fees vocational training</i>	20.84	0.01
Restaurant and hotels	1183.48	0.67
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	340.96	0.19
<i>Hair cutting and shaving charges</i>	54.40	0.03
<i>Hair dressing and Beauty culture services</i>	16.93	0.01
<i>Hand bags</i>	63.70	0.04
<i>Agrahara Insurance</i>	203.49	0.12
All Items	9570.03	5.4

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

Movements in the CCPI (Base 2021=100) for Head Line, Food, Non Food and Year on Year Inflation

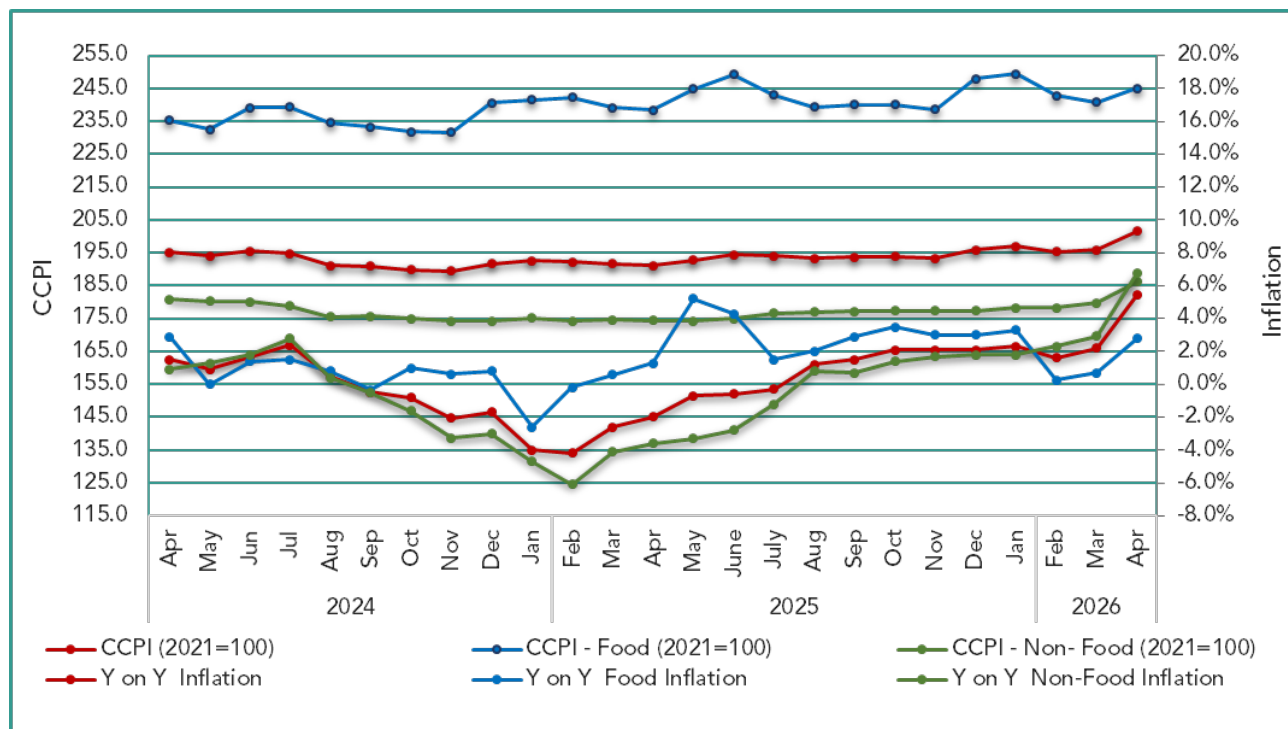


Table 05: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index April 2025, March 2026 & April 2026

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2025 Apr.	2026 Mar.	2026 Apr.	Apr. 26/ Apr. 25	Apr. 26/ MAr. 26
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	222.96	208.42	204.99	-0.08	-0.02
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	219.57	216.19	217.32	-0.01	0.01
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	228.39	229.66	229.01	0.00	0.00
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	244.73	236.11	235.09	-0.04	0.00
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	249.07	263.88	275.10	0.10	0.04
6. Cowpea	Kg	813.85	932.67	935.51	0.15	0.00
7.Green Grams	Kg	859.63	795.79	889.44	0.03	0.12
8. Coconut	Each	196.73	170.56	170.40	-0.13	0.00
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	629.19	667.59	749.26	0.19	0.12
10.Chicken	Kg	1144.58	1270.49	1325.66	0.16	0.04
11. Eggs	Each	32.14	36.99	40.68	0.27	0.10
12. Red Onion	Kg	439.58	371.06	379.57	-0.14	0.02
13. Big Onion	Kg	166.36	185.07	189.28	0.14	0.02
14. Potatoes	Kg	289.88	277.27	276.89	-0.04	0.00
15. Garlic	Kg	659.47	549.12	548.44	-0.17	0.00
16. Dried Chillies	Kg	815.21	1063.96	1125.70	0.38	0.06
17. Green Chillies	Kg	897.12	561.38	574.72	-0.36	0.02
18. Sugar	Kg	238.87	225.23	232.95	-0.02	0.03
19. Pepper	Kg	2739.60	2838.28	2843.75	0.04	0.00
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	277.36	292.69	293.42	0.06	0.00


21. Carrot	Kg	660.95	425.81	452.64	-0.32	0.06
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	488.84	358.67	356.39	-0.27	-0.01
23. Tomatoes	Kg	525.15	255.82	245.27	-0.53	-0.04
24. Capsicum	Kg	915.29	601.16	484.00	-0.47	-0.19
25. Beetroot	Kg	469.16	344.55	323.40	-0.31	-0.06
26. Beans	Kg	661.92	506.55	518.25	-0.22	0.02
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	262.91	249.33	268.19	0.02	0.08
28. Papaw	Kg	231.53	425.21	340.71	0.47	-0.20
29. Mangoes	Each	287.48	236.27	195.06	-0.32	-0.17
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	2902.89	3917.80	3728.02	0.28	-0.05
31. Talapath	Kg	2522.59	2853.54	2676.96	0.06	-0.06
32. Paraw	Kg	2119.73	2658.05	2621.63	0.24	-0.01
Dried Fish -						
33. Katta	Kg	2410.15	2578.23	2840.20	0.18	0.10
34. Sprats	Kg	1028.59	1363.83	1514.94	0.47	0.11
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	183.00	211.39	255.00	0.39	0.21
36. Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	301.86	306.82	398.00	0.32	0.30
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	286.00	293.18	382.00	0.34	0.30
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	3762.50	3978.57	4574.38	0.22	0.15
Litro	12.5kg	3690.00	3818.57	4377.50	0.19	0.15
Laughs	12.5kg	3980.00	4458.57	5165.00	0.30	0.16

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