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Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) – February, 2019

The All-India CPI-IW for February, 2019 remained stationary at 307 (three hundred seven). On 1-month percentage change, it remained static between January, 2019 and February, 2019 when compared with the decrease of (-) 0.35 per cent for the corresponding months of last year.

The maximum upward pressure to the change in current index came from Miscellaneous and Food groups contributing (+) 0.26 and (+) 0.17 percentage points respectively to the total change. At item level, Rice, Wheat, Wheat Atta, Goat Meat, Apple, Coconut, Gourd, Electricity Charges, Doctor's Fee, Medicine (Allopathic), Private Tuition Fee, Petrol, etc. are responsible for the increase in index. However, this increase was checked by Jowar, Poultry (Chicken), Onion, Tamarind, Carrot, Methi, Grapes, Potato, Tomato, etc., putting downward pressure on the index.

The year-on-year inflation based on CPI-IW stood at 6.97 per cent for February, 2019 as compared to 6.60 per cent for the previous month and 4.74 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year. Similarly, the Food inflation stood at (+) 2.63 per cent against (+) 0.97 per cent of the previous month and (+) 2.36 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year.

At centre level Siliguri reported the maximum increase of 7 points followed by Amritsar (6 points) and Srinagar and Chhindwara (5 points each). Among others, 4 points increase was observed in 5 centres, 3 points in 4 centres, 2 points in 10 centres and 1 point in 14 centres. On the contrary, Salem and Quilon recorded a maximum decrease of 5 points each followed by Raniganj and Coimbatore (4 points each). Among others, 2 points decrease was observed in 7 centres and 1 point in 11 centres. Rest of the 19 centres' indices remained stationary.

The indices of 35 centres are above All-India Index and 42 centres' indices are below national average. The index of Mercara centre remained at par with All-India Index.

The next issue of CPI-IW for the month of March, 2019 will be released on Tuesday, 30th April, 2019. The same will also be available on the office website www.labourbureaunew.gov.in.


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