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

The All-India CPI-IW for December, 2019 increased by 2 points and pegged at 330 (three hundred and thirty). On 1-month percentage change, it increased by (+) 0.61 per cent between November and December, 2019 when compared with the increase of (-) 0.33 per cent for the corresponding months of last year.

The maximum upward pressure to the change in current index came from Food group contributing (+) 1.87 percentage points to the total change. At item level, Onion, Jowar, Rice, Wheat & Wheat Atta, Arhar Dal, Moong Dal, Urd Dal, Mustard Oil, Egg (Hen), Fish Fresh, Goat Meat, Fresh Milk, Chillies Dry, Drum Stick, Potato, Cooking Gas, Electricity Charges, Fire Wood, Employees State Insurance (ESI) Contribution, Petrol, Flowers/Flower Garland etc. are responsible for the increase in index. However, this increase was checked by Chillies Green, Ginger, Banana, Brinjal, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Green Coriander leaves, Guava, Lemon, Methi, Palak, Peas, Radish, Tomato, Toilet Soap, etc., putting downward pressure on the index.

Year-on-year inflation based on all-items stood at 9.63 per cent for December, 2019 as compared to 8.61 per cent for the previous month and 5.24 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year. Similarly, Food inflation stood at 12.22 per cent against 9.87 per cent of the previous month and (-) 0.96 per cent during the corresponding month of an year ago.

At centre level, Tiruchirapally observed the maximum increase of 12 points followed by Goa (11 points), Giridih and Belgaum (9 points each) and Ludhiana and Puducherry (8 points each). Among others, 7 points increase was observed in 4 centres, 6 points in 5 centres, 5 points in another 5 centres, 4 points in next another 5 centres, 3 points in 11 centres, 2 points in 12 centres and 1 point in 13 centres. On the contrary, Sholapur and Surat recorded a maximum decrease of 3 points each. Among others, 4 centres observed a fall in index by 2 points and 6 centres recorded a decline of 1 point. Rest of 5 centres' indices remained stationary.

The indices of 34 centres are above All-India Index and 44 centres' indices are below national average.

The next issue of CPI-IW for the month of January, 2020 will be released on Friday 28th February, 2020. The same will also be available on the office website www.labourbureaunew.gov.in.


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