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THE NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BASE 2013=100): SEPTEMBER 2016

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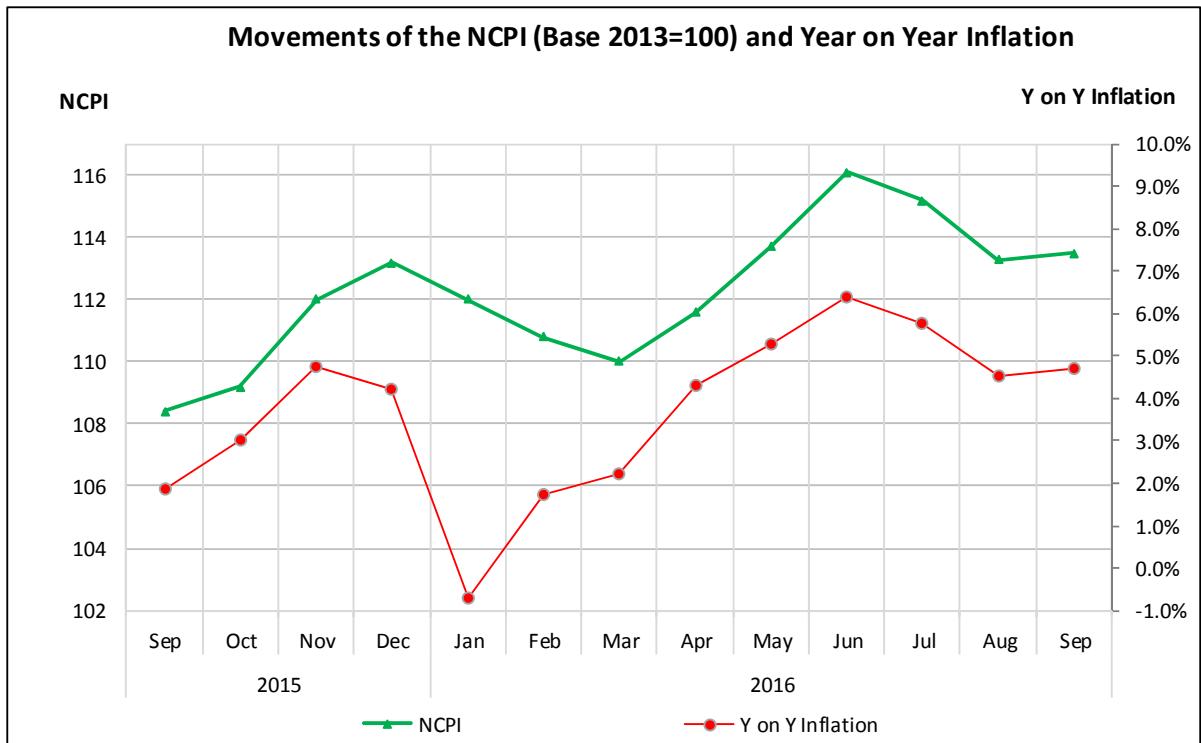
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In a communiqué issued on National Consumer Price Index, Dr. Amara Satharasinghe, Director General of Census and Statistics said that the Year on Year inflation based on NCPI for the month of September 2016 has been calculated as 4.7%. Inflation of August 2016 was 4.5%. In September 2016 contribution to the inflation from food group and non-food group are 2.1% and 2.7% respectively.

The Department of Census and Statistics has released the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for the month of September 2016. NCPI has been calculated as 113.5 for September 2016. This shows an increase of 0.2 index points or a percentage of 0.2 compared to the previous month's (August) index of 113.3. This monthly change is due to the increase of expenditure value of food items by 0.07% and increase of expenditure value of non-food items by 0.18%.

The expenditure value of food commodity group has increased by 0.07 percent in September 2016 compared to August 2016. The increase in expenditure value of food commodity in September 2016 compared to August 2016 was due to the price increases in banana, papaw, limes, big onions, rice, coconut, mangoes, chicken, dhal-masoor, pineapple, gram and sprats(dry) compared to the previous month (August). However, decreases in value change in index were reported for vegetables, green chillies, eggs, potatoes, fresh fish and wheat flour during this period.

The expenditure value of non food commodity group has increased by 0.18 percent in September 2016 compared to August 2016. This was due to the expenditure value increases in non food commodity groups of 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics', Education, 'Clothing and Footwear' 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' and 'Restaurant and Hotels'. The group of 'Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance' recorded very small value change increase compared to the previous month of August. The groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels', 'Health', 'Transport', 'Communication' and 'Recreation and Culture' remained unchanged during the month. The expenditure value increase in 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics' was due to price increases in areca nuts and beetle leaves during the month and the expenditure value increase in 'Education' was due to increase in international school fees with effect from beginning of September 2016.



MOVEMENTS OF THE NCPI (Base : 2013 = 100)

Year	Month	Index Number	Month to Month % Change of Index Number	Year on Year Inflation %
2015	September	108.4	0.0	1.9
	October	109.2	0.7	3.0
	November	112.0	2.6	4.8
	December	113.2	1.1	4.2
2016	January	112.0	-1.1	-0.7
	February	110.8	-1.1	1.7
	March	110.0	-0.7	2.2
	April	111.6	1.5	4.3
	May	113.7	1.9	5.3
	June	116.1	2.1	6.4
	July	115.2	-0.8	5.8
	August	113.3	-1.6	4.5
	September	113.5	0.2	4.7

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