CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(Base: January – December 2023 = 100)

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI**) increased by 1.1 points or 1.0% from 105.7 in February 2025 to 106.8 in March 2025. The main contributors to the change in the index between February and March 2025 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+0.7
Ginger	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.2
Total	**+1.1**

2. **Year-on-year (Y-o-y)** inflation worked out to 1.8% in March 2025, compared to 4.9% in March 2024. **Headline** inflation for the 12-months ending March 2025 worked out to 2.5 %, compared to 5.8% for the 12-months ending March 2024.

3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 3.4% for March 2025, compared to 1.6% in March 2024 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 6.0% in March 2025, compared to 3.3% in March 2024.

4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2025** stood at 2.3%, compared to 3.4% in March 2024. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2025** worked out to 4.2%, compared to 4.3% in March 2024.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
March 2024	104.9	5.8	3.4	4.3	4.9	1.6	3.3
February 2025	105.7	2.8	2.1	4.0	0.1	3.4	6.0
March 2025	106.8	2.5	2.3	4.2	1.8	3.4	6.0

5. Sub-indices for the thirteen divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2025 compared to February 2025 is shown below:

Division	February 2025	March 2025	% change[1] in index between February 2025 and March 2025
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	110.6	114.1	+3.2
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	103.8	104.0	+0.2
3. Clothing and footwear	104.9	105.1	+0.2
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	100.8	100.8	-
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	109.8	110.1	+0.3
6. Health	110.5	110.7	+0.2
7. Transport	97.4	97.6	+0.2
8. Information and Communication	100.7	100.7	+0.1
9. Recreation, sports and culture	106.7	107.1	+0.3
10. Education services	110.3	110.3	-
11. Restaurants and accommodation services	111.5	112.4	+0.9
12. Insurance and financial services	111.9	111.9	-
13. Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	107.5	108.0	+0.5
All Divisions	**105.7**	**106.8**	**+1.0**
All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"	***106.0***	***107.1***	***+1.0***

[1/] % change has been computed from unrounded indices and hence may vary slightly from the change in rounded indices.

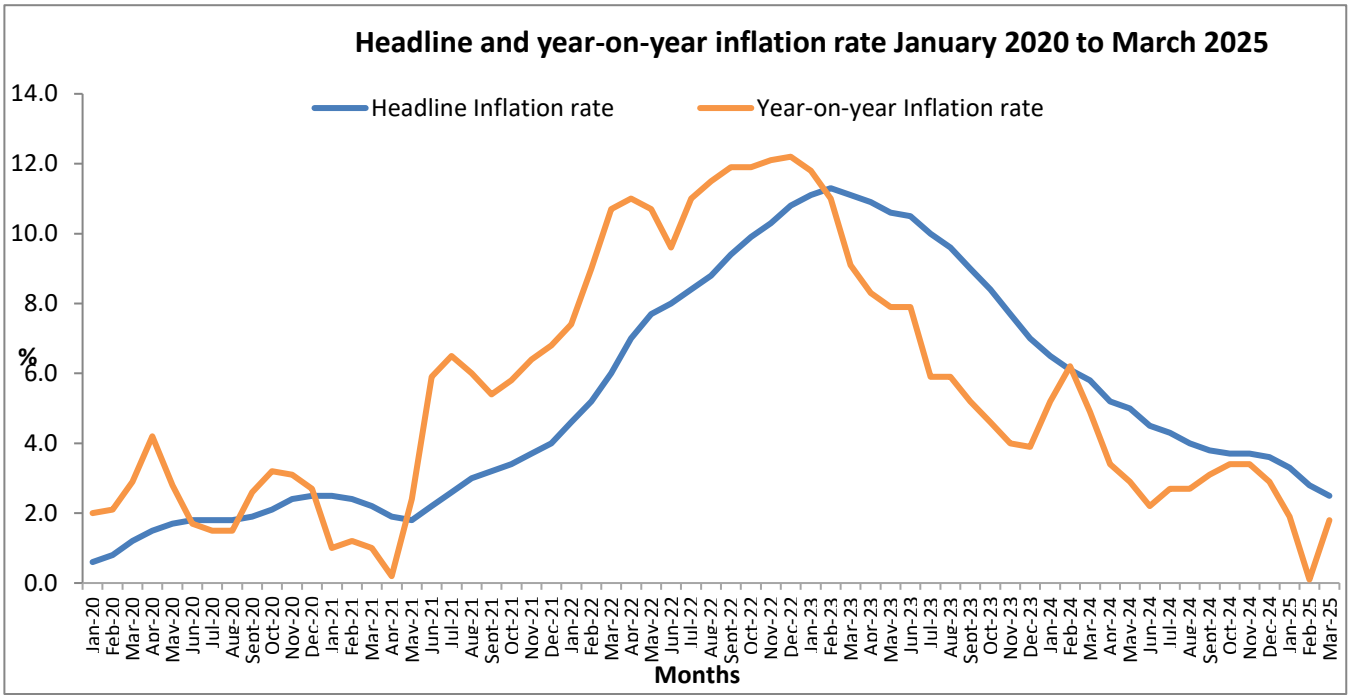
Notes:

1. The headline inflation rate is calculated by using the annual average method, that is, by comparing the average level of prices during a twelve-months period with the average level during the corresponding previous twelve-months period.

2. The year-on-year inflation rate is calculated as the percentage change in the CPI for a given month with respect to the CPI for the corresponding month of the previous year.

3. CORE1 excludes food, beverages and tobacco components and mortgage interest on housing loan from headline inflation.

4. CORE2 excludes food, beverages and tobacco, mortgage interest on housing loan, electricity, gas, other fuels and items whose prices are controlled from headline inflation.



Detailed CPI series are available at the website of Statistics Mauritius:

Statistics > Statistics by Subject > Consumer Price Index

https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By_Subject/CPI/SB_CPI.aspx

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