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Consumer Price Index - 2nd Quarter 1984

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.8 point or 0.7% during the 2nd quarter of 1984 and stood at 113.2 in June 1984. This increase is significantly lower than that of the 1st quarter when it was of the order of 4.9 points or 4.6%. When compared with the month of June 1983 it shows an increase of 7.4 points or 7.0%.

For the 1st 6 months of 1984 the Consumer Price Index has increased by 5.7 points or 5.3%. Comparative figures for the first six months of 1983 shows an increase of 2.4 points or 2.3%.

The annual rate of inflation for financial year 1983/84 is now established at 5.6%. This rate was 7.5% for the previous financial year and 5.6% for calendar year 1983.

The main commodities that have influenced the movement of the index in the 2nd quarter of 1984 are frozen fish, meat and chicken, fresh fruits and vegetables, and constructive materials.

The price of frozen fish which was fixed at Rs 6.95 per half kilo since April 1982 has been revised upwards to Rs 8.00 per half kilo in April 1984. This rise pushed the index up by 0.1 point.

The increase in the price of frozen mutton from Rs 13.10 to Rs 14.05 per half kilo in May 1984 was responsible for a 0.1 point rise in the index.

After having remained at Rs 13.50 per kilo since October 1982 the price of frozen chicken was raised to Rs 14.70 in June 1984, and contributed 0.2 point to the index.

Higher prices of some fresh fruits, namely oranges and bananas, caused the index to rise by 0.1 point.

Some items of construction materials such as paint, glass panes and corrugated iron sheets underwent price changes and raised the index by 0.1 point.

On the other hand a fall in the level of prices of fresh vegetables was noted during the 2nd quarter of 1984. In fact the level of prices of vegetables in June was about 5% below that of March. The result was a 0.2 point fall in the index.

Details of changes in the index during the 2nd quarter of 1984 as compared to March 1984 are shown below.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Change</u>
Frozen meat	+ 0.1
Frozen fish	+ 0.1
Frozen chicken	+ 0.2
Fresh vegetables	- 0.2
Fresh fruits	+ 0.1
Other food products	+ 0.1
Construction materials	+ 0.1
Other goods and services	+ 0.3
Total	+ 0.8

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Table 1 - Inflation Rate, 1972 - 1984 (%)

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Inflation Rate</u>	<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Inflation Rate</u>
1972	5.4	1971 - 72	3.2
1973	13.5	1972 - 73	7.2
1974	29.1	1973 - 74	25.4
1975	14.7	1974 - 75	20.6
1976	13.4	1975 - 76	14.7
1977	9.2	1976 - 77	9.6
1978	8.5	1977 - 78	10.1
1979	14.5	1978 - 79	8.0
1980	42.0	1979 - 80	33.0
1981	14.5	1980 - 81	26.5
1982	11.4	1981 - 82	13.4
1983	5.6	1982 - 83	7.5
		1983 - 84	5.6

Table 2 - Consumer Price Index

	<u>1982*</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
January	241.7	104.6	109.9
February	245.7	106.1	110.6
March	246.4	106.4	112.4
April	247.0	106.7	113.2
May	248.5	106.2	113.5
June	248.4	105.8	113.2
July	101.4	106.4	114.0
August	101.6	106.5	
September	101.1	107.0	
October	101.5	108.1	
November	102.2	107.6	
December	103.4	107.5	

January - June 1982, Base : January - June 1976 = 100

From July 1982, Base : January - June 1982 = 100