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## **Press Release**

## Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (2016=100) - April, 2023

The Labour Bureau, an attached office of the M/o Labour & Employment, has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country. The index is compiled for 88 centres and All-India and is released on the last working day of succeeding month. The index for the month of April, 2023 is being released in this press release.

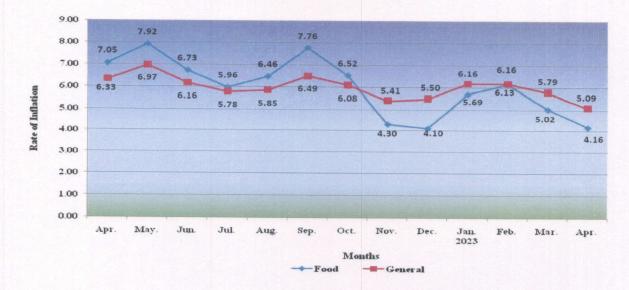
The All-India CPI-IW for April, 2023 increased by 0.9 points and stood at 134.2 (one hundred thirty four point two). On 1-month percentage change, it increased by 0.68 per cent with respect to previous month compared to increase of 1.35 per cent recorded between corresponding months a year ago.

The maximum upward pressure in current index came from Food & Beverages group contributing 0.39 percentage points to the total change. At item level, Rice, Arhar Dal, Apple, Banana, Orange, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Cabbage, Ginger, Peas, Dairy Milk, French bean, Lemon, Cumin seed/Jira, Chillies dry, Cooked Meal, Poultry Chicken, Ladies Suiting, etc. are responsible for the rise in index. However, this increase was largely checked by Wheat Atta, Tomato, Onion, Drum Stick, Lady's Finger, Mango, Soyabean Oil, Sunflower Oil, Mustard Oil, Egg-Hen, Electricity Domestic, Firewood and Chips, etc. putting downward pressure on the index.

At centre level, Howrah recorded a maximum increase of 4.1 points. Among others, 4 centres recorded increase between 2 to 2.9 points, 30 centres between 1 to 1.9 points and 37 centres between 0.1 to 0.9 points. On the contrary, Salem recorded a maximum decrease of 1.9 points. Among others, 11 centers recorded decrease between 0.1 to 0.9 points. Rest of four centers index remained stationary.

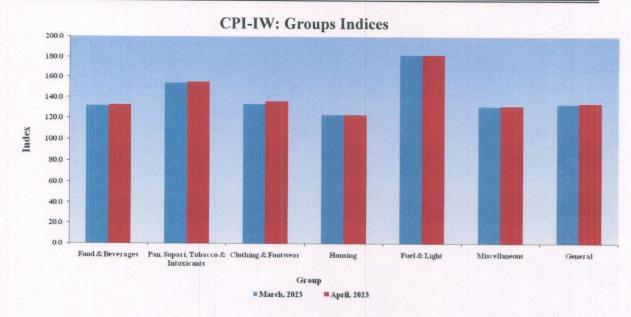
Year-on-year inflation for the month stood at 5.09 per cent compared to 5.79 per cent for the previous month and 6.33 per cent during the corresponding month a year before. Similarly, Food inflation stood at 4.16 per cent against 5.02 per cent of the previous month and 7.05 per cent during the corresponding month a year ago.

## Y-o-Y Inflation based on CPI-IW (Food and General)



All-India Group-wise CPI-IW for March, 2023 and April, 2023

| Sr. No. | Groups                             | March, 2023 | April, 2023 |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| I       | Food & Beverages                   | 131.7       | 132.8       |
| II      | Pan, Supari, Tobacco & Intoxicants | 153.8       | 154.7       |
| III     | Clothing & Footwear                | 133.3       | 136.1       |
| IV      | Housing                            | 123.4       | 123.4       |
| V       | Fuel & Light                       | 182.2       | 182.1       |
| VI      | Miscellaneous                      | 131.1       | 131.9       |
|         | General Index                      | 133.3       | 134.2       |



The next issue of CPI-IW for the month of May, 2023 will be released on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. The same will also be available on the office website <a href="https://www.labourbureau.gov.in">www.labourbureau.gov.in</a>.

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