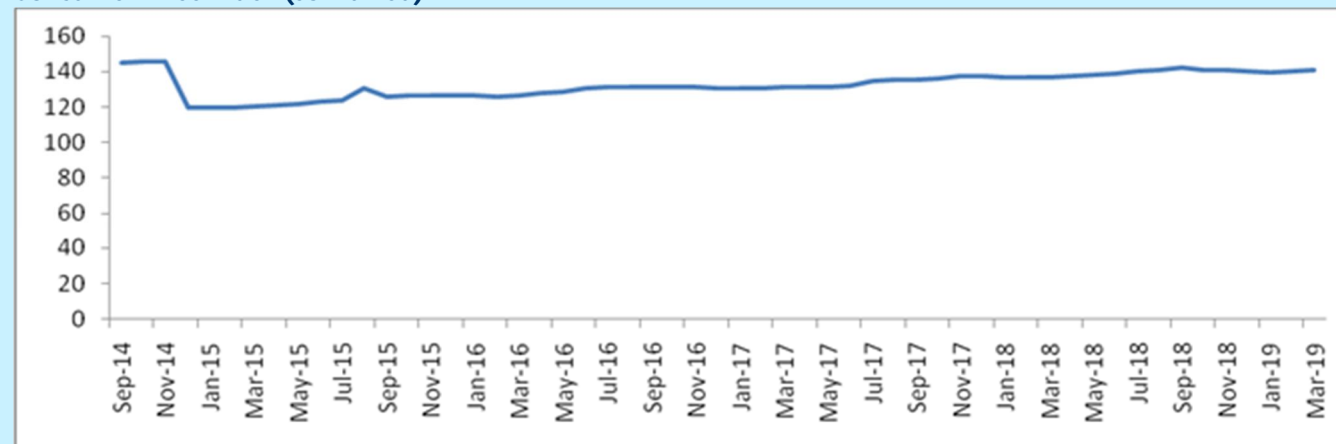


March 2019 CPI inflation rises to 2.9%

Rural India inflation stands at 1.8% in March 2019 as compared to 1.8% in February 2019 and Urban India inflation rises to 4.1% in March 2019 as compared to 3.4% in February 2019

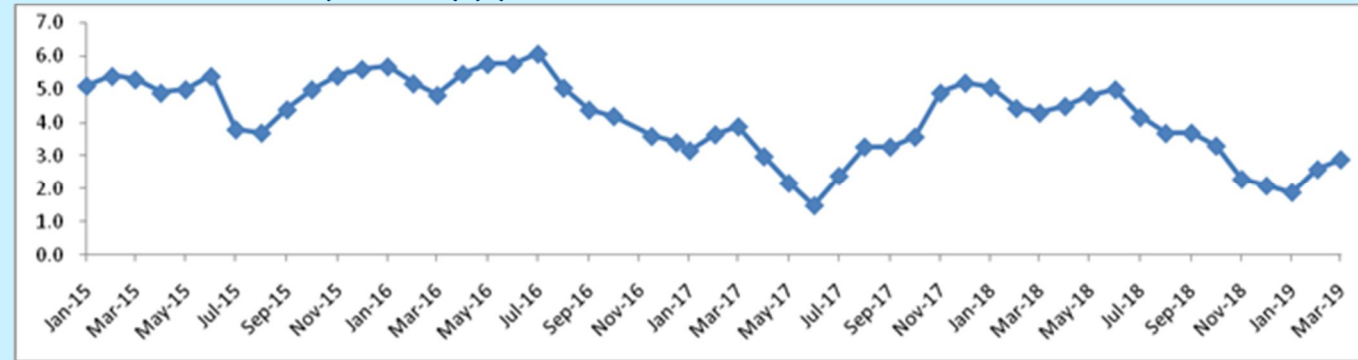
The all India general CPI inflation (Combined) for March 2019 rises to 2.9% from 2.6% in February 2019. The inflation rates for rural and urban areas for March (Prov.) 2019 are 1.8% and 4.1% as compared to 1.8% and 3.43% respectively, for February 2019. Rate of inflation during March (Prov.) 2019 for fuel and light (2.4%), housing (4.9%), transport and communication (3%), education (7.6%) and health (8.9%) etc.

Consumer Price Index (combined)



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from MOSPI

Consumer Price Inflation (Combined) (%)



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from CSO

All India annual inflation rates (%)

Category	Annual inflation rate (March 2019)		
	Rural	Urban	Combined
Food and Beverages	(-)0.9	3.6	0.7
Pan, tobacco and intoxicants	5.03	3.5	4.6
Clothing and Footwear	1.3	4.7	2.6
Housing	-	4.9	4.9
Fuel and Light	2.7	1.9	2.4
Miscellaneous	6.8	4.5	5.7
General Index (All Groups)	1.8	4.1	2.9

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from MOSPI Note: CPI (Rural) for Housing is not available

Consumer Price Index for the month of March 2019 for rural, urban and combined stood at 141.2, 139.5 and 140.4 respectively. In addition to this, Consumer Food Price Indices (CFPI) of March 2019 for rural, urban and combined stands at 135.1, 137.3 and 135.9 respectively.

Provisional annual inflation rate based on all India CFPI (Combined) for the month of March 2019 stands at 0.3% as compared to (-)0.7% in the previous month. The corresponding provisional inflation rates on all

India CFPI for rural and urban areas for March 2019 are (-)1.5% and 3.5% respectively as against February 2019 are (-)1.75% and 1.3% respectively.

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