

## 24. PRICE SITUATION

Statistical analysis related to price is very important for daily activities in our life, as the variation in the price affects all individuals in the society. Changes in the price level especially affect persons having fixed income as they can purchase less number of goods. It also upsets macro-economic decision-making as the uncertainty regarding future costs can affect projection. It is therefore, necessary to have a detailed statistical analysis relating to price movement so as to control the rising price situation in the state.

Price stability is an essential condition for sustaining economic growth and ensuring among other things, such as equitable distribution of income and wealth. The yearly price situation in the state is brought out by Directorate of Economic & Statistics, Nagaland, Kohima. The relative movement of retail and wholesale prices of consumer goods, non-consumer goods building materials and Consumer Price Index (CPI) using the base

year 1981-82=100 for Urban Non-Manual Employee (UNME) are also incorporated in this issue. The given information is based on the essential commodities collected from 8 centres of the state i.e. district headquarters. This data is compiled by the Directorate of Economic & Statistics to analyze fluctuation in the prices in the state.

### Yearly retail prices of selected commodities

On the analysis of data on yearly average prices of selected essential commodities recorded a rise in price on all commodities during 2008-09. A comparative statement on price during 2008 and 2009 indicates that some commodities have registered an increase in price ranging from 2.44 % to 10 %. While the commodities like Aarahar dal, masur dal, eggs (hen), potato, onion, sugar, kerosene and tea leaf prices ranging from 11.22% to 43.78% during the same period.

Table No. 24.1  
Comparative statement: yearly retail prices of selected commodities in the State

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2008	2009	Price diff. in %
1.	Rice (nld spl)	Kg	19.04	20.90	9.77
2.	Atta	Kg	17.62	18.38	4.31
3.	Aarahar dal	Kg	48.88	61.75	26.33
4.	Masur dal	Kg	49.99	63.03	26.09
5.	Mustard oil	Ltr	77.87	82.97	6.55
6.	Vanaspati	Kg	75.36	77.20	2.44
7.	Pork	Kg	107.80	115.89	7.50
8.	Beef	Kg	67.36	73.20	8.67
9.	Chicken	Kg	118.19	121.63	2.91
10.	Eggs (hen)	Pair	6.34	8.40	32.49
11.	Milk (fresh)	Ltr	20.95	22.53	7.54
12.	Milk (everyday)	Kg	186.18	204.80	10.00
13.	Salt	Kg	8.70	9.09	4.48
14.	Chilly (dry)	Kg	100.72	105.84	5.08
15.	Potato	Kg	11.58	16.65	43.78
16.	Onion	Kg	22.26	27.76	24.71
17.	Sugar	Kg	23.00	29.41	27.87
18.	Kerosene	Ltr	29.79	33.90	13.80
19.	Match box	Each	1.00	1.00	0.00
20.	Tea leaf	Kg	139.46	155.11	11.22
21.	Firewood (1 <sup>st</sup> class)	40 Kg	148.82	154.25	3.65

(Source: Directorate of Economic & Statistics, Nagaland, Kohima)

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is compiled and estimated for current retail price. CPI measures the relative change of price of a fixed set of a goods and services consumed by a defined set of families in a particular area with reference to the base year. It is useful tool in generating and adjusting real wages and salaries taxation,

price policy, such other economic policies indicates real income and purchasing power of money. Keeping in view of major socio-economic group in the state. The CPI is compile for grade III & IV employees in the State. An analysis of CPI which mostly shows a raising trend can be seen from the table given below;

Table No. 24.2  
Consumer Price Index number from Jan. to Dec. '09 Base Year 1981-82 = 100

Period	Sub-groups					Gen. index	% increase/decrease
	Food	Tobacco, pan etc	Fuel & lighting	Clothing & footwear	Misc		
January	719.32	2427.93	632.51	844.89	881.49	780.02	- 0.33
February	731.21	2471.95	634.42	847.24	887.61	790.41	1.33
March	740.13	2364.18	634.16	822.21	890.77	781.46	- 1.13
April	755.37	3152.07	640.64	832.29	855.87	823.48	5.38
May	773.37	2503.98	625.32	829.95	857.43	814.37	- 1.11
June	779.22	3125.58	632.19	832.78	853.57	837.56	2.85
July	782.31	2729.02	642.79	842.75	856.39	829.69	- 0.94
August	786.85	3523.26	642.79	857.36	866.22	858.62	3.49
September	793.87	3531.35	642.79	857.36	863.61	863.30	0.55
October	803.72	2818.03	658.50	842.51	900.23	848.41	- 1.72
November	834.98	3037.61	665.34	875.49	904.75	879.08	3.61
December	818.51	3161.99	622.00	878.03	909.45	867.54	- 1.31

(Source: Directorate of economic & Statistics, Nagaland, Kohima)

