

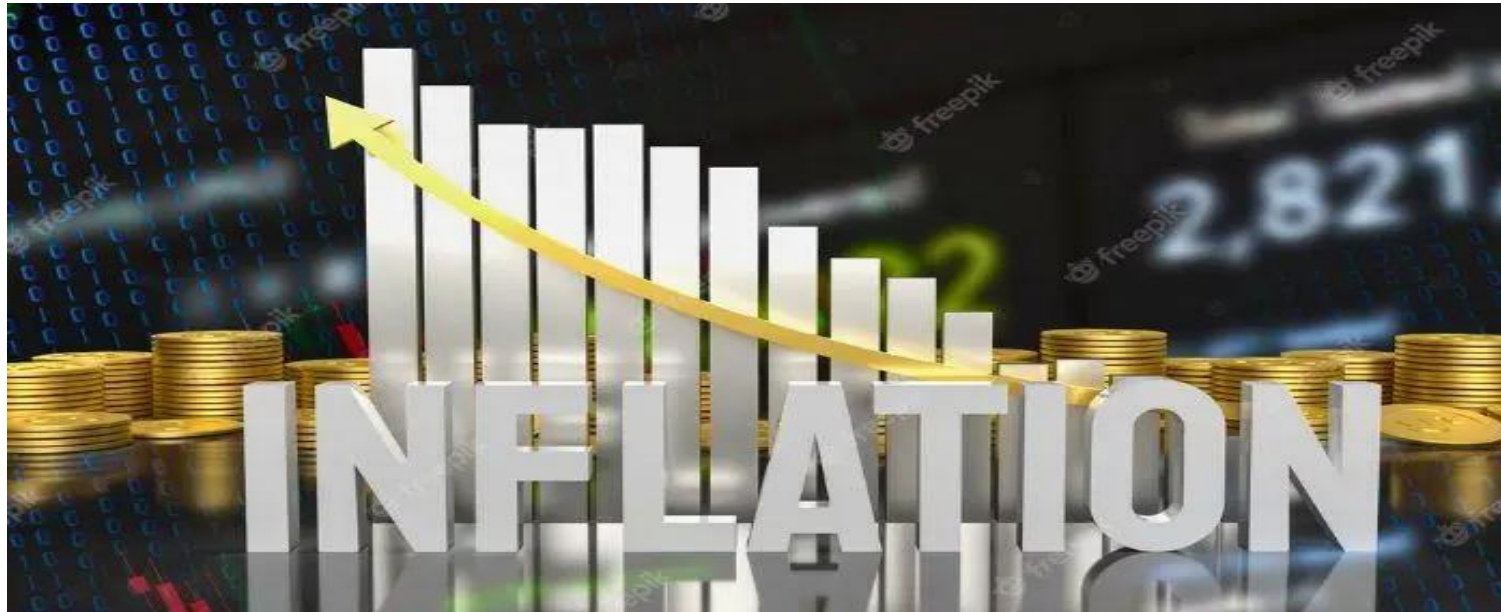


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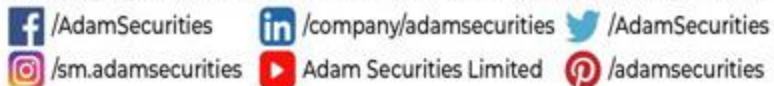
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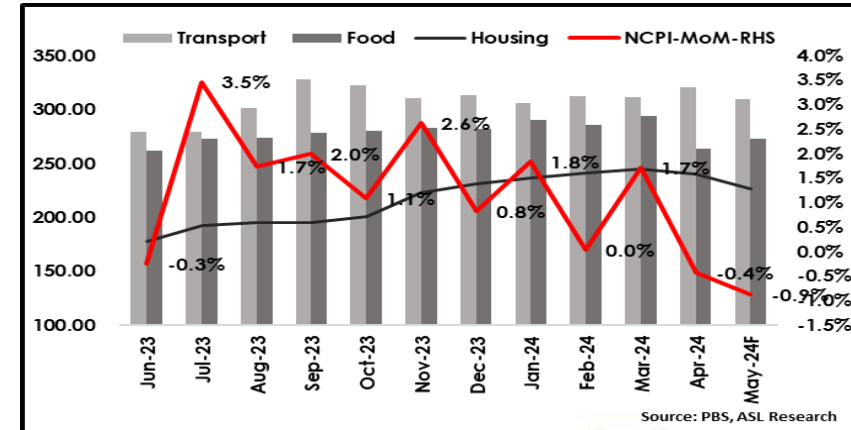
RIR inching up during 5MCY24 by c.1.2%, with NCPI of c.20.8%

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- National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) to clock in at c.14.5%YoY, comparing the year earlier levels. The YoY impact has mainly been the phenomenon of completion of the Commodity Boom has caused severe inflationary pressures in the economy, during May'23 where NCPI enraged to c.38%YoY. Considering the MoM NCPI numbers, we have noticed, the NCPI will likely be eased off by c.90bps during May'24 compared to the previous month of Apr'24.
- The easing off MoM NCPI numbers will likely be the resultant effect of i) eased off food prices where we have noticed, Perishable and Non-Perishable food indices to mark minting effect of c.7% and c.3% during May'24, ii) Housing & Electricity Index to diminish by c.5.6%MoM mainly on the stability in Electricity prices along with the reduction in LPG prices by c.11%MoM and iii) Transportation index to ease off by c.3.5%MoM during May'24 mainly on the slowdown in POL prices by c.3.7%, in the wake of reduced average Crude Oil prices by c.4.3%MoM.
- With respect to Food prices, we have noticed, the bumpy crop during 2HFY24, (Crops recorded rise of c.113%YoY during 2QFY24) along with the lower wheat procurement prices mainly in Punjab region, on the verge of higher supply, the average prices in the Punjab region has plunged notably by c.19.4%/c.27.9% MoM/YoY during May'24. It is also to note here that, Chicken, Eggs, Fruits and Fresh Vegetable prices on average have significantly eased off by c.28%MoM, c.2%MoM, c.20%MoM and c.18%MoM respectively during May'24.

Key NCPI Drivers	Weights	Apr-24	May-24F	May-23	MoM	YoY
General	100%	263.3	261.0	228.0	-0.9%	14.50%
Food & Non-alcoholic Bev.	34.6%	286.4	272.7	264.5	-4.8%	3.12%
Alcoholic Bev. & Tobacco	1.0%	366.1	371.3	356.4	1.4%	4.17%
Clothing & Footwear	8.6%	238.4	240.1	203.0	0.7%	18.32%
Housing, Elect. & Gas	23.6%	239.8	226.4	177.9	-5.6%	27.23%
Furnishing & Household	4.1%	266.4	264.9	235.1	-0.6%	12.68%
Health	2.8%	237.3	237.3	201.9	0.0%	17.51%
Transport	5.9%	320.3	308.9	285.4	-3.5%	8.26%
Communication	2.2%	134.9	134.4	118.3	-0.3%	13.67%
Recreation & Culture	1.6%	258.8	260.6	242.9	0.7%	7.28%
Education	3.8%	196.2	199.7	171.6	1.8%	16.38%
Restaurants & Hotels	6.9%	269.4	272.9	235.0	1.3%	16.12%
Miscellaneous Goods	4.9%	282.2	282.3	246.6	0.0%	14.47%

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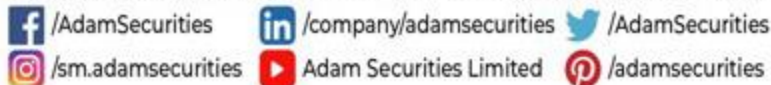
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