

# August inflation at 6.2%

The **Department of Census and Statistics** Issuing the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), for the month of August 2020, said that headline inflation as measured by the Year-on-Year change (The percentage change in the current month NCPI over same month NCPI of last year) based on the NCPI has been compiled as 6.2%.

The headline inflation reported for the month of July 2020 was 6.1%. Contributions to the inflation rate of August 2020 from food group and non-food group are 5.7% and 0.6% respectively.

Whilst contributions of food and non-food groups to the inflation in August 2019 were 0.3% and 3.1% respectively, resulting in a headline inflation of 3.4%. With respect to August 2019, the reported increase in percentage of food group was mainly due to higher price levels prevailed in this month of August 2020, particularly prices of coconuts, rice, turmeric powder, coconut oil, sugar and fresh fish.

Comparing the month-on-month changes, NCPI in August 2020 has increased to 137.8 from 137.3 reported in July 2020. This shows an increase of 0.5 index points or 0.4 percentages as compared to July 2020. The month-on-month change was contributed by increases in index values of food items by 0.24% and non-food items by 0.15% respectively.