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This is the 28<sup>th</sup> publication on retail prices of selected commodities in Colombo District. This is in addition to the “Annual Bulletin on selected Retail and Producer Prices” for all islands published by the Department of Census and Statistics. Price information given here relates to consumption expenditure on Cereals, Vegetables and other Food and Miscellaneous items and is based on data compiled on a regular weekly and monthly basis and analysed for a variety of statistical purposes. Special reference is given to the compilation of the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI), based on year, 2013.

The statistical data series presented here covers broadly, the period January 2019 to December 2019 with comparable figures given for corresponding months in all tables. Graphical presentations on movement of quarterly average prices of selected items for the given period are also shown in this bulletin.

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