

INFLATION DOWN TO 2.1% IN DECEMBER

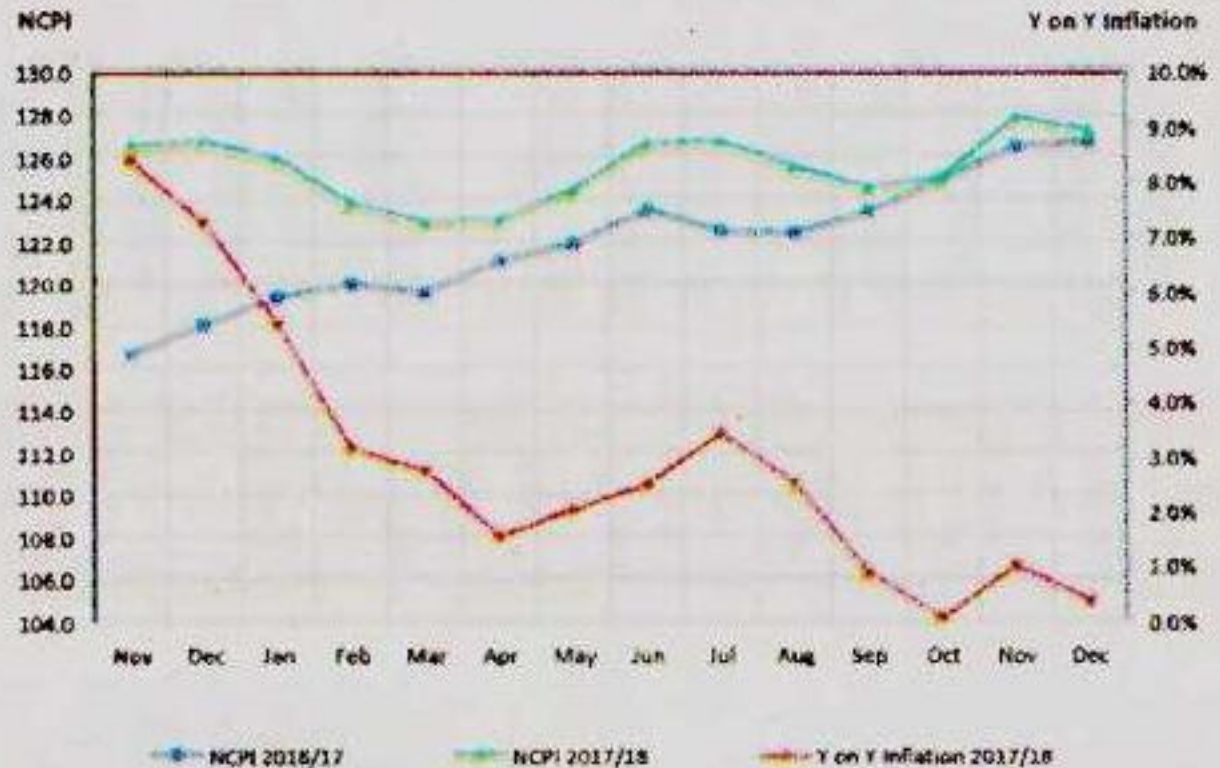
The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) has released the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) and Inflation for the month of December 2018.

The moving average inflation for the month of December 2018 is 2.1%. The corresponding rate for the month of November 2018 was 2.7%.

The NCPI for all items for the month of December 2018 was 127.1. A decrease of 0.6 index points that is percentage of -0.5 was reported in December 2018 compared to that of November 2018 for which the index was 127.7.

This decrease represents decrease in

Movements of the NCPI (Base 2013=100) and Year on Year Inflation



expenditure value of Rs. 182.44 in the "Market Basket.

The decrease in the index point by 0.44% was due to the expenditure value decreases of food items by 0.17% and non-food items by 0.27% respectively. To [Page v](#)