

Inflation rises to 2.4% in Feb.

■ Increase largely driven by both food and non-food items

INFLATION rose to 2.4% in February from 1.2% in January, largely on non-food items, the Census and Statistics Department said yesterday.

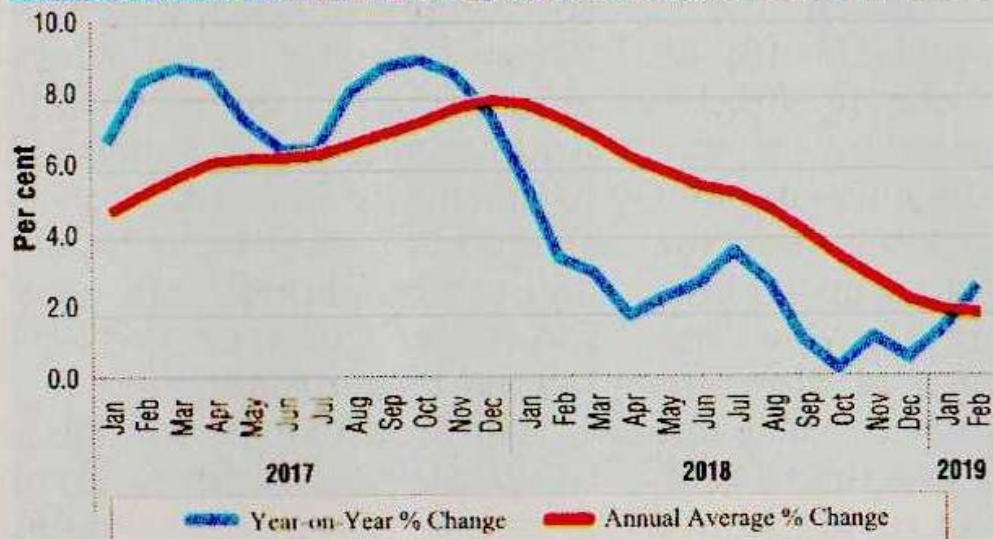
Headline inflation as measured by the year-on-year change in the National Consumer Price

Index (NCPI, 2013=100) increased to 2.4% in February 2019 from 1.2% in January 2019 mainly due to the base effect.

Meanwhile, year-on-year Non-food inflation increased to 6.7% in February 2019 from 6.5% in January 2019 while Food inflation also increased to -2.9% in February 2019 from -4.8% in January 2019.

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Movements of the NCPI (2013=100)



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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