

Prices of essential food items continue to rise

PESHAWAR: Upward trend in prices of essential food commodities, including pulses, vegetable, flour, sugar, fruits, live chicken/meat, etc was witnessed in retail market during preceding week as compared to last week, said in a survey carried out Business Recorder here on Sunday.

Tomato price has risen sharply in local market as available at Rs140-150 per kg, which was selling at Rs70 per kg in the previous week, the survey noticed. Similarly, the price of onion was remained high side which is being sold at Rs80-90 per kg in local market.

Ginger was priced at Rs400-450 per kg, whereas garlic prices also touched new heights in local market as available within range of Rs280-350 per kg. Green chili is being sold at Rs200 per kg.

Cucumber is being sold at Rs70 and Rs80 per kg, while carrots are being available at Rs60 per kg. Lemon was priced at Rs100 per kg. Red colour potato is being sold at Rs80-90 per kg while others available at Rs50-60 per kg against the price of Rs40 per kg.

Peas are being sold at Rs180 per kg and Rs200 per kg, the survey noticed, it added arvi was available at Rs100-110 per kg. Apple, round and long gourds are being available within range of Rs80-90 and Rs120 which was selling at Rs60-70 per kg in the previous week.

Cauliflower is being sold at Rs70-80 per kg, which was selling at Rs50 per kg in the previous week, while cabbage was priced at Rs60 per kg. Bringle was available at Rs80 per kg which was priced at Rs50 per kg in the previous week. Bitter gourd (Karela) is being sold at Rs120 and Rs150 per kg. A bundle of radish is being sold at Rs20.

Live chicken/meat is being sold at Rs166 per kg, which was selling at Rs156 per kg in the previous, showing an increase of Rs10 per kg, while Cow meat is being sold at Rs400-420 and Rs450 per kg. Mutton beef was priced at Rs900-1000 per kg, the survey witnessed.

Similarly, price of farm eggs have increased as available at Rs140-150 per dozen which was available at Rs120 per kg, showing an increase of Rs20 and Rs30 per dozen.

The survey noticed that prices of food grains have surged up in retail market as Dal mash price has increased at Rs240 per kg against the price of Rs210 per kg in the previous week.

Likewise, it further witnessed dhoti dal is available at Rs240 per kg which was selling at Rs190 per kg in the last week. It added white lobiya is being sold at Rs200 per kg against the price of Rs160 per kg. Dal black (chilka) was available at Rs220 per kg against the price of Rs180 per kg, while dal green (chilka) priced at Rs200 per kg against the Rs170 per kg, showing an increase of Rs30 per kg.

Similarly, a substantial increase in price of Moonge was noticed in retail market as available Rs200 per kg, which was selling at Rs160 per kg. Good quality rice (sela) is being sold at Rs150 per kg against the price of Rs140 per kg in the previous week, whereas toota rice brown colour is being sold at Rs80 per kg and white color at Rs70 per kg.

Chinese red bean is being sold at Rs190 per kg against the price of Rs180 per kg while Tajikistani red bean was available at Rs170 per kg, which was selling at Rs170 per kg in the last week. Dal channa is being sold at Rs180 per kg which was selling at Rs170 per kg in the previous week. Big size white channa is being available at Rs140 per kg while small-size white channa priced at Rs10 per kg.

Prices of almost all brand and quality of cooking oil and ghee have increased within range of Rs10 to Rs15 per kg/litre in retail market. Sugar is being sold at Rs75 per kg which was selling at Rs73 per kg in the previous week. A considerable increase in price of gram flour (baisan) was witnessed as available at Rs200 per kg which was selling at Rs160 per kg in the previous week.

An Rs100 per flour bag was surged in the retail as available Rs1100 per 20 kg bag, which was selling at Rs1000 per 20 kg bag in the previous week, while 85 kg flour bag is being sold at Rs5,000 which was selling at Rs4900 some days ago, showing an increase of Rs100 per sac.

Apple is being sold at Rs100-150 per kg, guava at Rs80-100 per kg, pomegranate at Rs150-200 per kg, persimmon at Rs80-100 per kg, grapes at Rs150-200 per kg, banana at Rs70-80 per dozen.