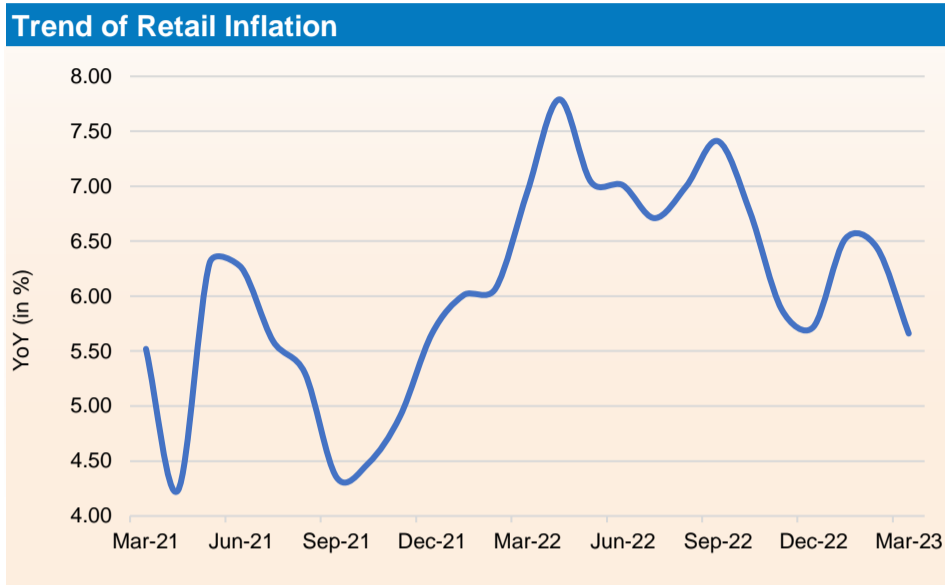


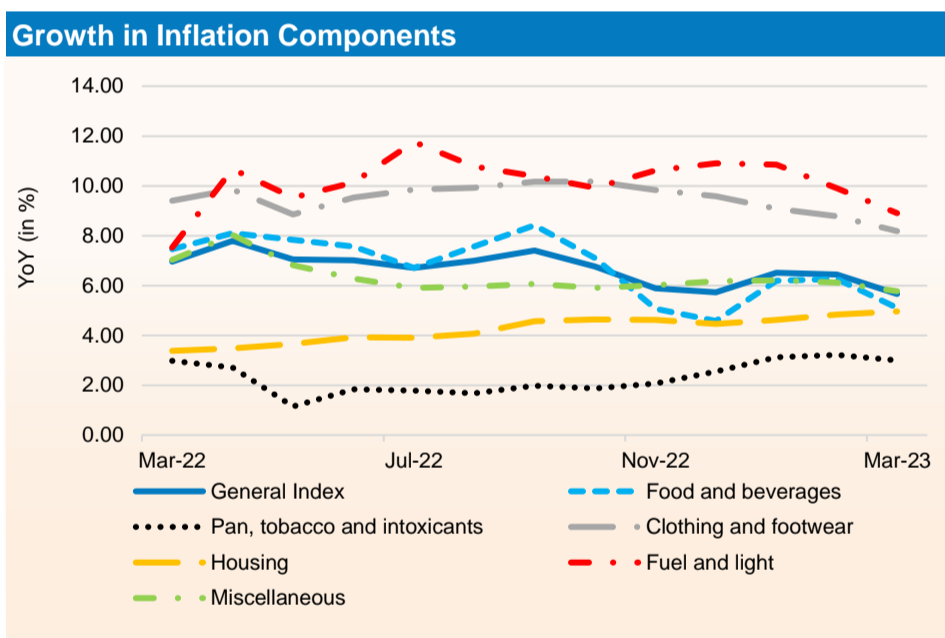
Inflation Update

Consumer inflation touched lowest level since Dec 2021 in Mar 2023

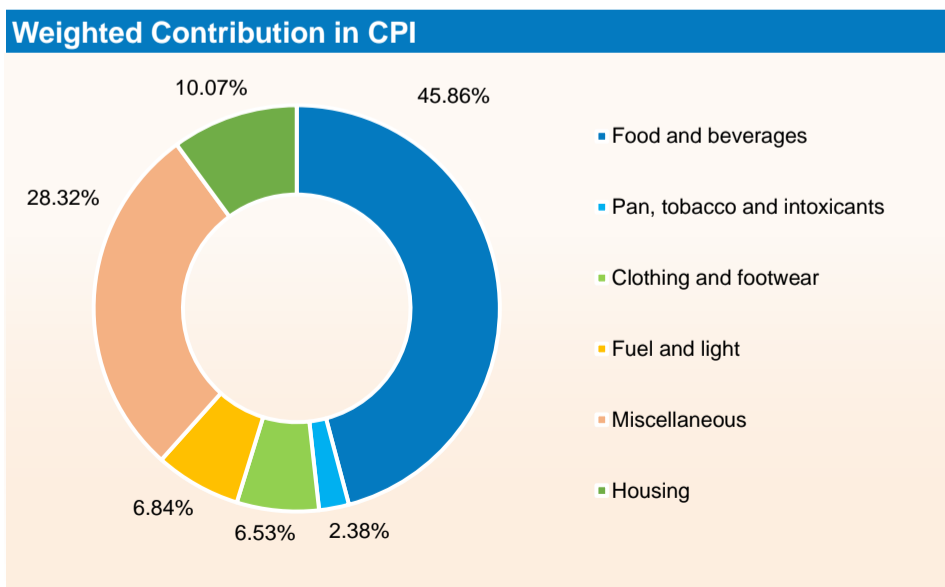
- Consumer Price Index based inflation (CPI) slowed to 5.66% in Feb 2023 from 6.44% in the previous month and 6.95% in Mar 2022 due to easing of food inflation. Inflation rate fell to its lowest level since Dec 2021.
- Retail inflation went below the upper tolerance level of the Reserve Bank of India's retail inflation target of 6% during the reported period. Nonetheless, in the last 15 months, inflation remained above the upper tolerance band for 12 months.
- The Consumer Food Price Index increased at a slower pace to 4.79% in Mar 2023 as compared to 5.95% rise in Feb 2023 and 7.68% in the same month of the previous year.
- Inflation for food and beverages also slowed to 5.11% during the reported period from 6.26% in Feb 2023 and 7.47% in the same month of the previous year.
- Under food and beverages, retail inflation slowed on yearly basis majorly due to vegetables and oils and fats, which contracted 8.51% and 7.86% compared with a rise of 11.64% and 18.73%, respectively, during the corresponding period of last year. However, inflation for spices and cereals & products surged to 18.21% and 15.27% in Mar 2023 from 8.50% and 5.00% increase, respectively in Mar 2022.
- Inflation for clothing and footwear eased marginally to 8.18% in Mar 2023 from 9.40% in the same month of the previous year. However, inflation for fuel and light accelerated to 8.91% in Mar 2023 from 7.52% in the same month of the previous year.
- Inflation for the 'miscellaneous' group, which accounts for 28.32% of the CPI and includes services, slowed to 5.77% in Mar 2023 from 6.12% in the previous month and 7.02% in Mar 2022.
- Among states, the highest inflation rate of 7.63% was recorded by Telangana, followed by Haryana and Punjab for which inflation stood at 6.92% and 6.84%, respectively. On the other hand, the lowest inflation rate of 1.88% was seen in Chhattisgarh.



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Sectoral Breakdown of CPI

Group Code	Sub-group Code	Inflation	Weights	Yearly Statistics				Monthly Statistics			
				Y-O-Y Growth		WC to Acceleration (%)		M-O-M % Change		WC to Acceleration (%)	
				Mar-23	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-22
1		General Index (All Groups)	100	5.66%	6.95%	5.66	6.95	0.23%	0.96%	0.23	0.96
		Food and beverages	45.86	5.11%	7.47%	2.34	3.42	0.23%	1.32%	0.10	0.61
	1.1.01	Cereals and products	9.67	15.27%	5.00%	1.48	0.48	-0.40%	0.87%	-0.04	0.08
	1.1.02	Meat and fish	3.61	-1.42%	9.63%	-0.05	0.35	0.19%	5.03%	0.01	0.18
	1.1.03	Egg	0.43	4.41%	2.44%	0.02	0.01	-4.42%	-4.55%	-0.02	-0.02
	1.1.04	Milk and products	6.61	9.31%	4.71%	0.62	0.31	0.62%	0.93%	0.04	0.06
	1.1.05	Oils and fats	3.56	-7.86%	18.73%	-0.28	0.67	-2.55%	5.25%	-0.09	0.19
	1.1.06	Fruits	2.89	7.55%	2.54%	0.22	0.07	3.67%	2.54%	0.11	0.07
	1.1.07	Vegetables	6.04	-8.51%	11.64%	-0.51	0.70	1.73%	-1.65%	0.10	-0.10
	1.1.08	Pulses and products	2.38	4.33%	2.57%	0.10	0.06	0.35%	0.12%	0.01	0.00
	1.1.09	Sugar and Confectionery	1.36	1.01%	5.51%	0.01	0.07	-0.33%	-0.08%	0.00	0.00
	1.1.10	Spices	2.50	18.21%	8.50%	0.46	0.21	0.10%	1.78%	0.00	0.04
	1.2.11	Non-alcoholic beverages	1.26	4.23%	5.62%	0.05	0.07	0.23%	0.36%	0.00	0.00
	1.1.12	Prepared meals, snacks, sweets etc.	5.55	7.64%	6.60%	0.42	0.37	0.42%	0.73%	0.02	0.04
2		Pan, tobacco and intoxicants	2.38	2.99%	2.98%	0.07	0.07	0.25%	0.47%	0.01	0.01
3		Clothing and footwear	6.53	8.18%	9.40%	0.53	0.61	0.33%	0.88%	0.02	0.06
	3.1.01	Clothing	5.58	8.19%	9.06%	0.46	0.51	0.32%	0.76%	0.02	0.04
	3.1.02	Footwear	0.95	8.57%	11.29%	0.08	0.11	0.22%	1.35%	0.00	0.01
4		Housing	10.07	4.96%	3.38%	0.50	0.34	0.00%	-0.12%	0.00	-0.01
5		Fuel and light	6.84	8.91%	7.52%	0.61	0.51	0.00%	0.91%	0.00	0.06
6		Miscellaneous	28.32	5.77%	7.02%	1.63	1.99	0.35%	0.67%	0.10	0.19
	6.1.01	Household goods and services	3.8	7.00%	7.67%	0.27	0.29	0.29%	0.62%	0.01	0.02
	6.1.02	Health	5.89	6.59%	6.99%	0.39	0.41	0.55%	0.46%	0.03	0.03
	6.1.03	Transport and communication	8.59	3.99%	8.00%	0.34	0.69	0.12%	0.64%	0.01	0.05
	6.1.04	Recreation and amusement	1.68	4.29%	7.01%	0.07	0.12	0.18%	0.74%	0.00	0.01
	6.1.05	Education	4.46	5.42%	3.62%	0.24	0.16	0.17%	0.36%	0.01	0.02
	6.1.06	Personal care and effects	3.89	8.25%	8.71%	0.32	0.34	0.61%	1.70%	0.02	0.07

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