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The inflation numbers for June has been determined by collecting price data from selected 1114 urban Markets and 1181 villages covering all states/UTs through personal visits by field staff of Field Operations Division of NSO, MoSPI on a weekly roster, a MosPI statement said.

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by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI) showed on Tuesday.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said a “pointed attack on inflation” will need to continue. She added that the government would keep monitoring prices “item by item”.

“I see the monsoon being favourable to agriculture. Production will be good and rural demand will remain intact. As the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has estimated, till the start of the second half of the year, both RBI and government will have to be mindful,” Sitharaman told reporters.

RBI’s monetary policy panel, which has raised interest rates by 90 basis points in the past two months, is set to meet again in the first week of August to decide on its next step. Economists expect RBI to continue raising rates to rein in inflation next month. One basis point is 0.01%.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating company Icria Ltd, said she continues to f [OPEN APP](#) front-loaded rate hikes of 60 bps spread over the next two policy reviews followed by an extended pause, as the policy panel will focus on containing inflationary expectations without sacrificing growth.

Official data showed rural inflation in June stood at 7.09%, while inflation in urban areas came in at 6.92%. Economists expressed concern over rising vegetable prices, which jumped 17.4% in the month amid heat waves.

Sakshi Gupta, an economist at HDFC Bank, said vegetable prices (potato, onion and tomato inflation) have declined by 5.2% in July to date based on mandi (wholesale

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inflation. However, elevated global crude oil prices and the weakening of the rupee pose a threat to near-term inflation outlook," said Rajani Sinha, chief economist at rating company CareEdge.

The worrying trend in June inflation is 15 of the 23 commodity groups, with a combined weight of 70.82% in the CPI basket, witnessing higher inflation, said Devendra Pant, chief economist, India Ratings and Research.

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