



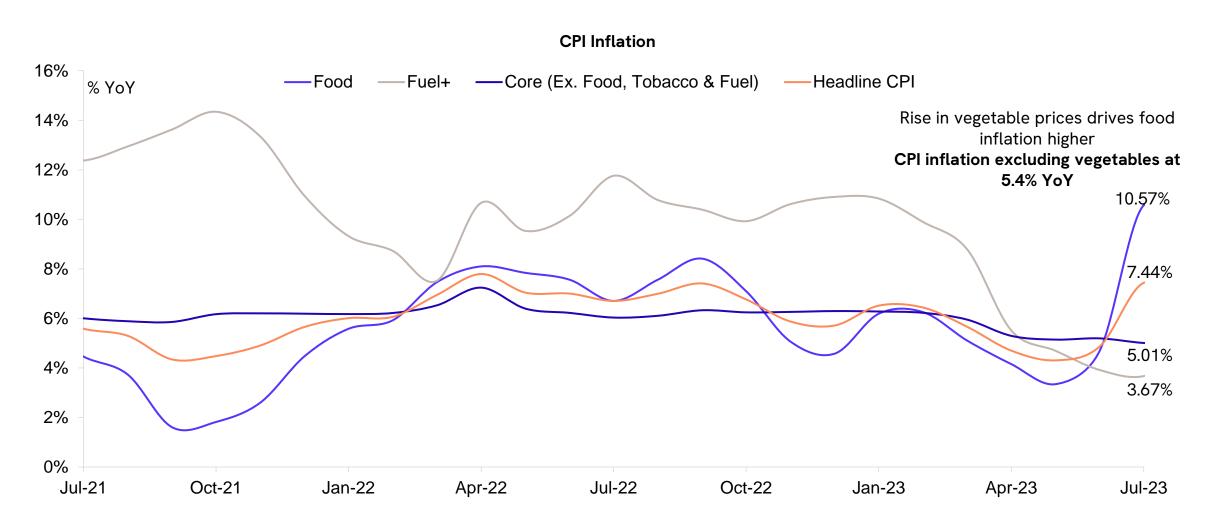
India retail inflation shoots up to 7.44% YoY in July 2023



CPI breaches 6% target limit due to surge in food inflation



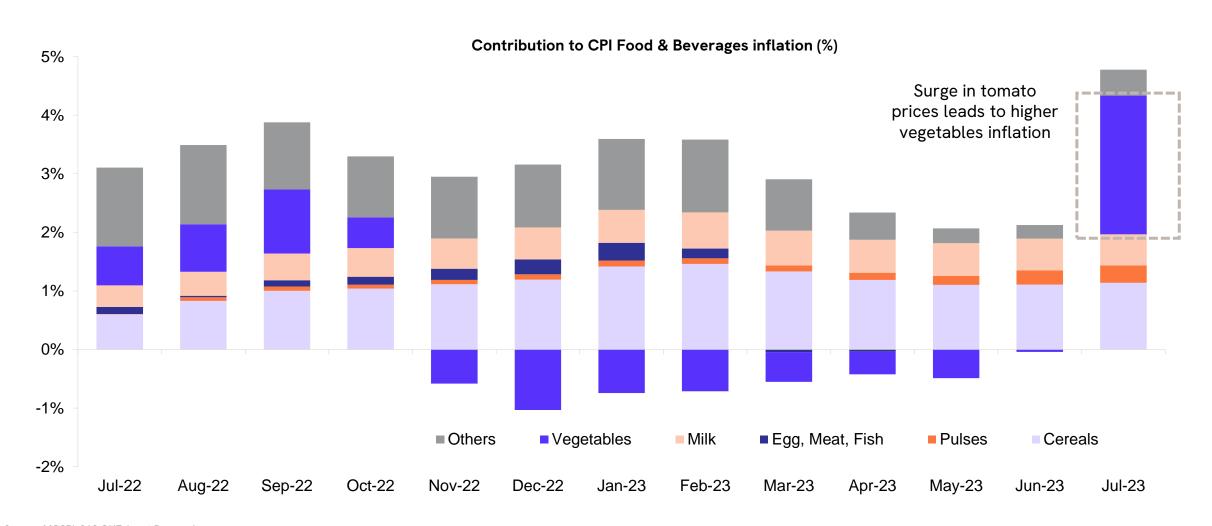
Erratic weather conditions, including delayed and uneven monsoon, lead to rise in food inflation



Higher food inflation largely driven by increase in vegetable prices



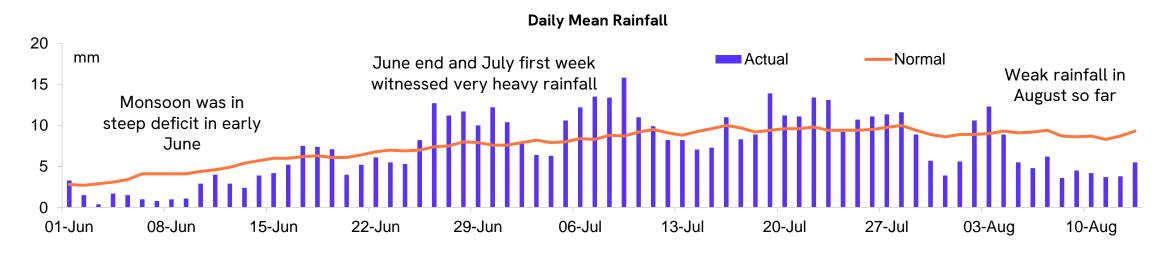
Cereals, pulses, spices and fruits also witness a substantial increase in prices in July 2023



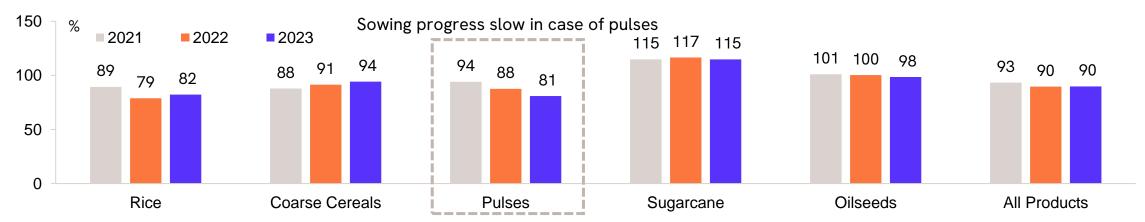
Uneven rainfall distribution likely to impact crop yields



Sowing for rice has shown gradual improvement, but remains weak for pulses



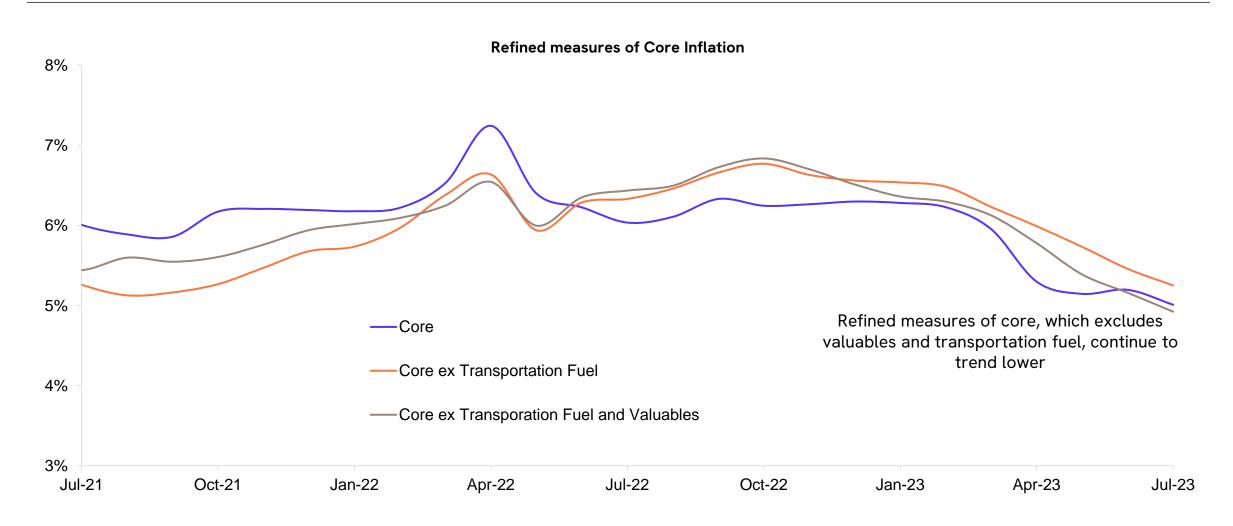
Kharif Acutal Area Sown % of Normal Area (as on 11th August)



Core inflation falls to 5.0% YoY in July 2023, from 5.2% in June



Continued correction in refined measures of core inflation indicate easing of underlying inflationary pressures



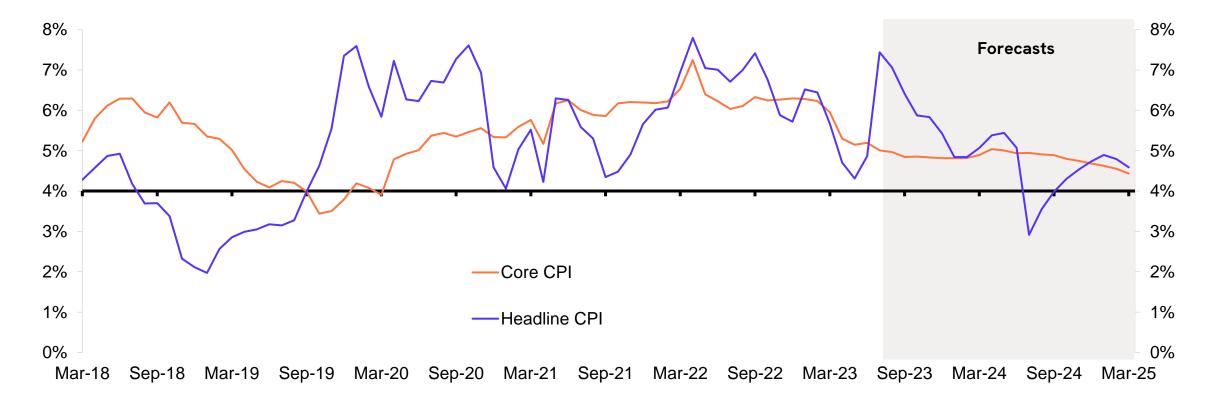
Outlook: Inflation expected to average around 5.5% in FY24



Steep increase in food prices (particularly vegetables) has pushed the inflation trajectory upwards

RBI MPC to remain in 'wait and watch' mode to assess the complete impact of the monsoon on food inflation. As communicated in the policy, RBI will look through the recent surge in food inflation if there are no signs of persistence

Uneven spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall is the most significant near-term risk to the inflation trajectory



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