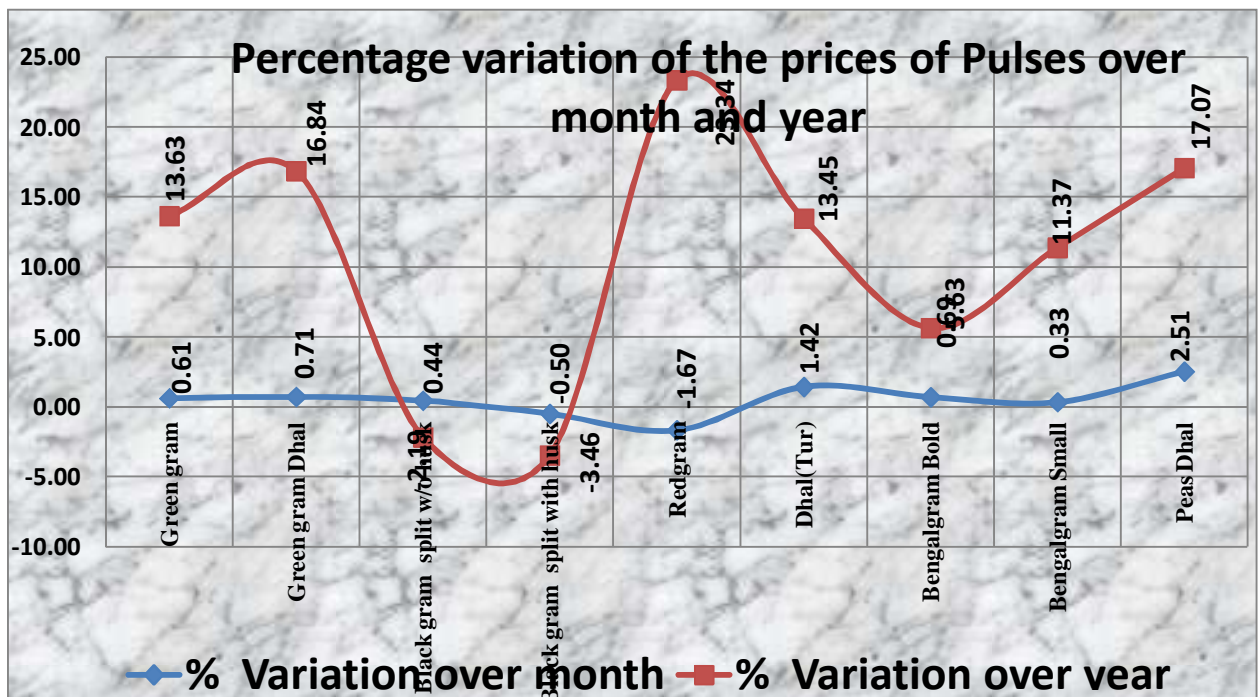




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PREFACE

Price collection is one of the major items of work undertaken by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The importance and usefulness of the information pertaining to the price movements has much significance in the context of a growing economy. This Department has been collecting different types of prices viz. Farm price, Market price, etc. (both Wholesale and Retail). These prices are being widely used for various purposes such as for the preparation of Indices, to provide compensation to Farmer's and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assumes significance, because the same is being forwarded daily to the office of the Chief Minister and Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Minister for Agriculture, Chief Secretary, Food and civil Supplies Secretary, Planning secretary, Agr.Production Commissioner, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MAY 2013

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 2013. An Upward trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last month as well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May of the previous year 2012, previous month April 2013 and current month of May 2013 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. GroupWise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representation.

1. RICE

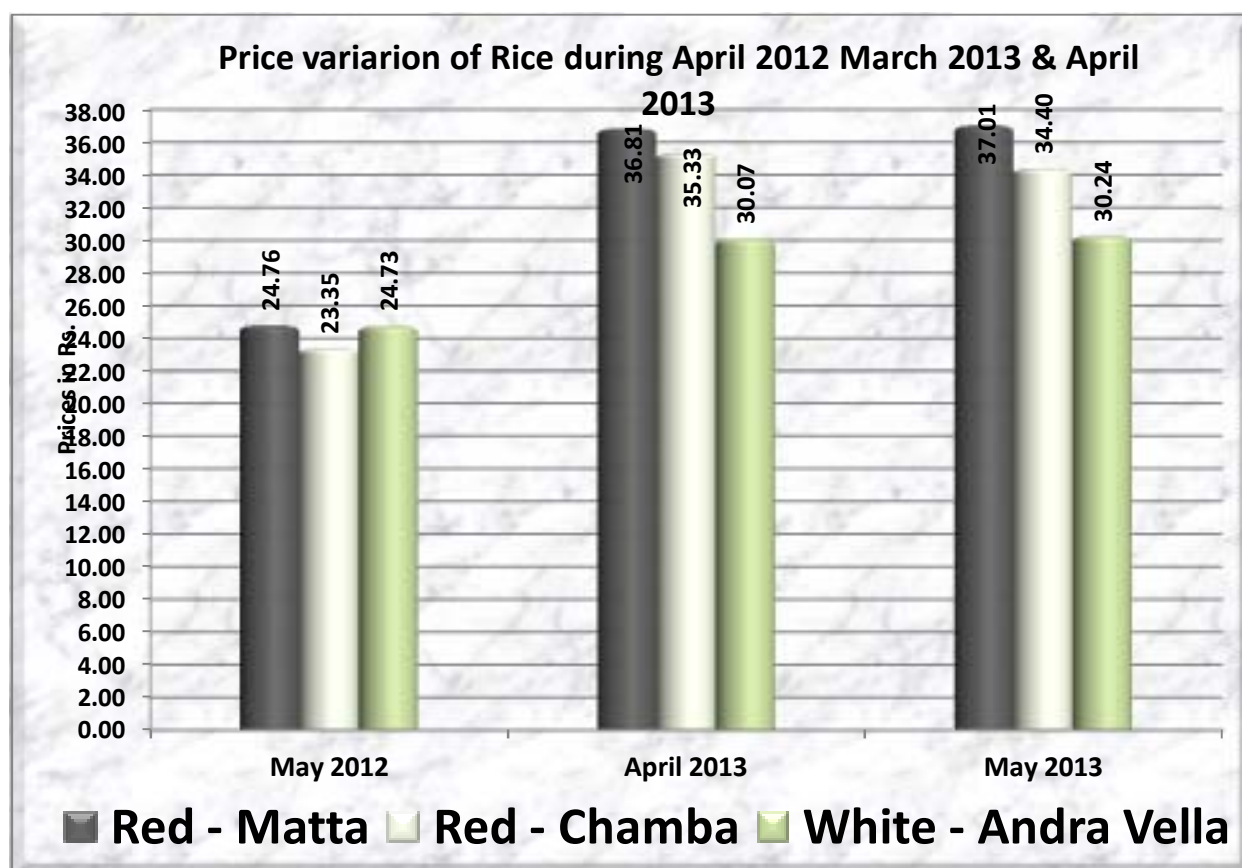
Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

During this Period mixed trend was observed in the state average retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. A nominal increase is seen in the price of Red. Matta and white Andra Vella. The price of Red Chamba showed a negative change when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, state average retail prices of Red matta, Red Chamba and white Andhra vella had increased by 49.50%, 47.32% and 22.29% respectively, The following table and diagraph represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Price.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.76	36.81	37.01	0.54	49.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.35	35.33	34.40	-2.64	47.32
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.73	30.07	30.24	0.59	22.29

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

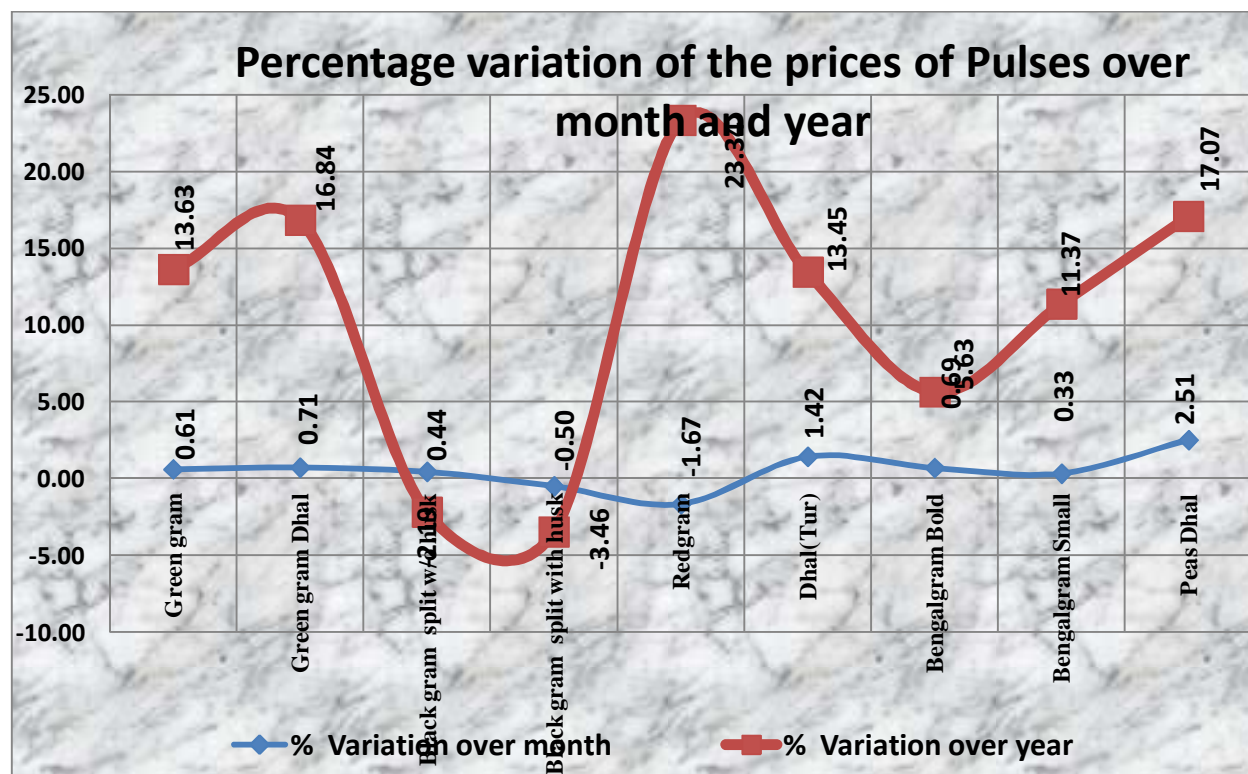
A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of pulses during the period under report when compared with both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative change in the price of Black gram Split with husk and Red gram was noticed while all other items increased by 0 to 3% when compared with price of the previous month.

When compared with corresponding month of the previous year State average retail price of Black gram Split without husk and with husk had decreased by 2.19% and 3.46% respectively, while all other items showed an upward trend of 5% to 18% Notable increase was seen in the price of Red gram, (23.34%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	65.61	74.11	74.56	0.61	13.63
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	71.22	82.63	83.21	0.71	16.84
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	64.88	63.18	63.46	0.44	-2.19
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	63.09	61.21	60.90	-0.50	-3.46
5	Redgram	Kg	54.37	68.20	67.06	-1.67	23.34
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	68.21	76.30	77.38	1.42	13.45
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	58.90	61.79	62.22	0.69	5.63
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	52.29	58.05	58.24	0.33	11.37
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	38.84	44.36	45.47	2.51	17.07

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

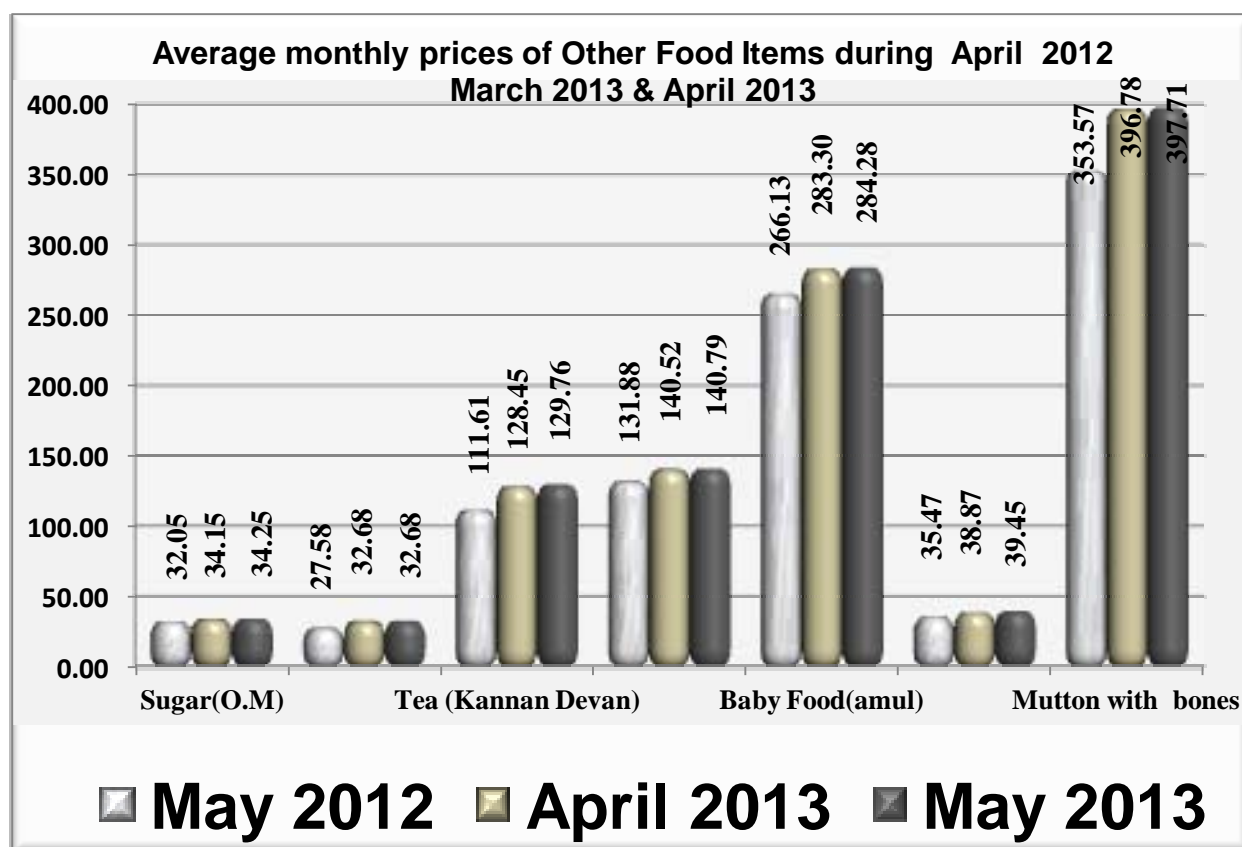
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period the price of all items of other food items showed an upward trend when compared with both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of all the items in this group had increased upto 2% except Milk, when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail prices of all items increased by 6% to 19% respectively.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.05	34.15	34.25	0.29	6.87
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.58	32.68	32.68	0.00	18.48
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	111.61	128.45	129.76	1.02	16.26
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	131.88	140.52	140.79	0.19	6.76
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	266.13	283.30	284.28	0.35	6.82
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	35.47	38.87	39.45	1.48	11.22
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	353.57	396.78	397.71	0.23	12.48

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

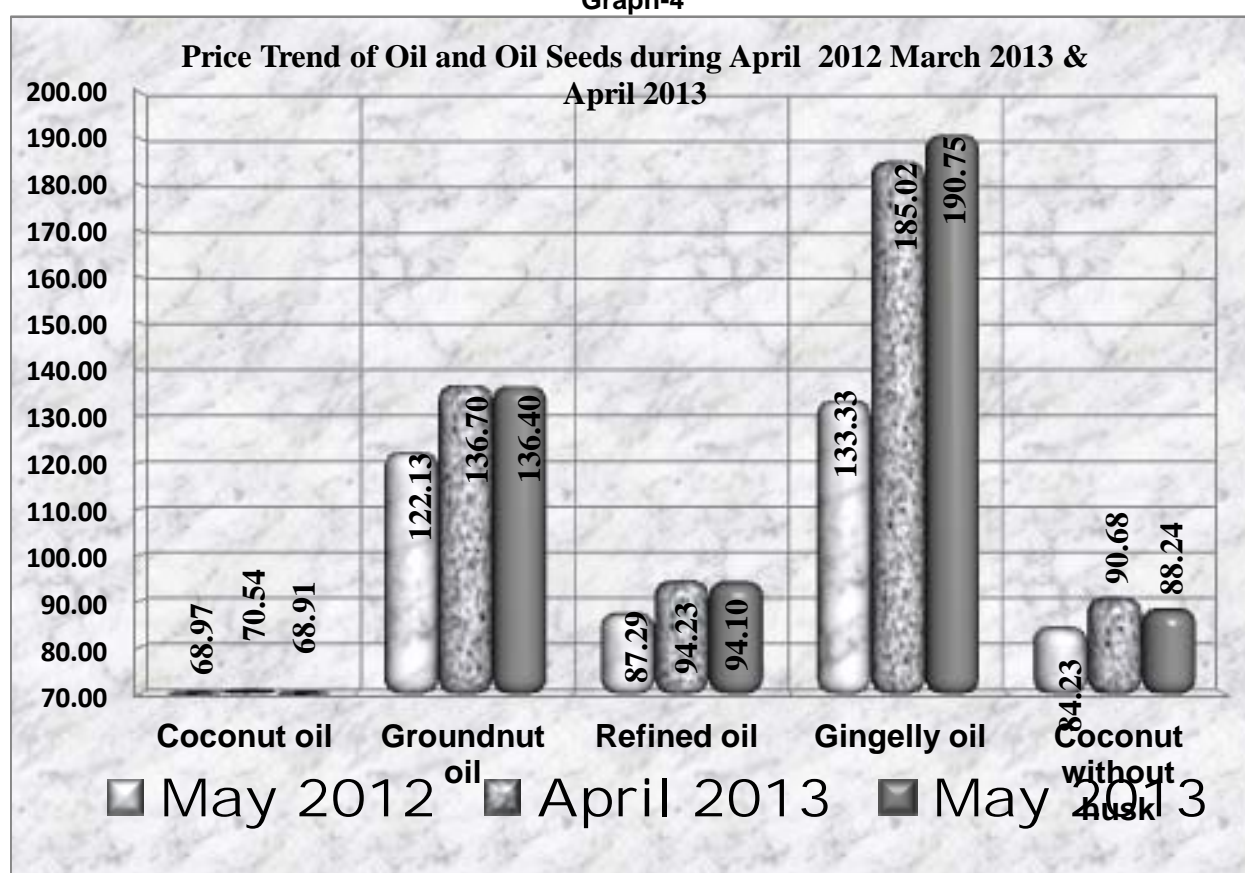
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of Oil and Oil seeds compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of all items except Gingelly oil showed a negative change when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, state average retail price of Coconut oil showed a slight decrease, while the prices of all other items had increased by 4% and 44% Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly Oil (43.07%) when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year..

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Over month	Over year
		May 2012	April 2013	May 2013		
Coconut oil	Ltr.	68.97	70.54	68.91	-2.30	-0.08
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	122.13	136.70	136.40	-0.22	11.68
Refined oil	Ltr.	87.29	94.23	94.10	-0.14	7.80
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	133.33	185.02	190.75	3.10	43.07
Coconut without husk	10 nos	84.23	90.68	88.24	-2.68	4.77

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

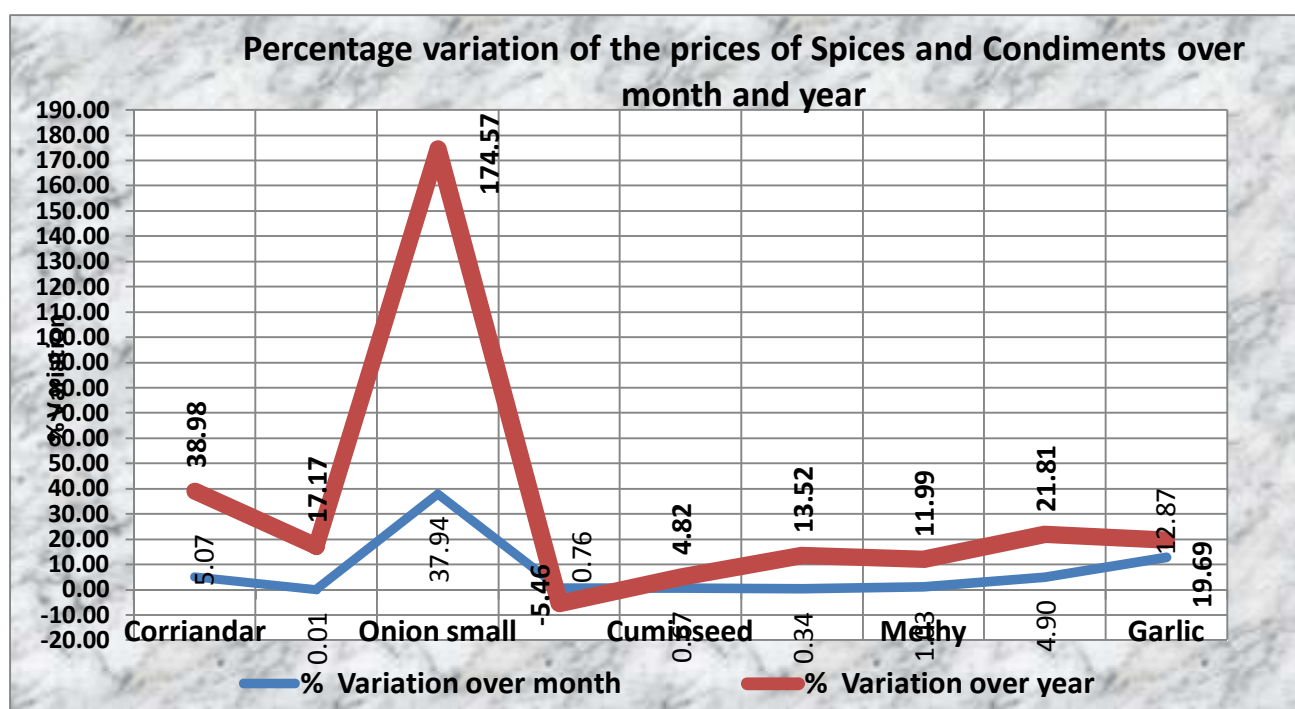
During this period the prices of all items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. The prices of all items had increased by up to 38% when compared with the price of the previous month.

Tamarind without seed loose, showed a negative change of 5.46%, while the prices of all other items had increased by 4% to 175% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of onion small (37.94% and 174.57%), when compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	64.93	85.89	90.25	5.07	38.98
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	73.38	85.97	85.97	0.01	17.17
3	Onion small	Kg.	23.00	45.79	63.16	37.94	174.57
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	83.97	78.79	79.38	0.76	-5.46
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.00	22.91	23.06	0.67	4.82
6	Mustard	100gm	6.56	7.43	7.45	0.34	13.52
7	Methy	100gm	6.29	6.97	7.04	1.03	11.99
8	Turmeric	100gm	11.18	12.98	13.62	4.90	21.81
9	Garlic	100gm	4.92	5.22	5.89	12.87	19.69

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

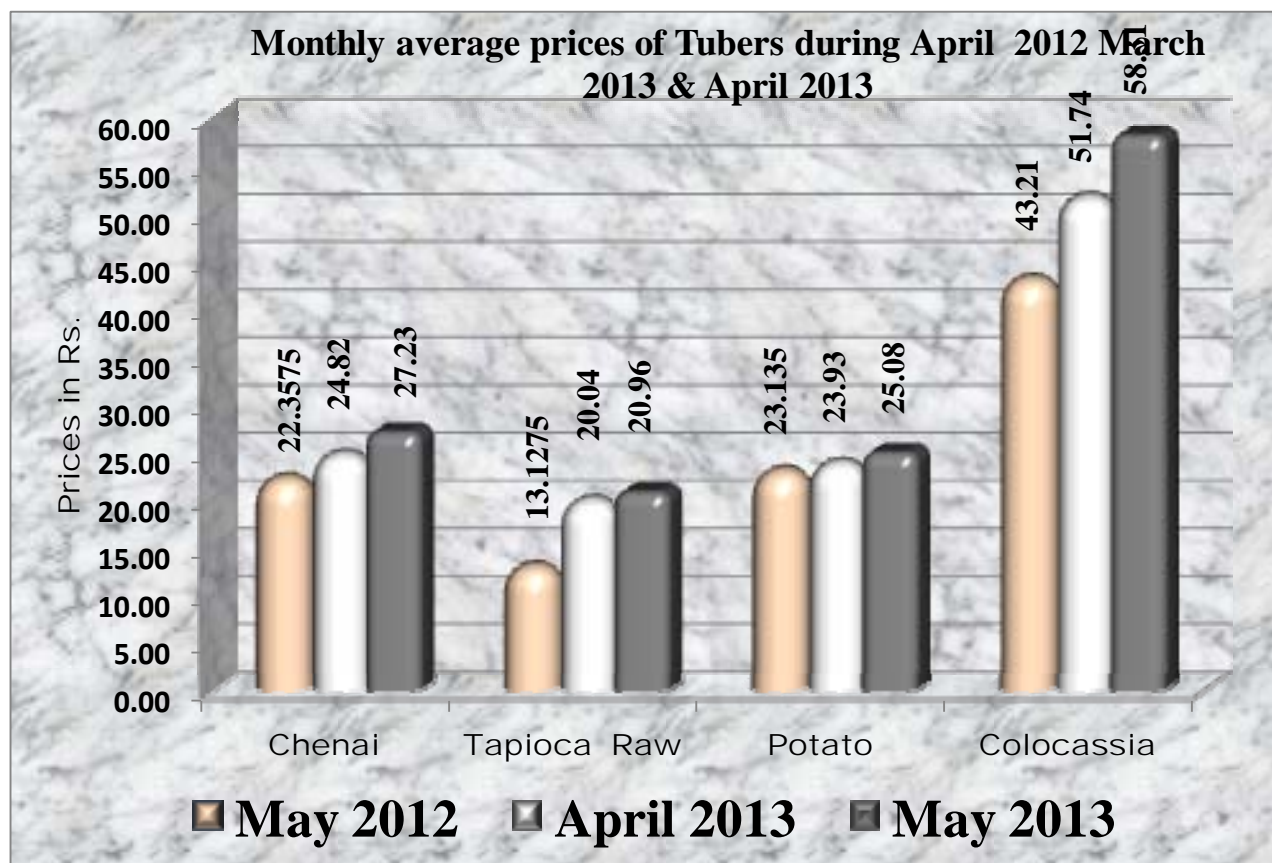
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

An upward trend is seen in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. During this period all items of Tubers had increased by 4% to 13% when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the prices of all items increased by 8% to 60%. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of Tapioca Raw (59.66%) and Colocassia (34.95%) when compared with the prices of corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	22.36	24.82	27.23	9.68	21.78
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	13.13	20.04	20.96	4.59	59.66
3	Potato	Kg.	23.14	23.93	25.08	4.83	8.42
4	Colocassia	Kg.	43.21	51.74	58.31	12.71	34.95

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

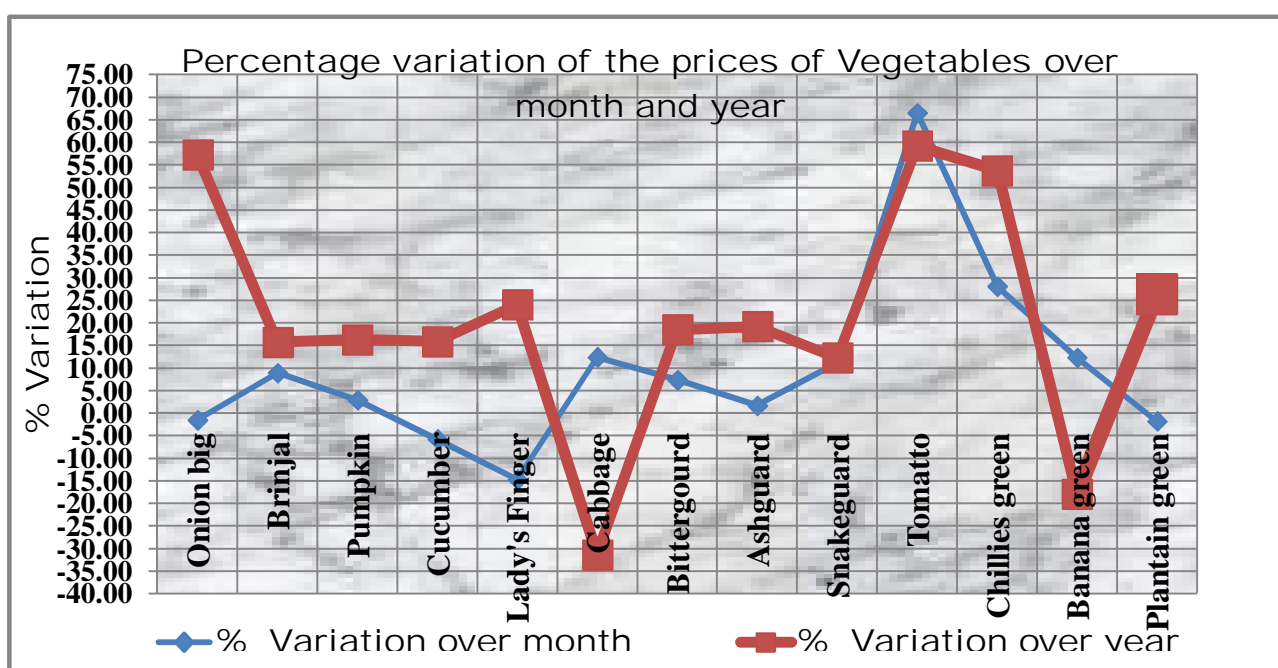
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Onion big, Cucumber, Ladies finger and Plantain green showed a down ward trend of 1.51%, 5.76%, 14.69% and 1.76% respectively, while the prices of all the other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The State average retail prices of Cabbage and Banana green showed downward trend , while the prices of all other items of vegetable increased by 12% to 60% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Onion big. (57.22%) tomato 59.16% and chillies dry 53.73 % when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	11.87	18.95	18.66	-1.51	57.22
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.38	26.97	29.37	8.93	15.72
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.61	18.77	19.32	2.91	16.27
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.28	20.03	18.87	-5.76	15.90
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	23.13	33.63	28.69	-14.69	24.04
6	Cabbage	Kg	35.17	21.48	24.15	12.40	-31.35
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	34.33	37.89	40.67	7.33	18.49
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.98	18.73	19.04	1.65	19.20
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	26.25	26.52	29.47	11.13	12.26
10	Tomatto	Kg.	23.93	22.88	38.08	66.49	59.16
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.51	4.21	5.40	28.09	53.73
12	Banana green	Kg.	40.21	29.40	33.01	12.31	-17.90
13	Plantain green	Kg.	17.90	23.02	22.61	-1.76	26.32

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

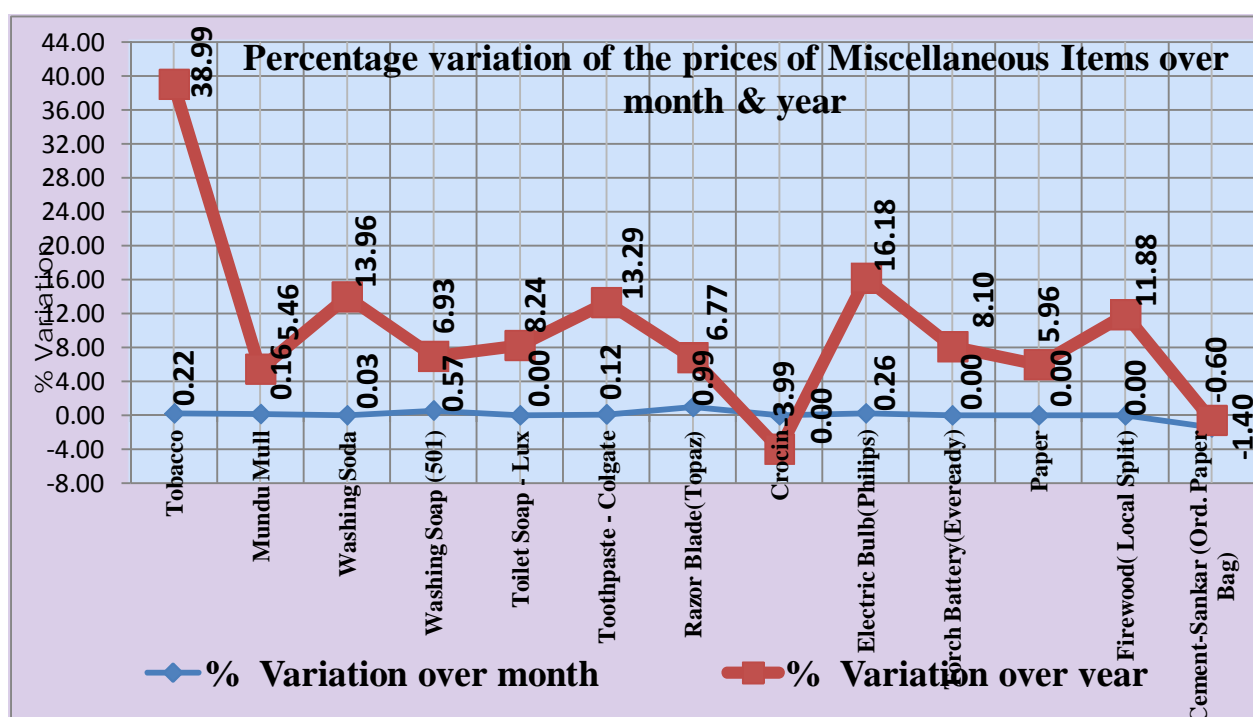
A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of miscellaneous items during the period under report when compared with both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. Cement – Sankar showed a negative change while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, all items except crocin and cement- Sankar showed an increasing trend by to 1% to 39% while the state average retail price of crocin and Cement- Sankar decreased by 3.99% and 0.60% respectively.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	112.86	156.52	156.86	0.22	38.99
2	Mundu Mull	Each	100.89	106.23	106.40	0.16	5.46
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	32.43	36.95	36.96	0.03	13.96
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.43	15.34	15.43	0.57	6.93
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	19.34	20.93	20.93	0.00	8.24
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	32.19	36.43	36.47	0.12	13.29
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.04	8.50	8.58	0.99	6.77
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.76	2.65	2.65	0.00	-3.99
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.74	13.61	13.64	0.26	16.18
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	14.07	15.21	15.21	0.00	8.10
11	Paper	24Sheet	13.25	14.04	14.04	0.00	5.96
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	336.67	376.67	376.67	0.00	11.88
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	358.92	361.85	356.78	-1.40	-0.60

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2013							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.76	36.81	37.01	0.54	49.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.35	35.33	34.40	-2.64	47.32
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.73	30.07	30.24	0.59	22.29
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	65.61	74.11	74.56	0.61	13.63
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	71.22	82.63	83.21	0.71	16.84
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	64.88	63.18	63.46	0.44	-2.19
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	63.09	61.21	60.90	-0.50	-3.46
5	Redgram	Kg	54.37	68.20	67.06	-1.67	23.34
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	68.21	76.30	77.38	1.42	13.45
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	58.90	61.79	62.22	0.69	5.63
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	52.29	58.05	58.24	0.33	11.37
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	38.84	44.36	45.47	2.51	17.07
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.05	34.15	34.25	0.29	6.87
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.58	32.68	32.68	0.00	18.48
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	111.61	128.45	129.76	1.02	16.26
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	131.88	140.52	140.79	0.19	6.76
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	266.13	283.30	284.28	0.35	6.82
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	35.47	38.87	39.45	1.48	11.22
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	353.57	396.78	397.71	0.23	12.48
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	68.97	70.54	68.91	-2.30	-0.08
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	122.13	136.70	136.40	-0.22	11.68
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	87.29	94.23	94.10	-0.14	7.80
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	133.33	185.02	190.75	3.10	43.07
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	84.23	90.68	88.24	-2.68	4.77
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	64.93	85.89	90.25	5.07	38.98
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	73.38	85.97	85.97	0.01	17.17
3	Onion small	Kg.	23.00	45.79	63.16	37.94	174.57
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	83.97	78.79	79.38	0.76	-5.46
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.00	22.91	23.06	0.67	4.82
6	Mustard	100gm	6.56	7.43	7.45	0.34	13.52
7	Methy	100gm	6.29	6.97	7.04	1.03	11.99
8	Turmeric	100gm	11.18	12.98	13.62	4.90	21.81
9	Garlic	100gm	4.92	5.22	5.89	12.87	19.69

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4	Colocassia	Kg.	43.21	51.74	58.31	12.71	34.95
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1	Onion big	Kg.	11.87	18.95	18.66	-1.51	57.22
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.61	18.77	19.32	2.91	16.27
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.28	20.03	18.87	-5.76	15.90
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	23.13	33.63	28.69	-14.69	24.04
6	Cabbage	Kg.	35.17	21.48	24.15	12.40	-31.35
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10	Tomatto	Kg.	23.93	22.88	38.08	66.49	59.16
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.51	4.21	5.40	28.09	53.73
12	Banana green	Kg.	40.21	29.40	33.01	12.31	-17.90
13	Plantain green	Kg.	17.90	23.02	22.61	-1.76	26.32
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
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3	Washing Soda	Kg.	32.43	36.95	36.96	0.03	13.96
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.43	15.34	15.43	0.57	6.93
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	19.34	20.93	20.93	0.00	8.24
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	32.19	36.43	36.47	0.12	13.29
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.04	8.50	8.58	0.99	6.77
8	Crocicn	2 tabs	2.76	2.65	2.65	0.00	-3.99
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.74	13.61	13.64	0.26	16.18
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