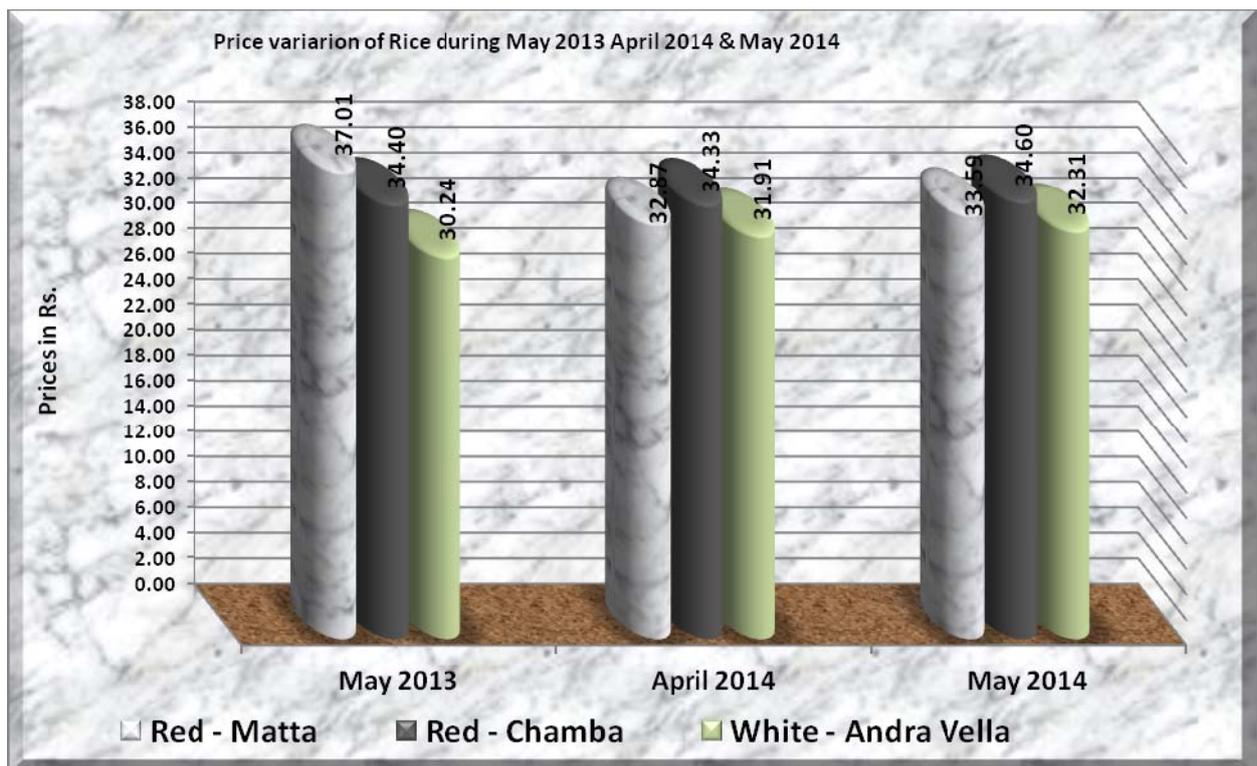




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**MAY 2014**

### **Introduction**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 2014. An increasing 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 2013, previous month April 2014 and current month of May 2014 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

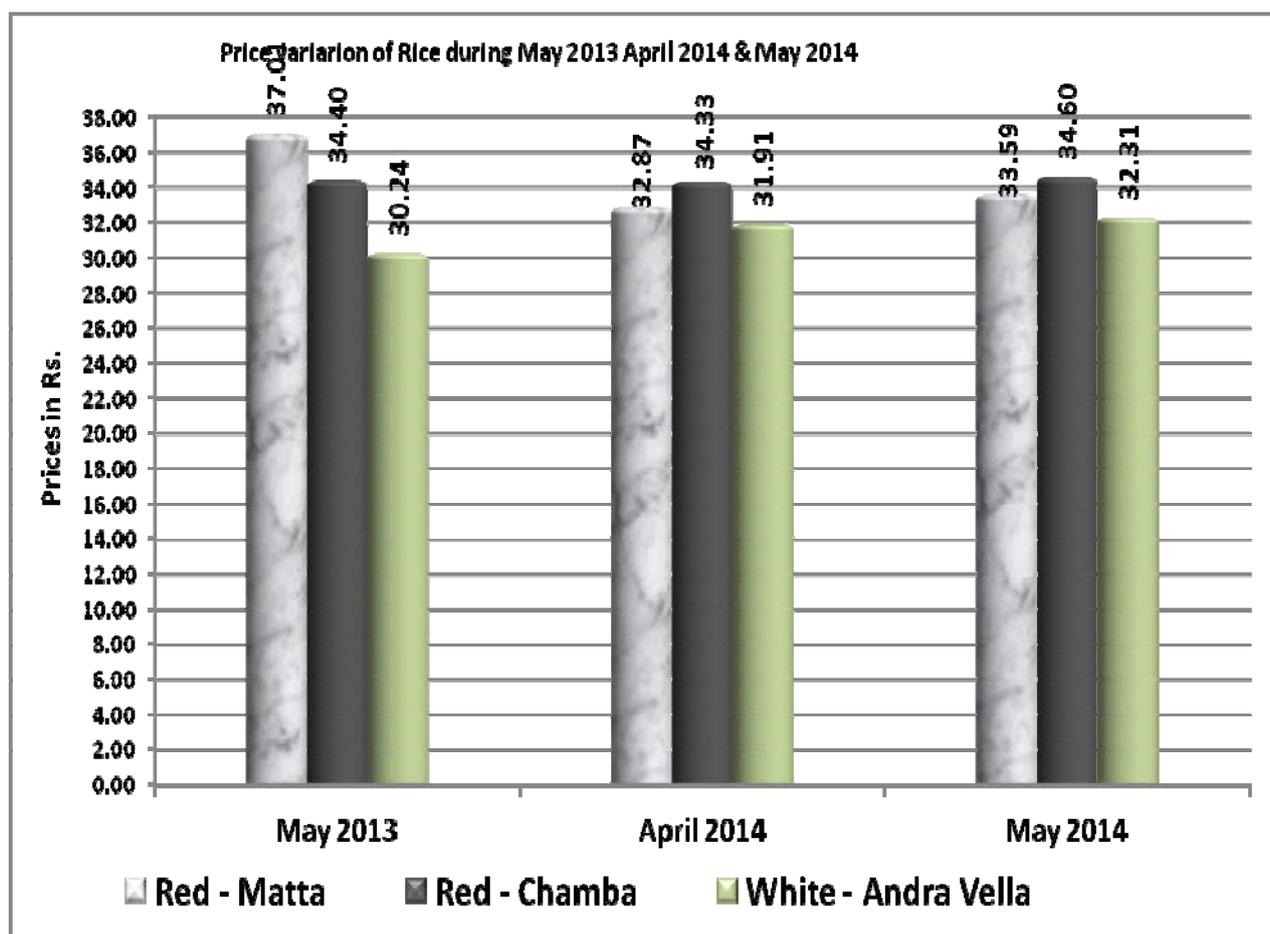
During this period an upward trend was observed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. A marginal increase is seen in the price of Red Chamba, Red Matta and White Andhra vella when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 0.59% and 6.84% respectively, while the price of Red Matta had decreased by 9.23%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.01	32.87	33.59	2.20	-9.23
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.40	34.33	34.60	0.79	0.59
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.24	31.91	32.31	1.25	6.84

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

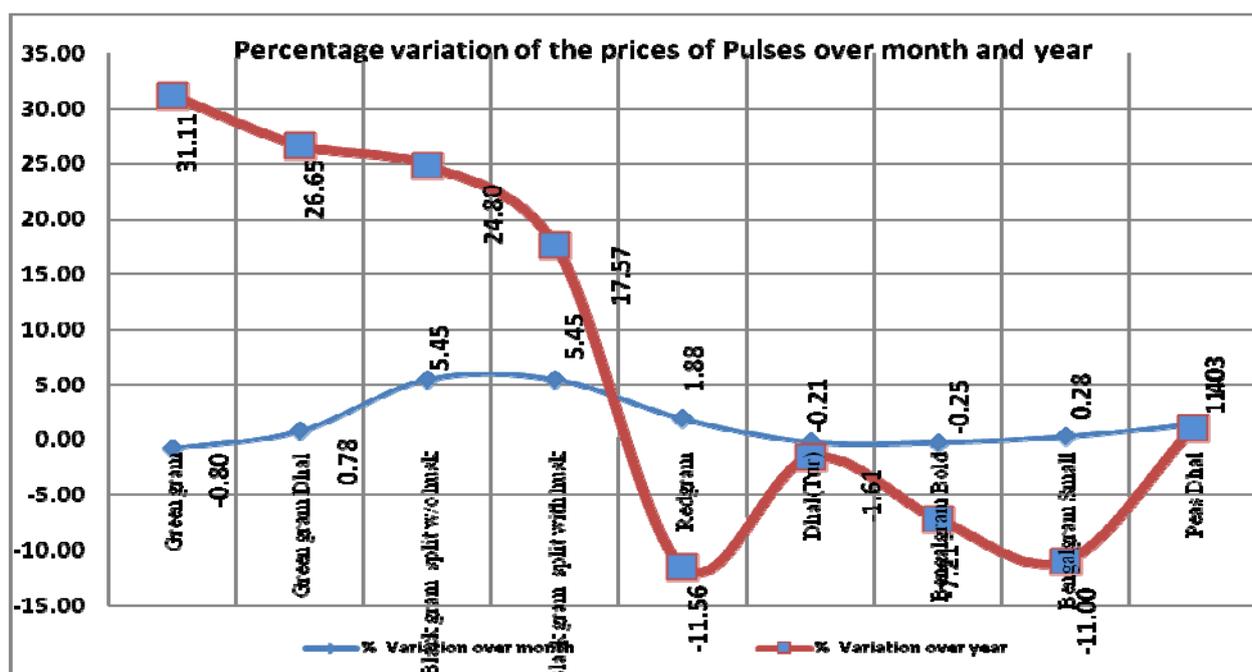
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Greengram, Dhal and Bengalgram Bold showed a negative change up to 1%, while the prices of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 6% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Redgram, Dhal, Bengalgram Bold and Bengalgram Small decreased by 11.56%, 1.61%, 7.21% and 11.00% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 1% to 31%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Greengram (31.11%), Greengram dhal (26.65%) and Blackgram split w/o husk (24.80%) 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 pulses.

**Table-2**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	74.56	98.54	97.75	-0.80	31.11
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	83.21	104.57	105.39	0.78	26.65
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	63.46	75.10	79.19	5.45	24.80
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	60.90	67.90	71.60	5.45	17.57
5	Redgram	Kg	67.06	58.21	59.31	1.88	-11.56
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	77.38	76.30	76.14	-0.21	-1.61
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	62.22	57.88	57.73	-0.25	-7.21
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	58.24	51.69	51.83	0.28	-11.00
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	45.47	45.30	45.94	1.40	1.03

**Graph - 2**



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

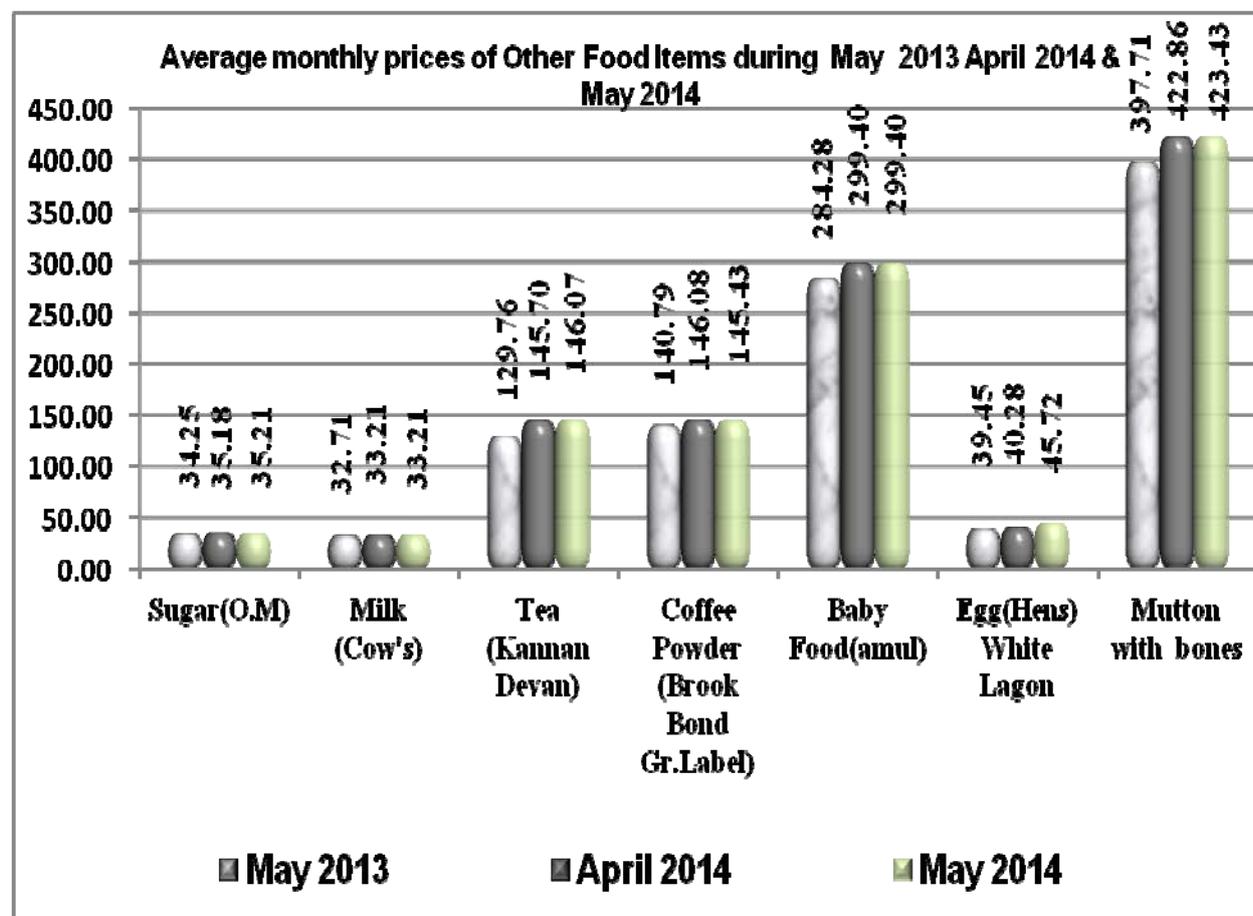
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed a nominal increase when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items showed an upward trend of 1% to 16%.

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.25	35.18	35.21	0.09	2.81
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.71	33.21	33.21	0.01	1.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	129.76	145.70	146.07	0.26	12.57
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	140.79	146.08	145.43	-0.44	3.30
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	284.28	299.40	299.40	0.00	5.32
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	39.45	40.28	45.72	13.53	15.91
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	397.71	422.86	423.43	0.14	6.47

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

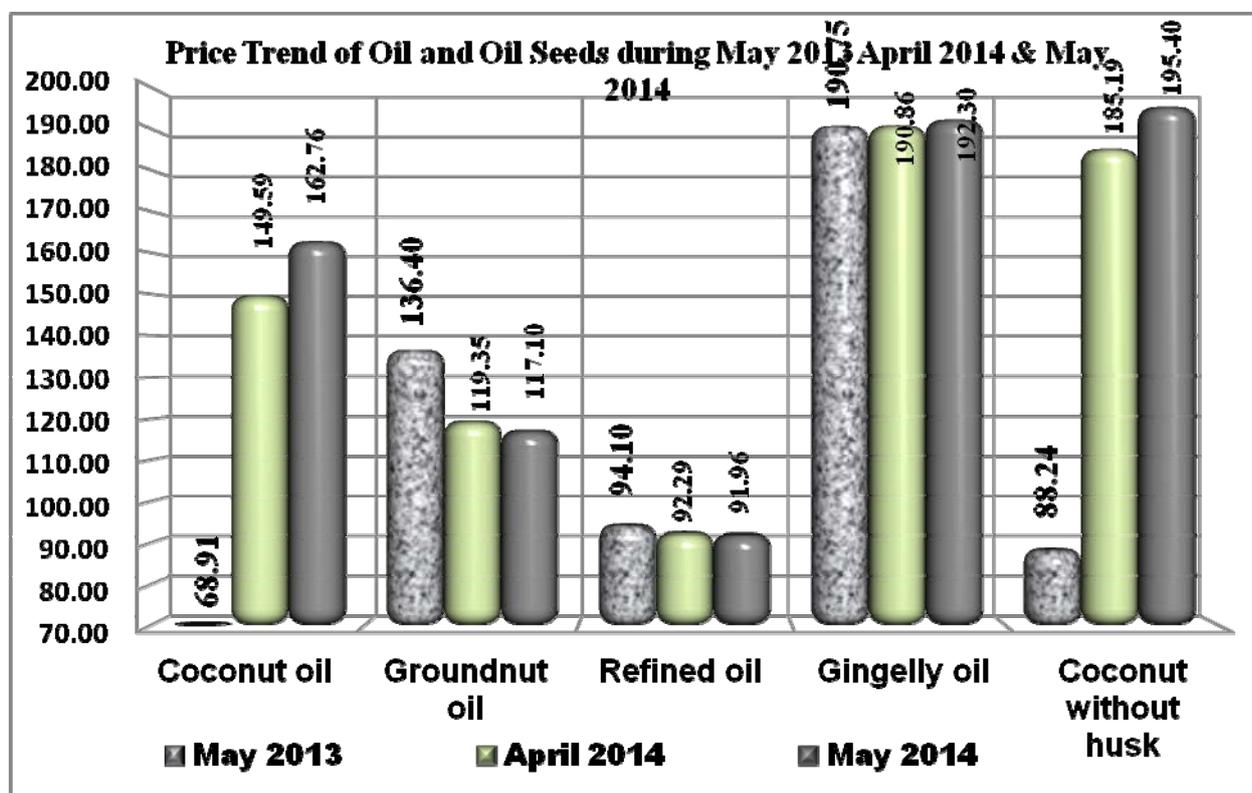
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Groundnut oil and Refined oil showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward up to 9% when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items except Groundnut oil and Refined oil increased by 1% to 136%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut oil (136.18%) and Coconut without husk (121.43%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	68.91	149.59	162.76	8.81	136.18
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	136.40	119.35	117.10	-1.89	-14.15
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	94.10	92.29	91.96	-0.35	-2.27
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	190.75	190.86	192.30	0.76	0.81
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	88.24	185.19	195.40	5.51	121.43

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

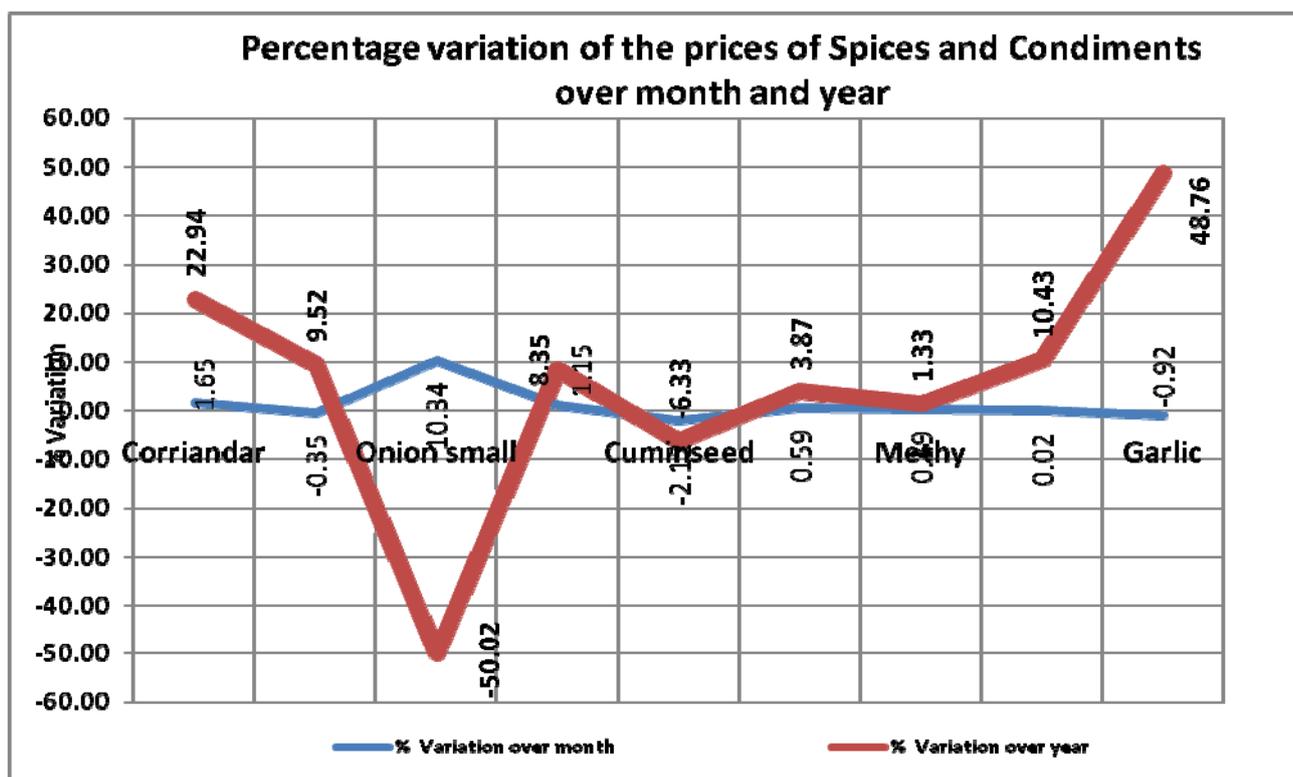
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Chillies dry, Cuminseed, and Garlic, while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed an upward trend up to 10% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items except Onion small and Cuminseed showed an upward trend by 1% to 49%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (22.94%), and Garlic (48.76%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	90.25	109.15	110.95	1.65	22.94
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	85.97	94.48	94.15	-0.35	9.52
3	Onion small	Kg.	63.16	28.61	31.56	10.34	-50.02
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	79.38	85.04	86.01	1.15	8.35
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.06	22.07	21.60	-2.12	-6.33
6	Mustard	100gm	7.45	7.69	7.74	0.59	3.87
7	Methy	100gm	7.04	7.11	7.14	0.39	1.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	13.62	15.04	15.04	0.02	10.43
9	Garlic	100gm	5.89	8.84	8.76	-0.92	48.76

**Graph 5**



## 6. TUBERS

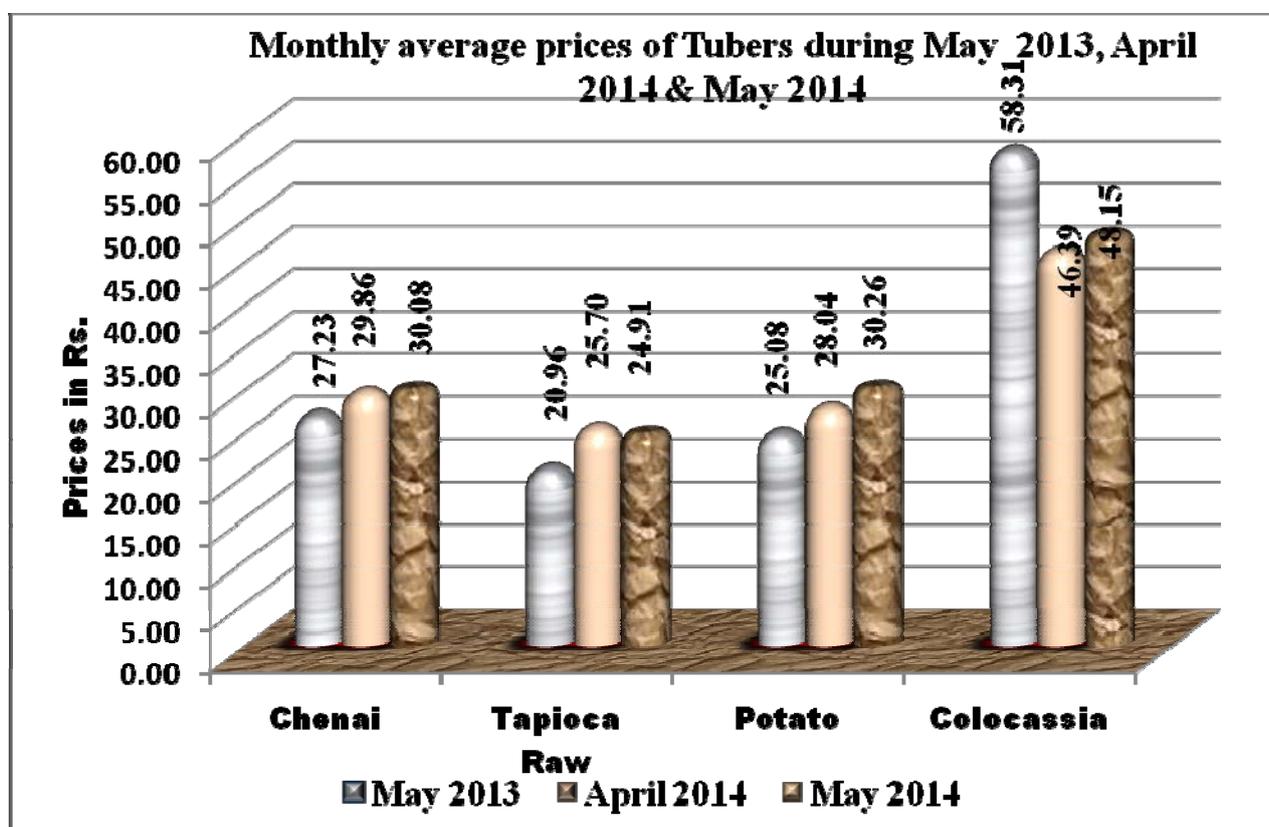
### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The retail prices of all items of tubers except Tapioca Raw showed an upward trend up to 8% 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 Chennai, Tapioca Raw and Potato increased by 10.49%, 18.83% and 20.65% respectively, while the state average retail prices of Colocassia showed a negative change.

**Table-6**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	27.23	29.86	30.08	0.74	10.49
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	20.96	25.70	24.91	-3.08	18.83
3	Potato	Kg.	25.08	28.04	30.26	7.94	20.65
4	Colocassia	Kg.	58.31	46.39	48.15	3.80	-17.42

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

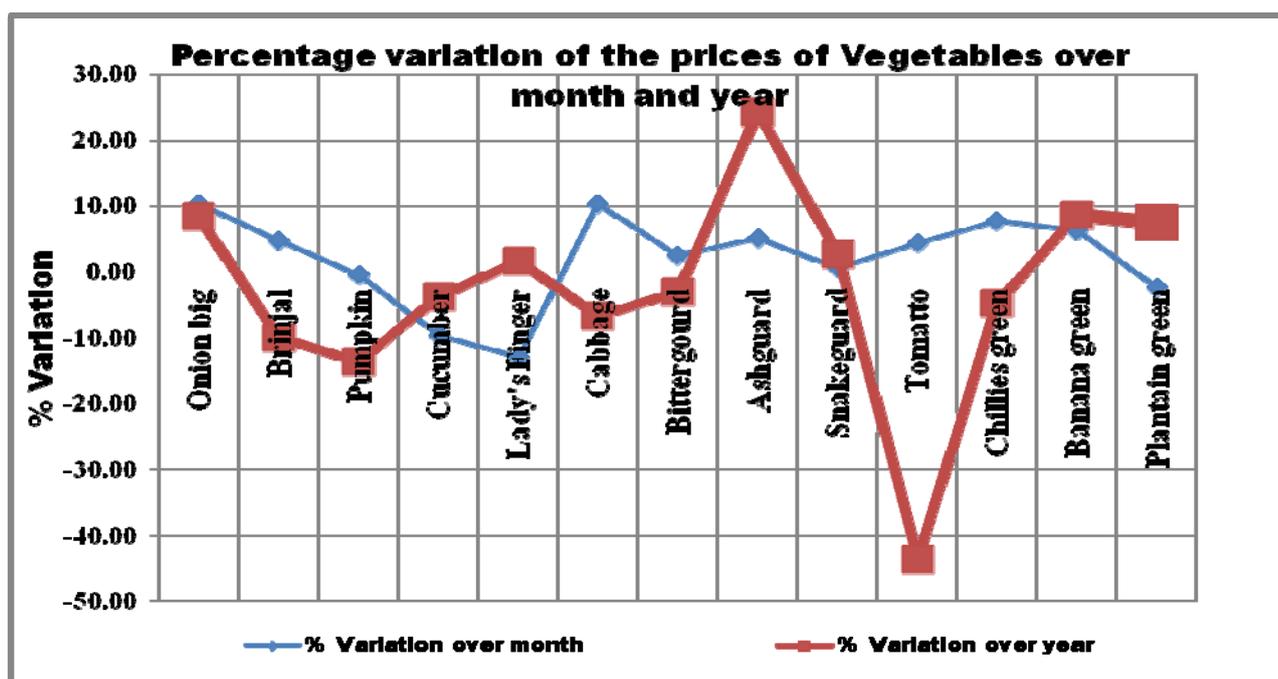
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Pumpkin, Cucumber, Ladies Finger and Plantain green showed a negative trend of 0.42%, 9.63%, 12.84% and 2.30% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 10% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Brinjal, Pumpkin, Cucumber, Cabbage, Bitter gourd, Tomato and Chillies green showed a negative trend of 9.88%, 13.54%, 3.71%, 6.60%, 3.04%, 43.55% and 4.71% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an increasing trend by 1% to 24%.. 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 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	18.66	18.34	20.23	10.33	8.45
2	Brinjal	Kg.	29.37	25.25	26.47	4.83	-9.88
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	19.32	16.77	16.70	-0.42	-13.54
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.87	20.11	18.17	-9.63	-3.71
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.69	33.48	29.18	-12.84	1.72
6	Cabbage	Kg.	24.15	20.45	22.55	10.29	-6.60
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	40.67	38.45	39.43	2.57	-3.04
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.04	22.50	23.64	5.08	24.16
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	29.47	30.13	30.29	0.55	2.78
10	Tomato	Kg.	38.08	20.59	21.50	4.43	-43.55
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.40	4.77	5.14	7.80	-4.71
12	Banana green	Kg.	33.01	33.73	35.87	6.34	8.65
13	Plantain green	Kg.	22.61	24.90	24.33	-2.30	7.60

**Graph-7**



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

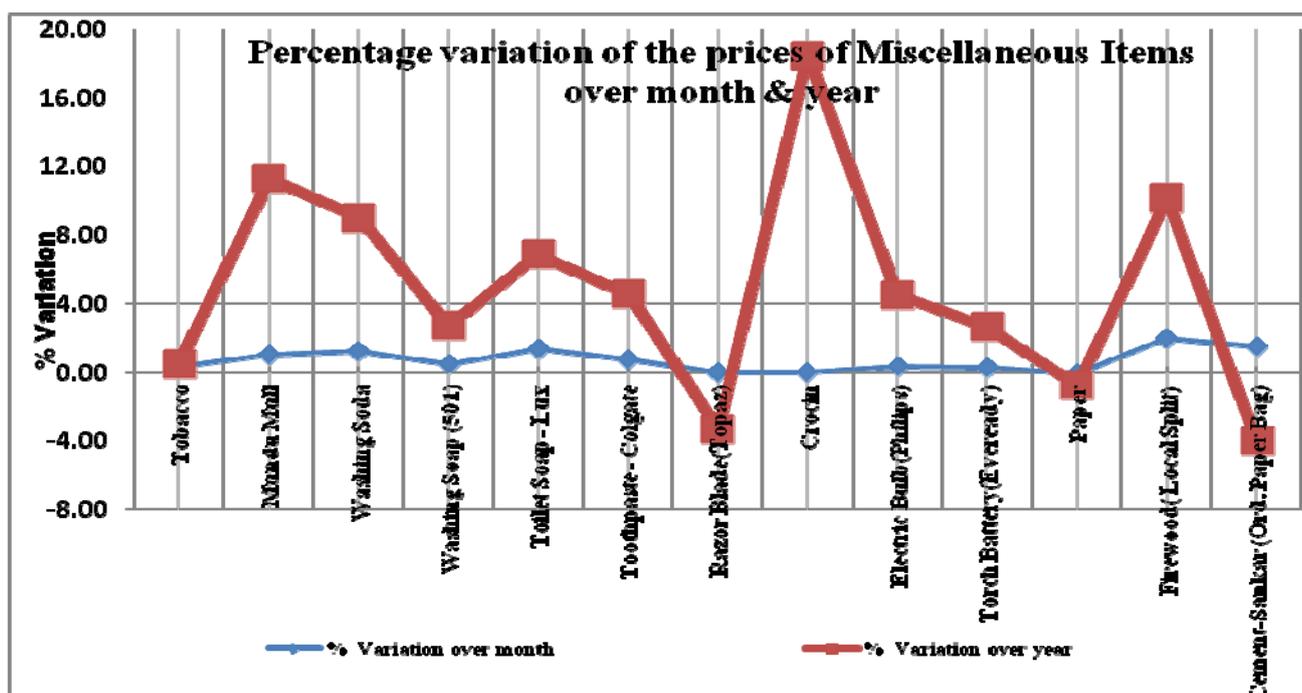
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of paper while the prices of all the other items showed a nominal increase 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 Razor Blade (Topaz), Paper and Cement- Sankar showed an increasing trend by 1% to 18%.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	156.86	157.14	157.65	0.32	0.50
2	Mundu Mull	Each	106.40	117.19	118.41	1.05	11.29
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	36.96	39.80	40.29	1.22	9.02
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.43	15.77	15.85	0.48	2.70
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	20.93	22.06	22.36	1.40	6.85
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.47	37.86	38.13	0.74	4.56
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.58	8.30	8.30	0.00	-3.31
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.65	3.14	3.14	0.00	18.49
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	13.64	14.21	14.26	0.34	4.53
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.21	15.57	15.61	0.27	2.64
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.04	13.95	13.93	-0.08	-0.75
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	376.67	406.67	414.86	2.01	10.14
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	356.78	337.41	342.44	1.49	-4.02

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2014							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.01	32.87	33.59	2.20	-9.23
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.40	34.33	34.60	0.79	0.59
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.24	31.91	32.31	1.25	6.84
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	74.56	98.54	97.75	-0.80	31.11
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3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	63.46	75.10	79.19	5.45	24.80
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5	Redgram	Kg	67.06	58.21	59.31	1.88	-11.56
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	77.38	76.30	76.14	-0.21	-1.61
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	62.22	57.88	57.73	-0.25	-7.21
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	58.24	51.69	51.83	0.28	-11.00
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	45.47	45.30	45.94	1.40	1.03
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.25	35.18	35.21	0.09	2.81
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.71	33.21	33.21	0.01	1.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	129.76	145.70	146.07	0.26	12.57
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	140.79	146.08	145.43	-0.44	3.30
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5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	88.24	185.19	195.40	5.51	121.43
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
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3	Onion small	Kg.	63.16	28.61	31.56	10.34	-50.02
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	79.38	85.04	86.01	1.15	8.35
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.06	22.07	21.60	-2.12	-6.33
6	Mustard	100gm	7.45	7.69	7.74	0.59	3.87
7	Methy	100gm	7.04	7.11	7.14	0.39	1.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	13.62	15.04	15.04	0.02	10.43
9	Garlic	100gm	5.89	8.84	8.76	-0.92	48.76

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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	19.32	16.77	16.70	-0.42	-13.54
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.87	20.11	18.17	-9.63	-3.71
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.69	33.48	29.18	-12.84	1.72
6	Cabbage	Kg.	24.15	20.45	22.55	10.29	-6.60
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	40.67	38.45	39.43	2.57	-3.04
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.04	22.50	23.64	5.08	24.16
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	29.47	30.13	30.29	0.55	2.78
10	Tomatto	Kg.	38.08	20.59	21.50	4.43	-43.55
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.40	4.77	5.14	7.80	-4.71
12	Banana green	Kg.	33.01	33.73	35.87	6.34	8.65
13	Plantain green	Kg.	22.61	24.90	24.33	-2.30	7.60
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	156.86	157.14	157.65	0.32	0.50
2	Mundu Mull	Each	106.40	117.19	118.41	1.05	11.29
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	36.96	39.80	40.29	1.22	9.02
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.43	15.77	15.85	0.48	2.70
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