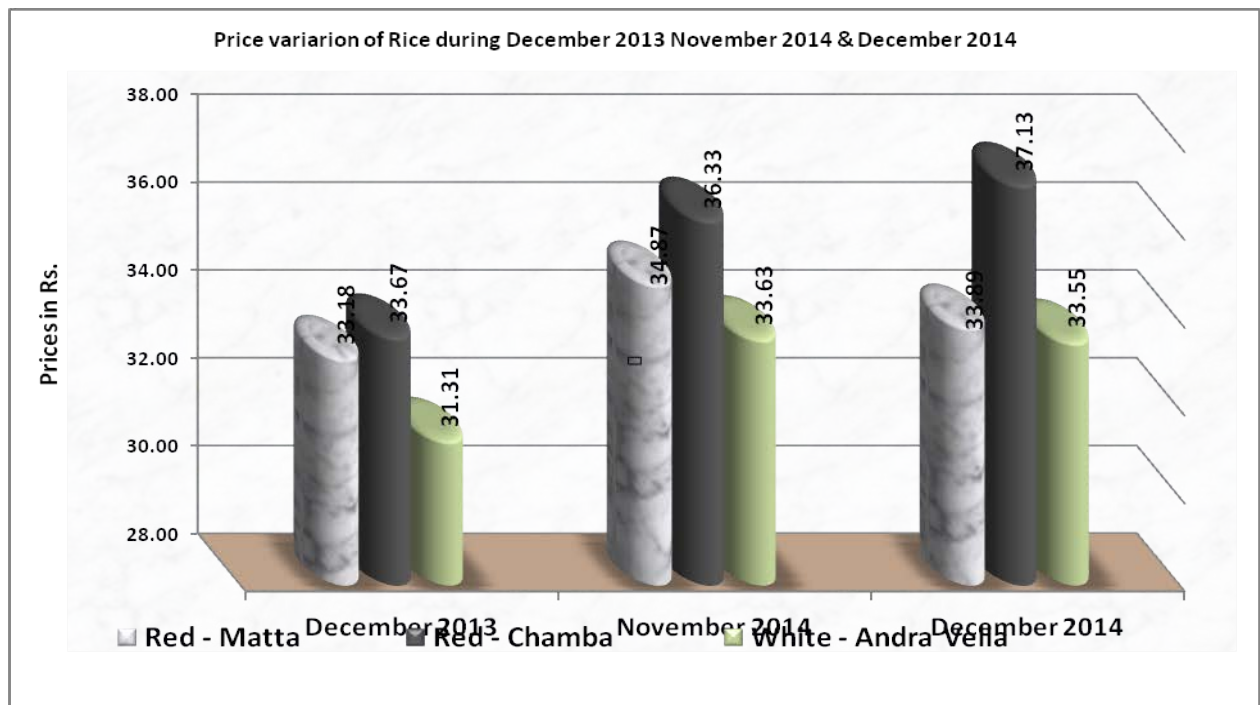




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PREFACE

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 Farmers and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the statement of daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assume significance, because it 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,,Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

From January 2004 onwards a publication titled "PRICE BULLETIN" is being prepared and published monthly incorporating the Retail prices of main essential commodities under 8 major groups. Group wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

DECEMBER 2014

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December 2014. A Mixed 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 the previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December of the previous year 2013, previous month November 2014 and current month of December 2014 is attached and the percentage variation over the previous month and current month of the previous year are attached. GroupWise analysis has been made with reference to the current month, the 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

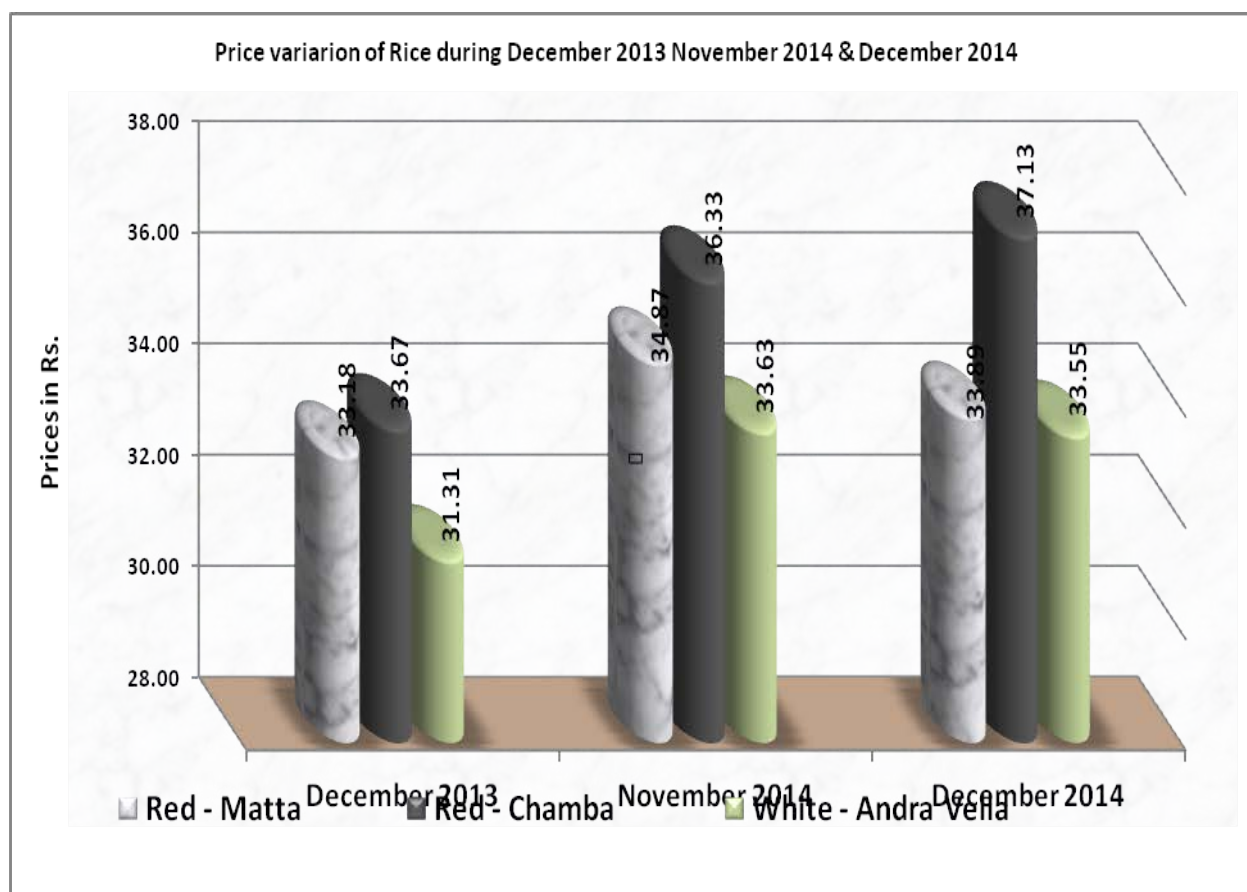
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of Red Matta and White Andhra vella had decreased by (2.81%) and (0.23%) respectively, while the price of Red Chamba had increased (2.19%) when 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 all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 10%. The state average retail price of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 2.15%, 10.28% and 7.15% respectively when compared with the prices of the Previous year. The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.18	34.87	33.89	-2.81	2.15
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.67	36.33	37.13	2.19	10.28
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.31	33.63	33.55	-0.23	7.15

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

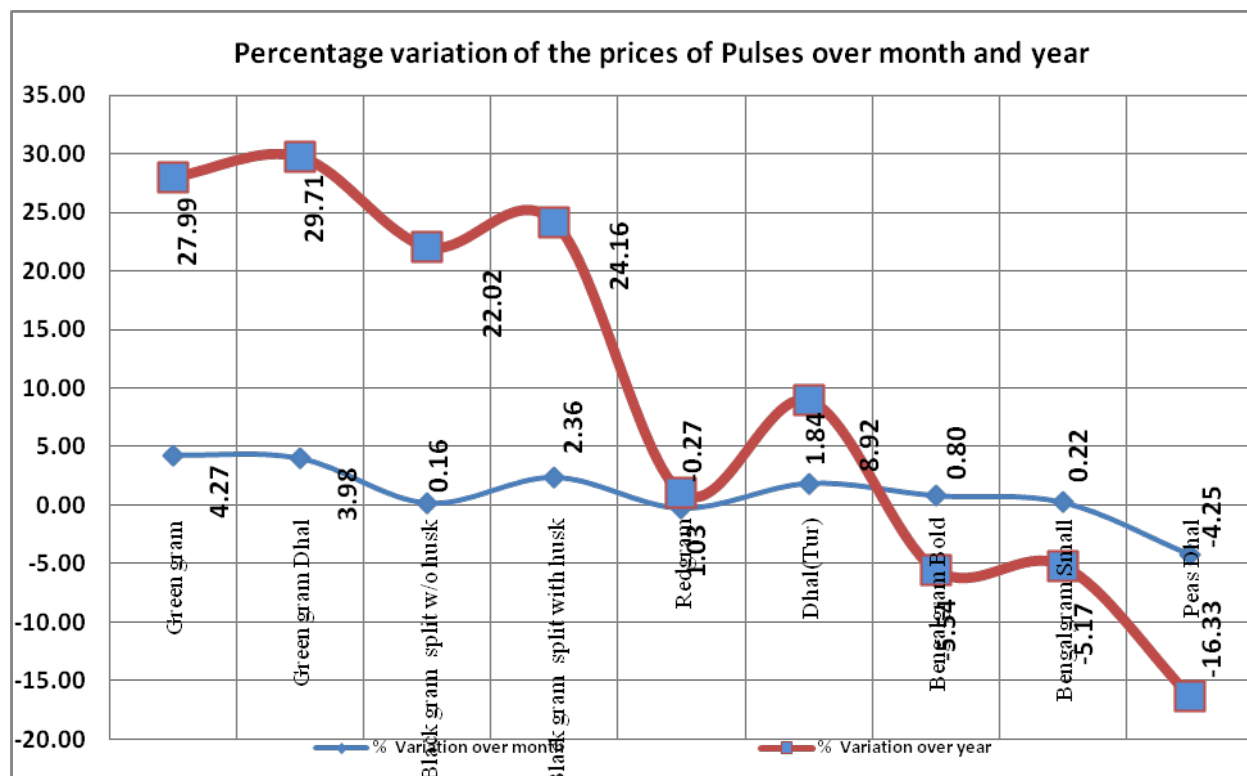
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Redgram and Peas Dhal showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 4.27% 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 Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhall had decreased by 5.54%, 5.17% and 16.33% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 30%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Greengram (27.99%), Greengram dhal (29.71%) Blackgram split w/o husk (22.02%) and Blackgram split with husk (24.16%) 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	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	83.70	102.74	107.13	4.27	27.99
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	87.98	109.76	114.13	3.98	29.71
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.47	87.07	87.21	0.16	22.02
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.92	81.17	83.09	2.36	24.16
5	Redgram	Kg	58.91	59.68	59.52	-0.27	1.03
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	78.64	84.11	85.66	1.84	8.92
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	62.31	58.39	58.86	0.80	-5.54
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	55.70	52.71	52.82	0.22	-5.17
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	51.82	45.28	43.36	-4.25	-16.33

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

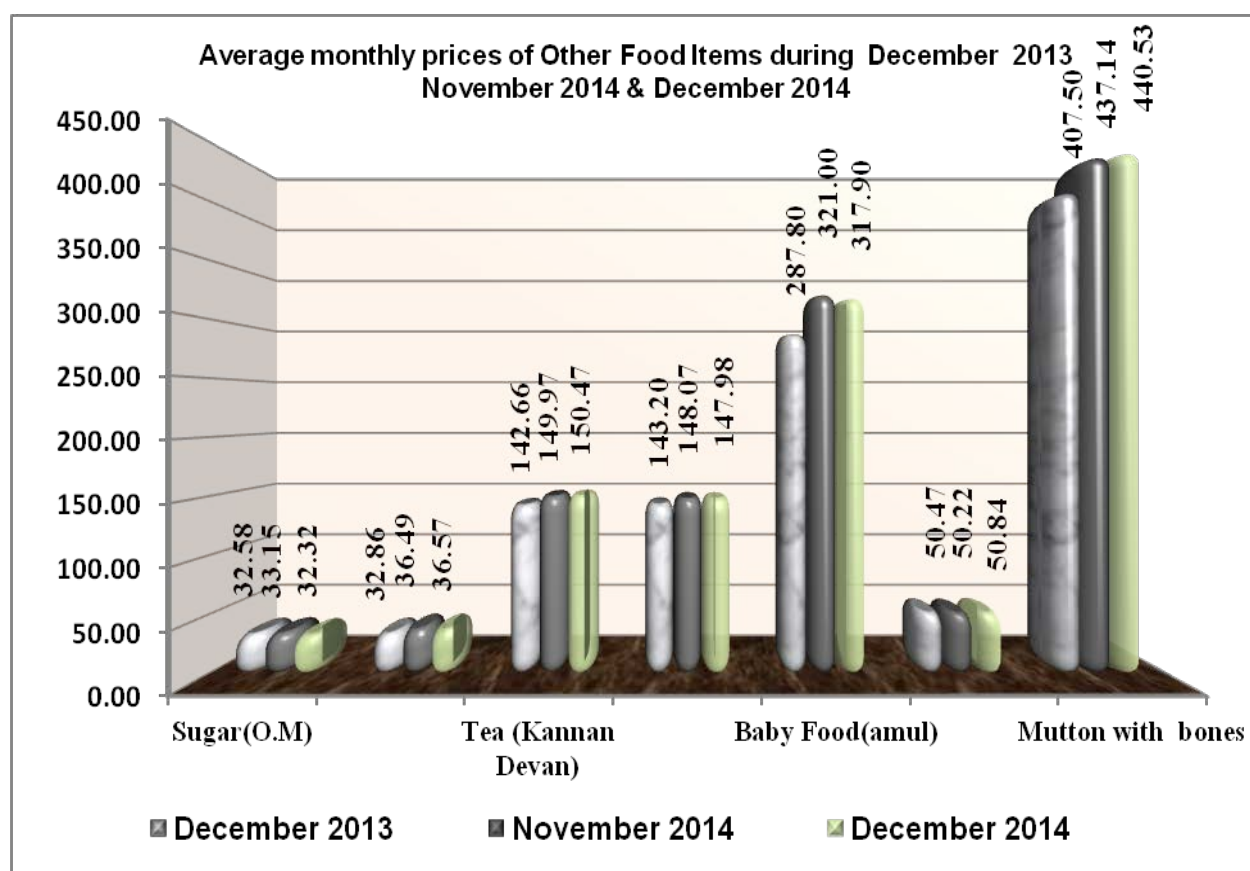
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

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 as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Sugar (O.M.), Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr. Label) and Baby Food (Amul) showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 1.22% 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 all items of other food items except Sugar (O.M) showed an upward trend up to 11%.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.58	33.15	32.32	-2.49	-0.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.86	36.49	36.57	0.21	11.29
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	142.66	149.97	150.47	0.33	5.47
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	143.20	148.07	147.98	-0.06	3.34
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	287.80	321.00	317.90	-0.97	10.46
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	50.47	50.22	50.84	1.22	0.72
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	407.50	437.14	440.53	0.78	8.11

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

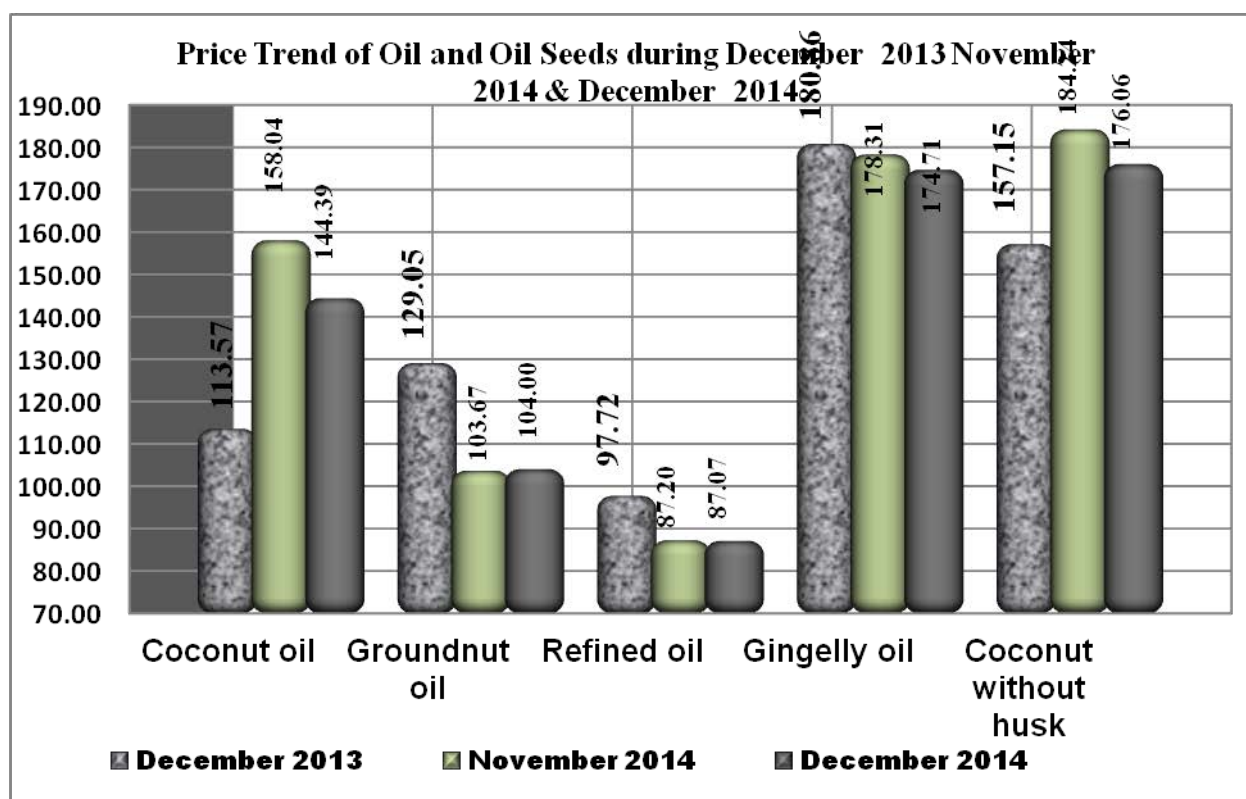
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds except Groundnut oil, showed a downward trend 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 Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil showed a negative trend of 19.41%, 10.89% and 3.4% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 27%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut oil (27.14%) 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	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	113.57	158.04	144.39	-8.63	27.14
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	129.05	103.67	104.00	0.32	-19.41
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	97.72	87.20	87.07	-0.15	-10.89
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	180.86	178.31	174.71	-2.02	-3.40
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.15	184.24	176.06	-4.44	12.03

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

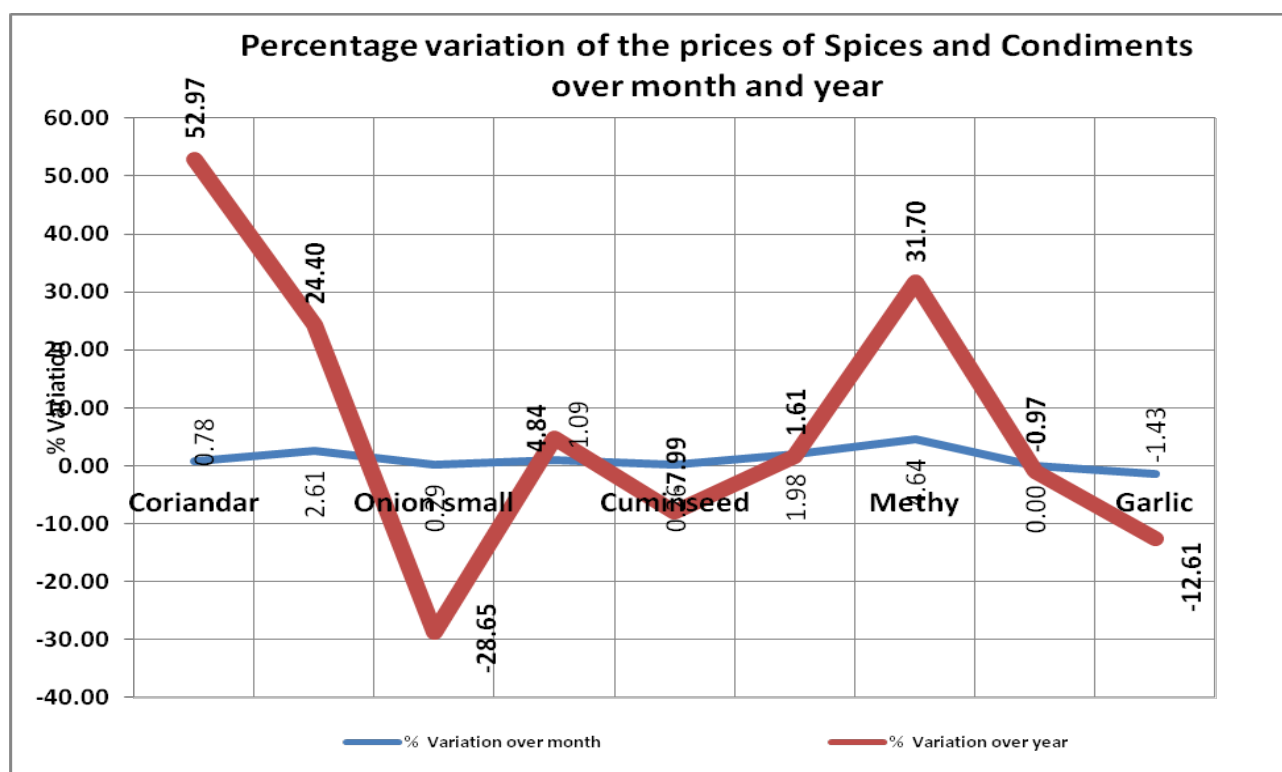
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of spices and condiments except Garlic showed an upward trend up to 5% 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 Onion small, Cuminseed, Turmeric and Garlic showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 53% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (52.97%), Chillies Dry (24.4%) and Methy (31.71%) 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	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	93.22	141.49	142.59	0.78	52.97
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	92.59	112.25	115.18	2.61	24.40
3	Onion small	Kg.	66.15	47.06	47.20	0.29	-28.65
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	85.57	88.75	89.71	1.09	4.84
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.00	21.11	21.16	0.26	-7.99
6	Mustard	100gm	7.46	7.43	7.58	1.98	1.61
7	Methy	100gm	7.15	8.99	9.41	4.64	31.70
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.95	14.80	14.80	0.00	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	10.45	9.26	9.13	-1.43	-12.61

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

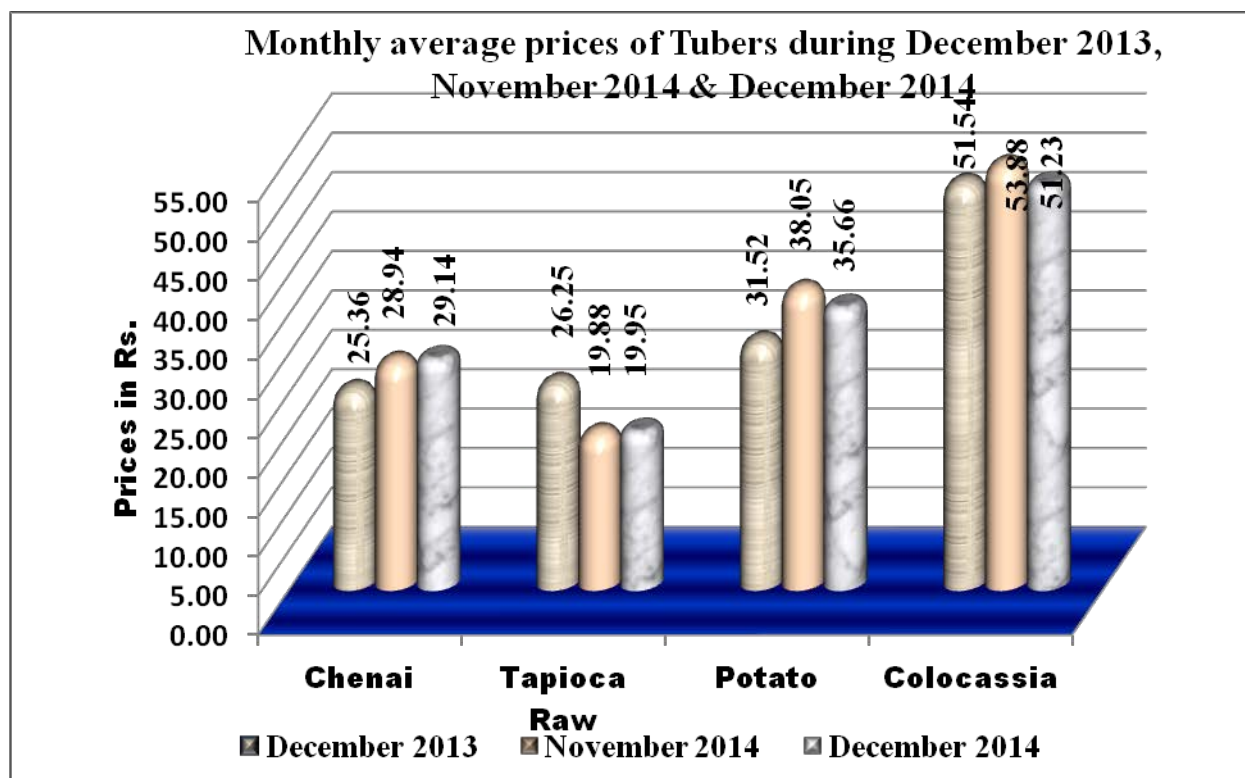
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

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 state average retail prices of Potato and Colocassia showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of tubers 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 the State average retail prices of Chennai, Potato increased by 14.93% and 13.15% respectively, while the state average retail prices of Tapioca Raw and Colocassia showed a negative trend up to 24.01% and 0.59% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	25.36	28.94	29.14	0.69	14.93
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.25	19.88	19.95	0.36	-24.01
3	Potato	Kg.	31.52	38.05	35.66	-6.27	13.15
4	Colocassia	Kg.	51.54	53.88	51.23	-4.90	-0.59

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

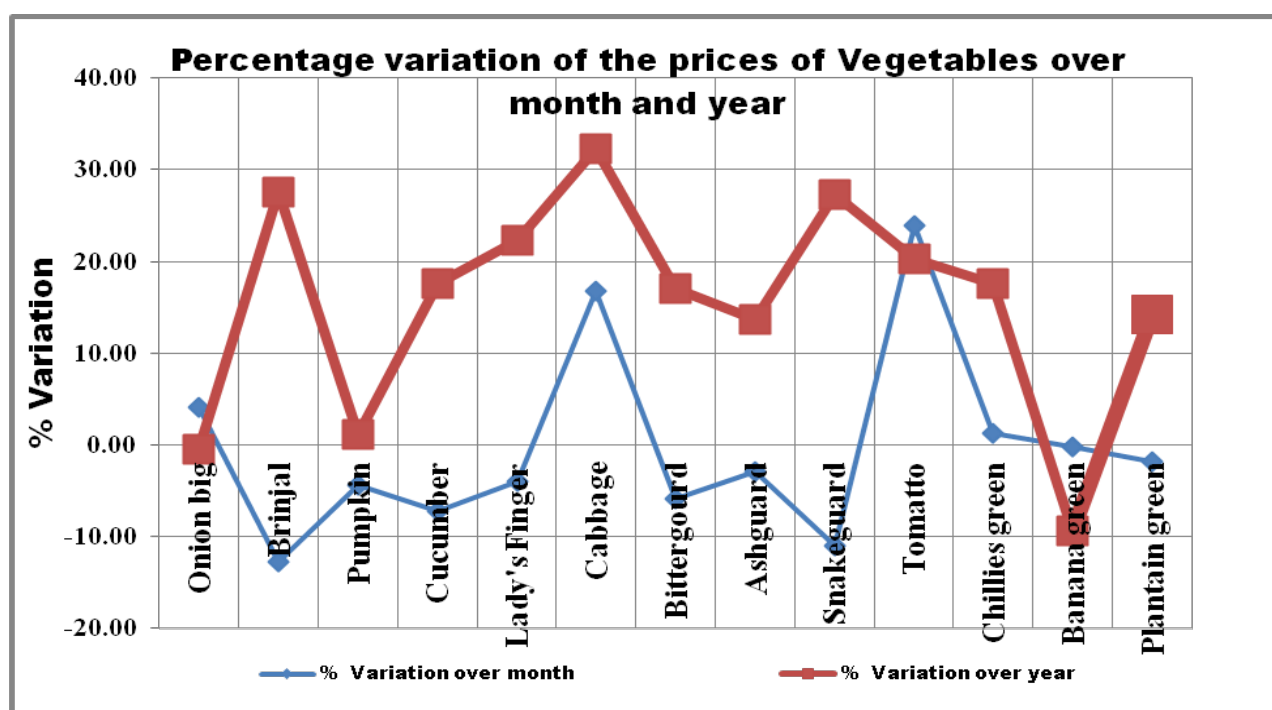
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Onion big, Cabbage, Tomato and Chillies green, showed an upward trend of 4.09%, 16.71%, 23.87% and 1.22% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up 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 state average retail price of Onion big and Banana green showed a downward trend of 0.53%, and 9.35% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 1% to 32% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (27.57%), Cabbage (32.24%) and Snake guard (27.29%) 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 Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	29.63	28.31	29.47	4.09	-0.53
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.34	37.07	32.32	-12.80	27.57
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.30	18.30	17.50	-4.37	1.13
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.55	20.98	19.47	-7.20	17.60
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	27.32	34.81	33.43	-3.98	22.36
6	Cabbage	Kg	24.77	28.06	32.75	16.71	32.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	33.84	42.09	39.63	-5.85	17.10
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.66	19.52	18.95	-2.92	13.70
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	23.82	34.05	30.32	-10.95	27.29
10	Tomato	Kg.	23.75	23.07	28.57	23.87	20.29
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.05	4.71	4.77	1.22	17.58
12	Banana green	Kg.	42.20	38.36	38.25	-0.28	-9.35
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.21	28.16	27.65	-1.78	14.21

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

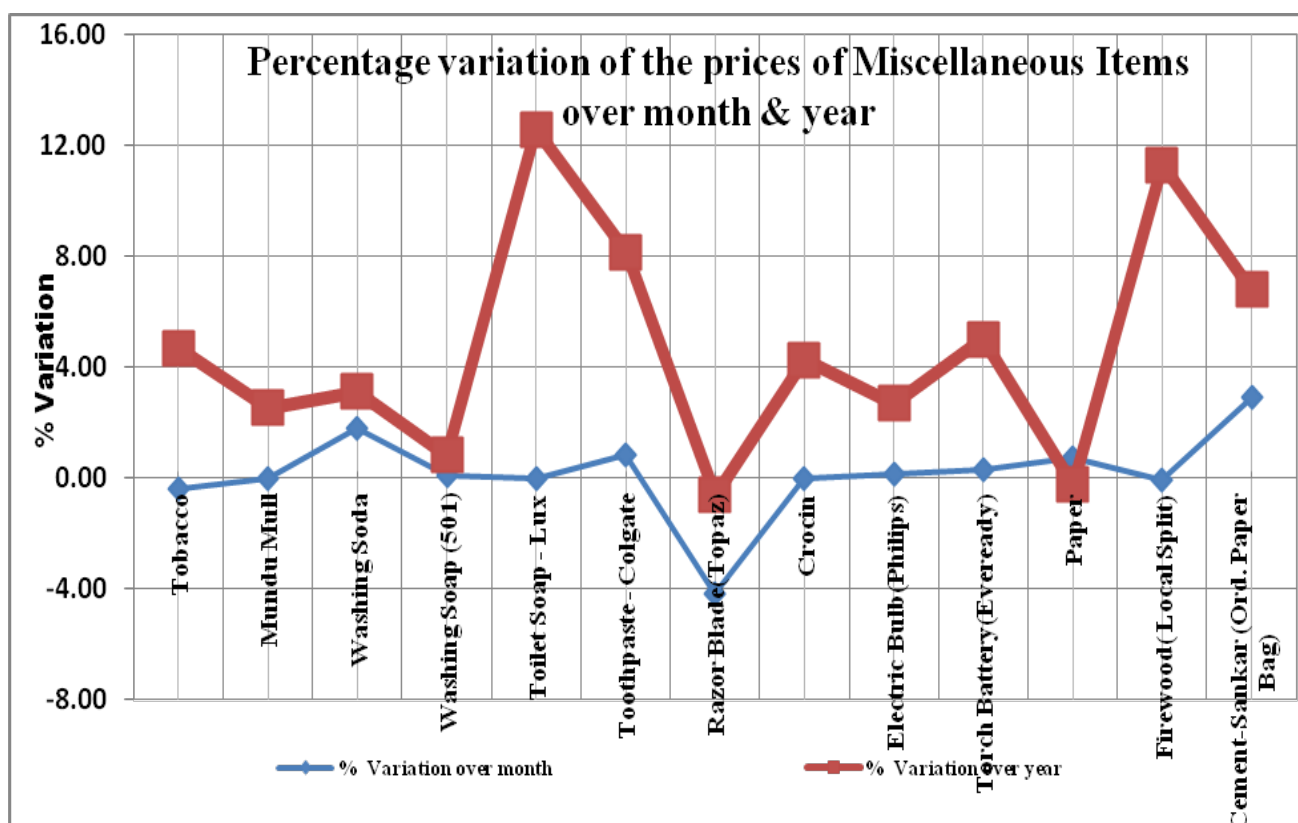
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco, Razor Blade (Topaz), and Firewood (Local Split) 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) and Paper showed an increasing trend by 1% to 13%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	150.54	158.21	157.59	-0.40	4.68
2	Mundu Mull	Each	115.50	118.42	118.42	0.00	2.53
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.07	39.57	40.29	1.81	3.11
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.69	15.81	15.82	0.06	0.83
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.36	24.04	24.04	0.00	12.56
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.61	39.27	39.59	0.82	8.14
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.40	8.05	-4.17	-0.62
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.94	3.06	3.06	0.00	4.26
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.00	14.36	14.38	0.12	2.70
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.33	16.04	16.09	0.31	4.99
11	Paper	24 Sheet	14.43	14.29	14.40	0.73	-0.24
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	396.67	441.79	441.43	-0.08	11.28
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	361.88	375.42	386.42	2.93	6.78

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of December 2014							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.18	34.87	33.89	-2.81	2.15
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.67	36.33	37.13	2.19	10.28
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.31	33.63	33.55	-0.23	7.15
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	83.70	102.74	107.13	4.27	27.99
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	87.98	109.76	114.13	3.98	29.71
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.47	87.07	87.21	0.16	22.02
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.92	81.17	83.09	2.36	24.16
5	Redgram	Kg	58.91	59.68	59.52	-0.27	1.03
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	78.64	84.11	85.66	1.84	8.92
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	62.31	58.39	58.86	0.80	-5.54
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	55.70	52.71	52.82	0.22	-5.17
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	51.82	45.28	43.36	-4.25	-16.33
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.58	33.15	32.32	-2.49	-0.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.86	36.49	36.57	0.21	11.29
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	142.66	149.97	150.47	0.33	5.47
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	143.20	148.07	147.98	-0.06	3.34
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	287.80	321.00	317.90	-0.97	10.46
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	50.47	50.22	50.84	1.22	0.72
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	407.50	437.14	440.53	0.78	8.11
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	113.57	158.04	144.39	-8.63	27.14
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	129.05	103.67	104.00	0.32	-19.41
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	97.72	87.20	87.07	-0.15	-10.89
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	180.86	178.31	174.71	-2.02	-3.40
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.15	184.24	176.06	-4.44	12.03
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	93.22	141.49	142.59	0.78	52.97
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	92.59	112.25	115.18	2.61	24.40
3	Onion small	Kg.	66.15	47.06	47.20	0.29	-28.65
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	85.57	88.75	89.71	1.09	4.84
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.00	21.11	21.16	0.26	-7.99
6	Mustard	100gm	7.46	7.43	7.58	1.98	1.61
7	Methy	100gm	7.15	8.99	9.41	4.64	31.70
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.95	14.80	14.80	0.00	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	10.45	9.26	9.13	-1.43	-12.61

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	25.36	28.94	29.14	0.69	14.93
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.25	19.88	19.95	0.36	-24.01
3	Potato	Kg.	31.52	38.05	35.66	-6.27	13.15
4	Colocassia	Kg.	51.54	53.88	51.23	-4.90	-0.59
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	29.63	28.31	29.47	4.09	-0.53
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.34	37.07	32.32	-12.80	27.57
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.30	18.30	17.50	-4.37	1.13
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.55	20.98	19.47	-7.20	17.60
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	27.32	34.81	33.43	-3.98	22.36
6	Cabbage	Kg.	24.77	28.06	32.75	16.71	32.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	33.84	42.09	39.63	-5.85	17.10
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.66	19.52	18.95	-2.92	13.70
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	23.82	34.05	30.32	-10.95	27.29
10	Tomatto	Kg.	23.75	23.07	28.57	23.87	20.29
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.05	4.71	4.77	1.22	17.58
12	Banana green	Kg.	42.20	38.36	38.25	-0.28	-9.35
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.21	28.16	27.65	-1.78	14.21
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	150.54	158.21	157.59	-0.40	4.68
2	Mundu Mull	Each	115.50	118.42	118.42	0.00	2.53
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.07	39.57	40.29	1.81	3.11
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.69	15.81	15.82	0.06	0.83
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.36	24.04	24.04	0.00	12.56
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.61	39.27	39.59	0.82	8.14
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.40	8.05	-4.17	-0.62
8	Crocic	2 tabs	2.94	3.06	3.06	0.00	4.26
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.00	14.36	14.38	0.12	2.70
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	15.33	16.04	16.09	0.31	4.99
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