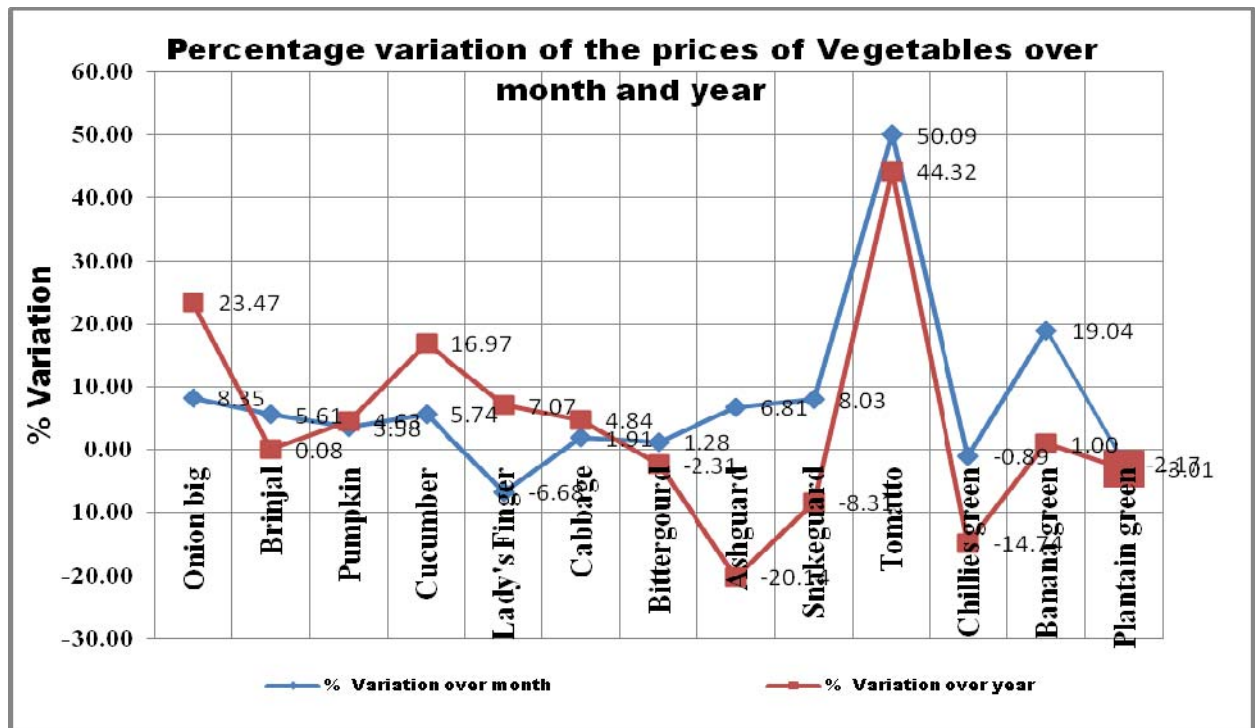




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PREFACE

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 the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MAY 2015

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 2015. 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 previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May of the previous year 2014, previous month April 2015 and current month of May 2015 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the 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

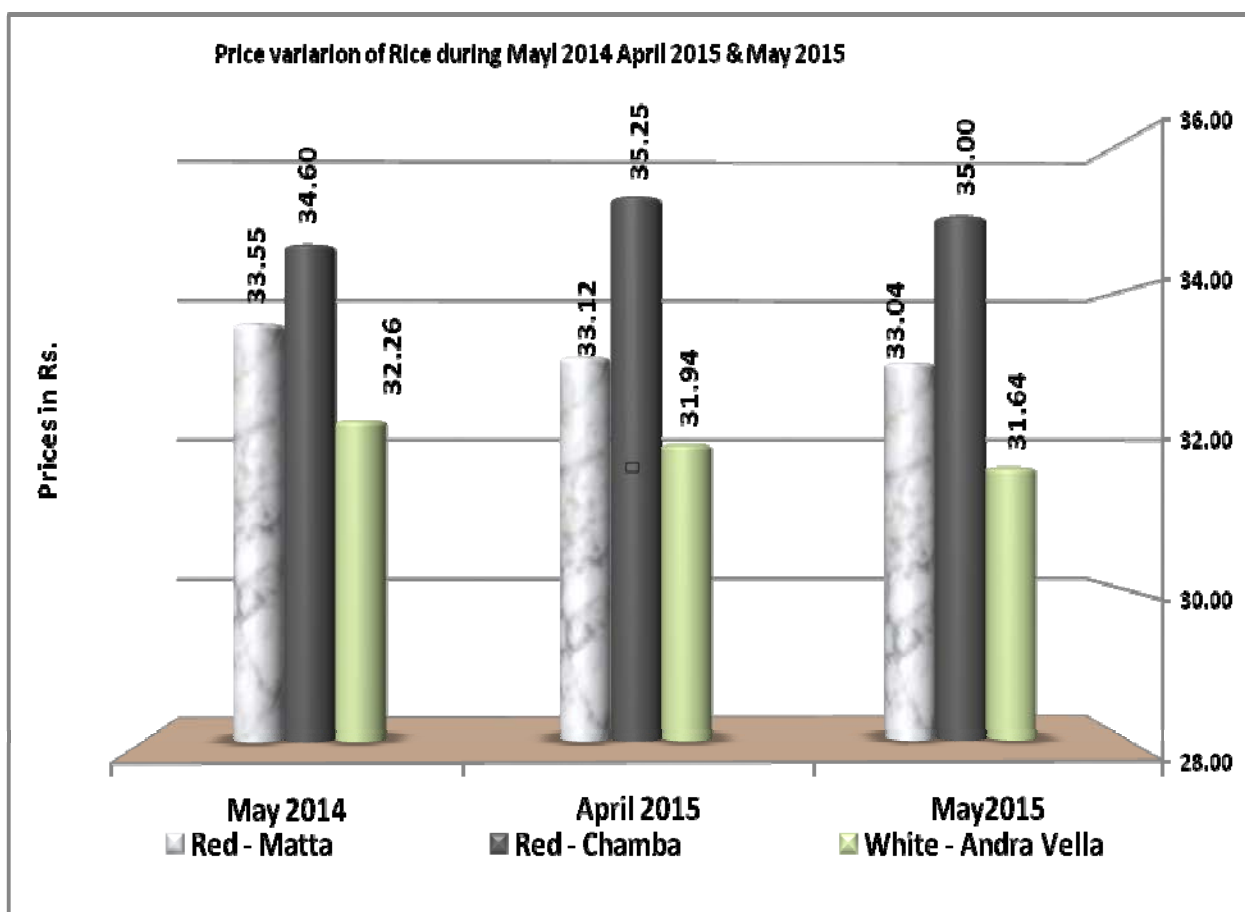
A downward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed a downward trend up to 0.96 % when compared with the prices of the Previous month.

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the of the corresponding month of the previous year. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra vella had decreased by 1.52% and 1.95% respectively, while the prices of Red Chamba showed an upward trend up to 1.15%. The following table and diagraphme 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	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.55	33.12	33.04	-0.23	-1.52
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.60	35.25	35.00	-0.71	1.15
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	32.26	31.94	31.64	-0.96	-1.95

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

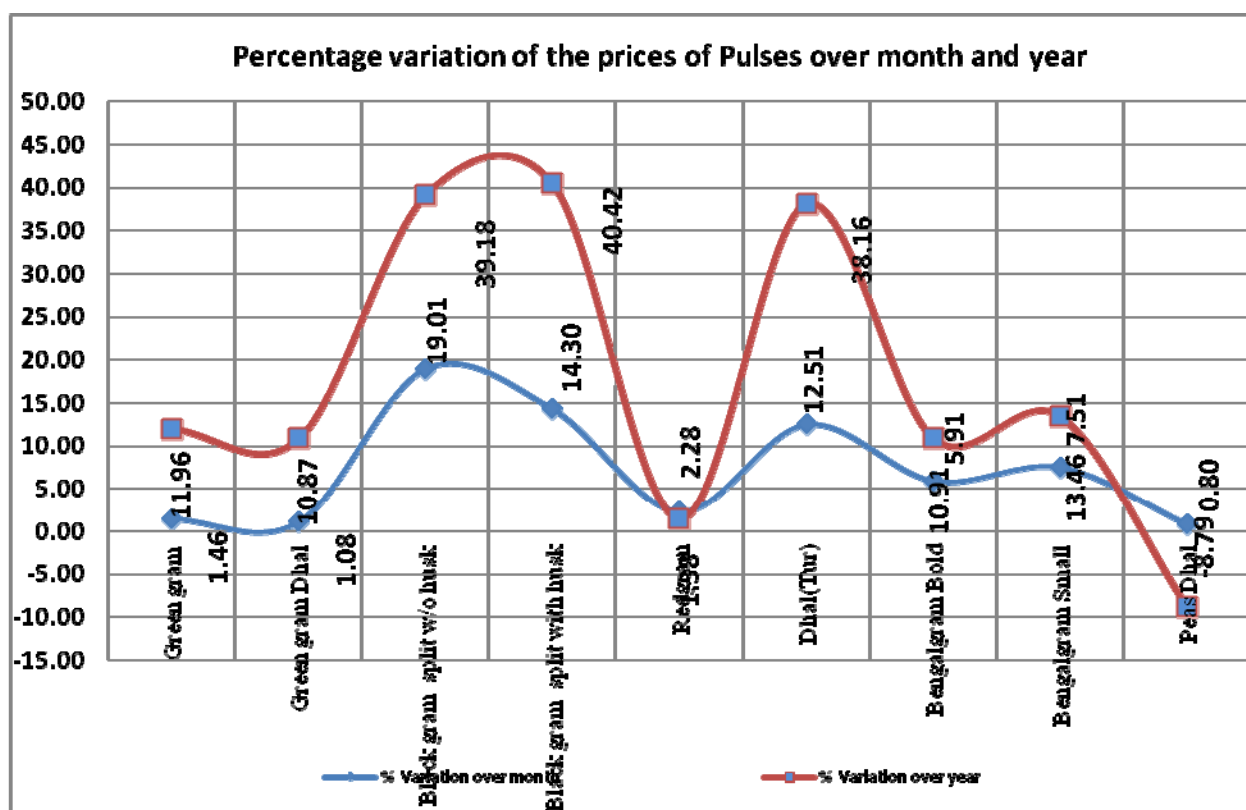
An upward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 19.01% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Peas Dhal had decreased by 8.79%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 40.42%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (39.18%), with husk (40.42%) and Dhal(Tur) (38.16%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	97.75	107.88	109.45	1.46	11.96
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	105.49	115.72	116.96	1.08	10.87
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	78.66	92.00	109.48	19.01	39.18
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.92	87.13	99.58	14.30	40.42
5	Redgram	Kg	59.19	58.67	60.01	2.28	1.38
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	76.11	93.46	105.16	12.51	38.16
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	57.90	60.63	64.21	5.91	10.91
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	51.60	54.46	58.54	7.51	13.46
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	45.82	41.46	41.79	0.80	-8.79

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

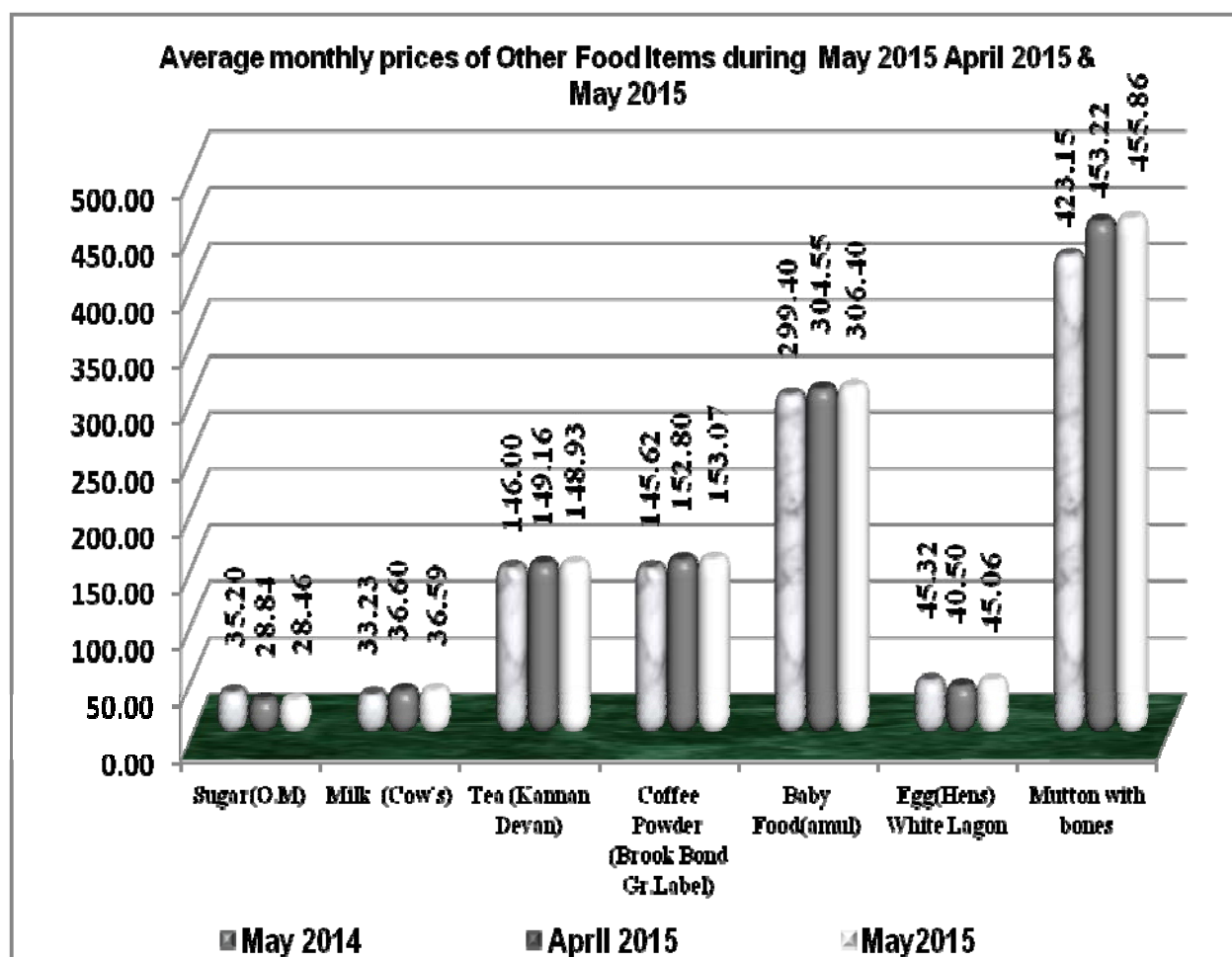
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Sugar (O.M), Milk (Cow's) and Tea (Kannan Devan) showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 11.26% 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) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed an upward trend up to 10%.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.20	28.84	28.46	-1.31	-19.15
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.23	36.60	36.59	-0.03	10.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	146.00	149.16	148.93	-0.15	2.00
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	145.62	152.80	153.07	0.18	5.12
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	299.40	304.55	306.40	0.61	2.34
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	45.32	40.50	45.06	11.26	-0.57
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	423.15	453.22	455.86	0.58	7.73

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

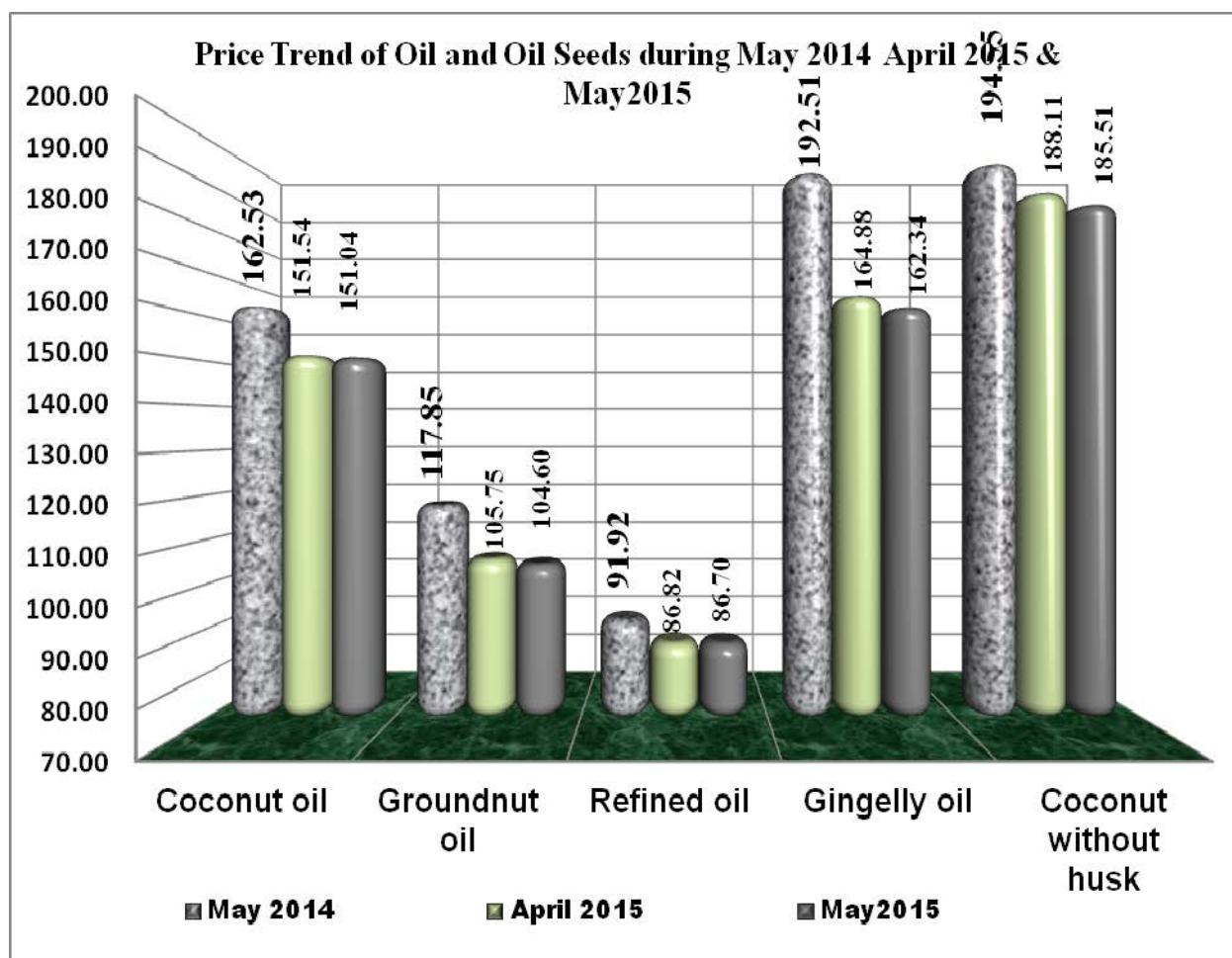
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period a downward 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 showed a downward trend up to 1.54% 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 of oil and oil seeds showed a downward trend up to 15.67%..

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	162.53	151.54	151.04	-0.33	-7.07
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	117.85	105.75	104.60	-1.09	-11.24
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	91.92	86.82	86.70	-0.14	-5.68
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	192.51	164.88	162.34	-1.54	-15.67
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	194.55	188.11	185.51	-1.38	-4.64

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

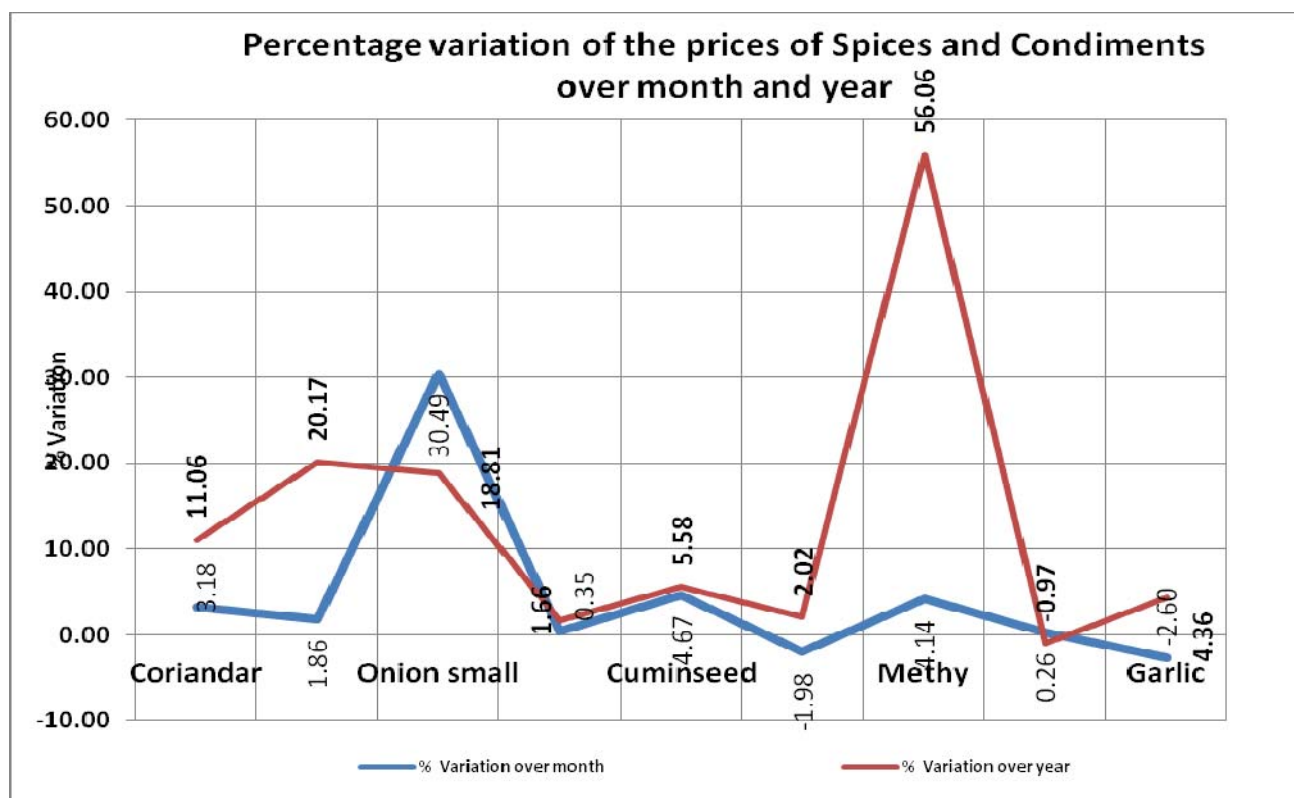
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Mustard and Garlic showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 30.49% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Small (30.49%) 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 Turmeric showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 56% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Methy (56.06%) 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 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	110.57	119.02	122.80	3.18	11.06
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	93.89	110.76	112.82	1.86	20.17
3	Onion small	Kg.	31.47	28.65	37.39	30.49	18.81
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	85.94	87.06	87.37	0.35	1.66
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.66	21.85	22.87	4.67	5.58
6	Mustard	100gm	7.72	8.04	7.88	-1.98	2.02
7	Methy	100gm	7.13	10.69	11.13	4.14	56.06
8	Turmeric	100gm	15.04	14.86	14.90	0.26	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	8.72	9.35	9.10	-2.60	4.36

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

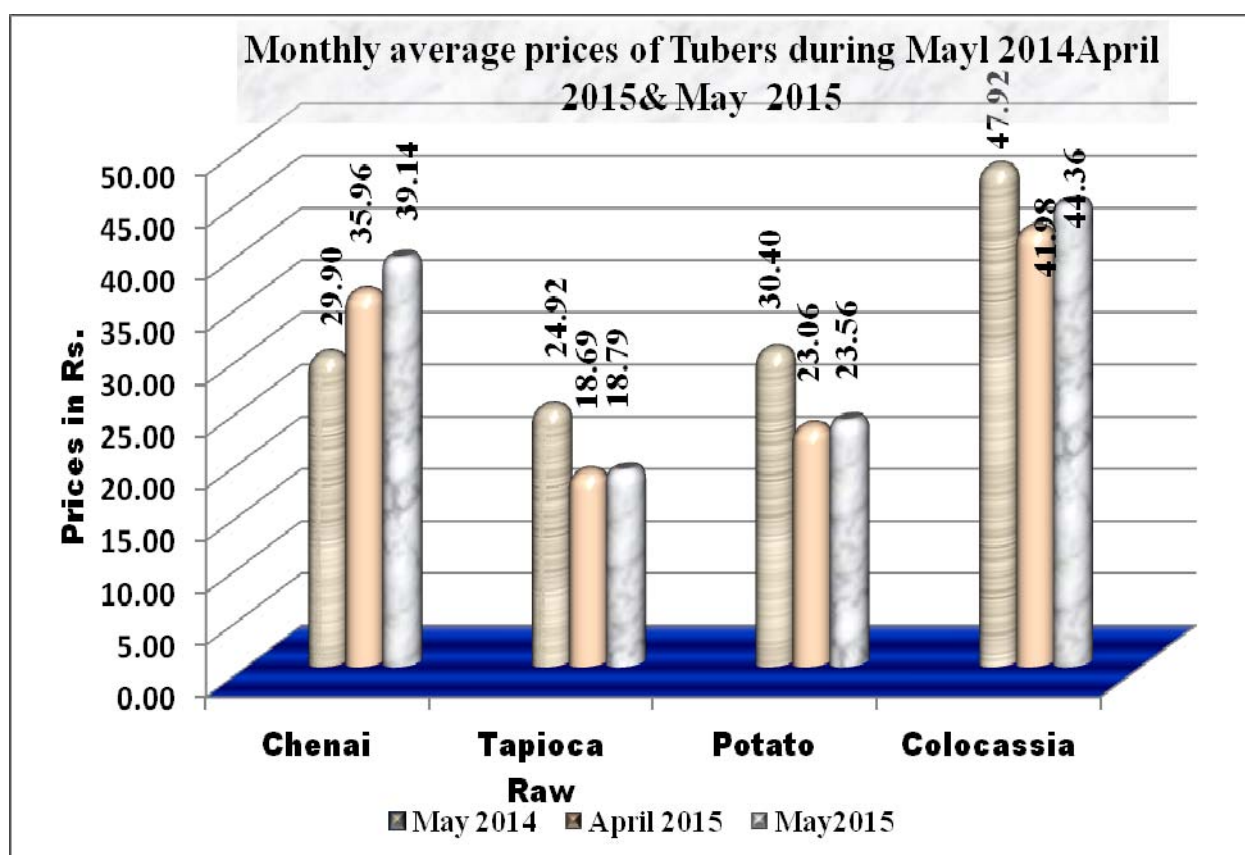
An upward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of tubers showed an upward trend up to 8.84% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Chennai increased by 30.90%, while the state average retail prices of Tapioca Raw, Potato and Colocassia showed a negative trend of 24.61%, 22.51% and 7.42% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	29.90	35.96	39.14	8.84	30.90
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	24.92	18.69	18.79	0.53	-24.61
3	Potato	Kg.	30.40	23.06	23.56	2.15	-22.51
4	Colocassia	Kg.	47.92	41.98	44.36	5.67	-7.42

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

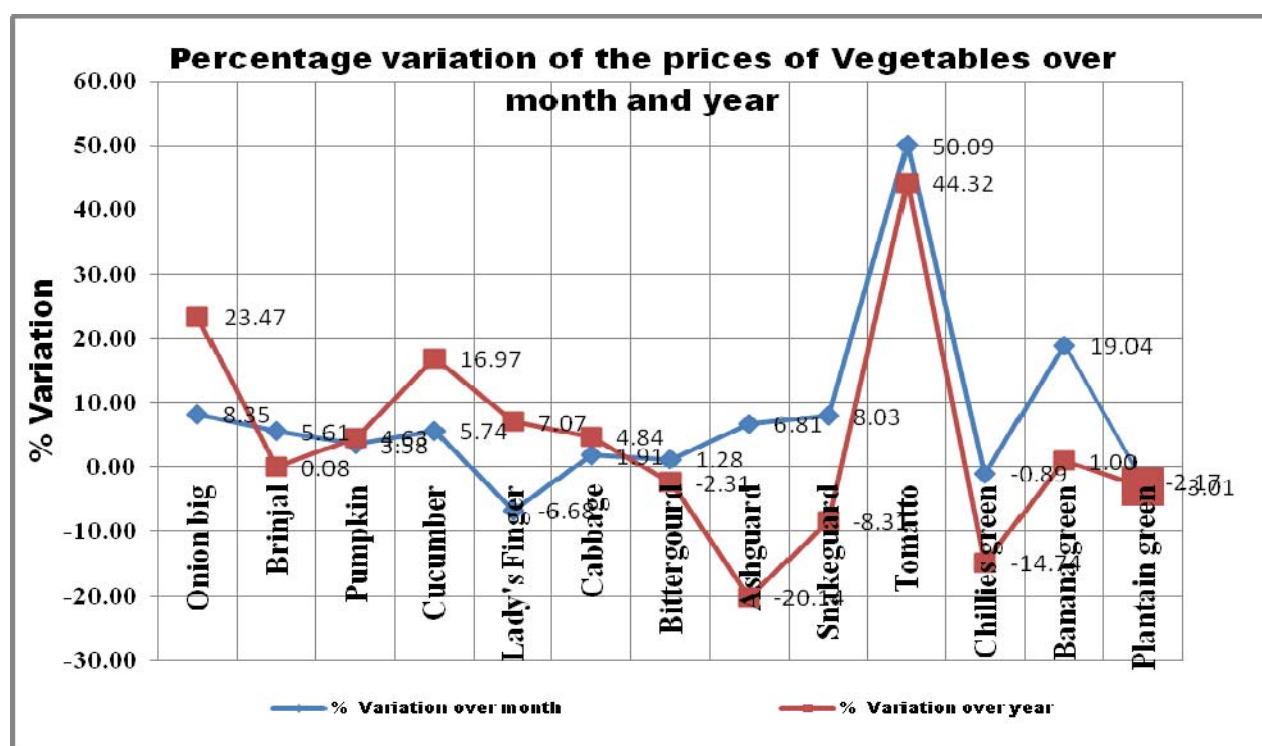
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except Lady's Finger, Chillies green and Plantain green showed an upward trend up to 50% 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 Bittergourd, Ashgourd, Snakegourd, Chillies green and Plantain green showed a downward trend of 2.31%, 20.14%, 8.31%, 14.74% and 3.01% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 44% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (44.32%) 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	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	20.16	22.98	24.89	8.35	23.47
2	Brinjal	Kg.	26.26	24.88	26.28	5.61	0.08
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.55	16.72	17.31	3.58	4.63
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.20	20.13	21.29	5.74	16.97
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	29.51	33.86	31.60	-6.68	7.07
6	Cabbage	Kg	22.19	22.83	23.26	1.91	4.84
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	39.14	37.75	38.23	1.28	-2.31
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	23.69	17.72	18.92	6.81	-20.14
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.25	25.67	27.73	8.03	-8.31
10	Tomato	Kg.	21.49	20.66	31.01	50.09	44.32
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.95	4.26	4.22	-0.89	-14.74
12	Banana green	Kg.	35.90	30.46	36.26	19.04	1.00
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.50	24.29	23.76	-2.17	-3.01

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

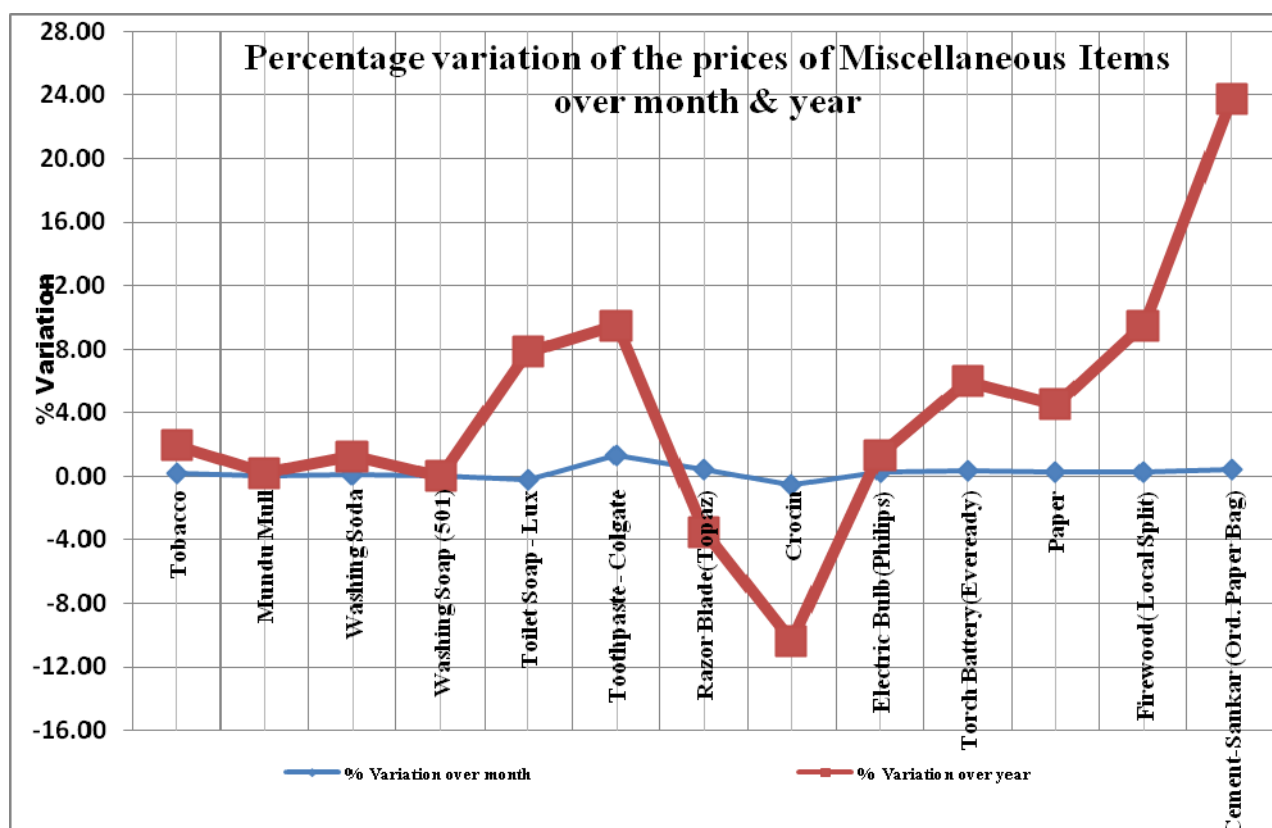
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Toilet Soap –Lux while the prices of all the other items showed a marginal 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 Crocin showed an increasing trend up to 23.75%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	157.93	160.71	161.00	0.18	1.94
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.20	118.42	118.42	0.00	0.19
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.29	40.75	40.79	0.09	1.24
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.03
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	22.31	24.11	24.05	-0.23	7.83
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	38.08	41.16	41.69	1.29	9.50
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.98	8.01	0.44	-3.49
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.14	2.83	2.81	-0.57	-10.38
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.24	14.40	14.43	0.24	1.32
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.60	16.47	16.53	0.38	5.96
11	Paper	24 Sheet	13.98	14.57	14.61	0.29	4.54
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	410.76	448.57	449.71	0.26	9.48
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	342.78	422.38	424.18	0.43	23.75

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2015							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.55	33.12	33.04	-0.23	-1.52
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.60	35.25	35.00	-0.71	1.15
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	32.26	31.94	31.64	-0.96	-1.95
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	97.75	107.88	109.45	1.46	11.96
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	105.49	115.72	116.96	1.08	10.87
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	78.66	92.00	109.48	19.01	39.18
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.92	87.13	99.58	14.30	40.42
5	Redgram	Kg	59.19	58.67	60.01	2.28	1.38
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	76.11	93.46	105.16	12.51	38.16
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	57.90	60.63	64.21	5.91	10.91
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	51.60	54.46	58.54	7.51	13.46
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	45.82	41.46	41.79	0.80	-8.79
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.20	28.84	28.46	-1.31	-19.15
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.23	36.60	36.59	-0.03	10.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	146.00	149.16	148.93	-0.15	2.00
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6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	45.32	40.50	45.06	11.26	-0.57
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1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	162.53	151.54	151.04	-0.33	-7.07
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	117.85	105.75	104.60	-1.09	-11.24
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	91.92	86.82	86.70	-0.14	-5.68
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	192.51	164.88	162.34	-1.54	-15.67
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	194.55	188.11	185.51	-1.38	-4.64
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	110.57	119.02	122.80	3.18	11.06
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	93.89	110.76	112.82	1.86	20.17
3	Onion small	Kg.	31.47	28.65	37.39	30.49	18.81
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	85.94	87.06	87.37	0.35	1.66
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.66	21.85	22.87	4.67	5.58
6	Mustard	100gm	7.72	8.04	7.88	-1.98	2.02
7	Methy	100gm	7.13	10.69	11.13	4.14	56.06
8	Turmeric	100gm	15.04	14.86	14.90	0.26	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	8.72	9.35	9.10	-2.60	4.36

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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	24.92	18.69	18.79	0.53	-24.61
3	Potato	Kg.	30.40	23.06	23.56	2.15	-22.51
4	Colocassia	Kg.	47.92	41.98	44.36	5.67	-7.42
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8	Ash gourd	Kg.	23.69	17.72	18.92	6.81	-20.14
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.25	25.67	27.73	8.03	-8.31
10	Tomatto	Kg.	21.49	20.66	31.01	50.09	44.32
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.95	4.26	4.22	-0.89	-14.74
12	Banana green	Kg.	35.90	30.46	36.26	19.04	1.00
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.50	24.29	23.76	-2.17	-3.01
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	157.93	160.71	161.00	0.18	1.94
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.20	118.42	118.42	0.00	0.19
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.29	40.75	40.79	0.09	1.24
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.03
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	22.31	24.11	24.05	-0.23	7.83
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	38.08	41.16	41.69	1.29	9.50
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.98	8.01	0.44	-3.49
8	Crocic	2 tabs	3.14	2.83	2.81	-0.57	-10.38
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.24	14.40	14.43	0.24	1.32
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