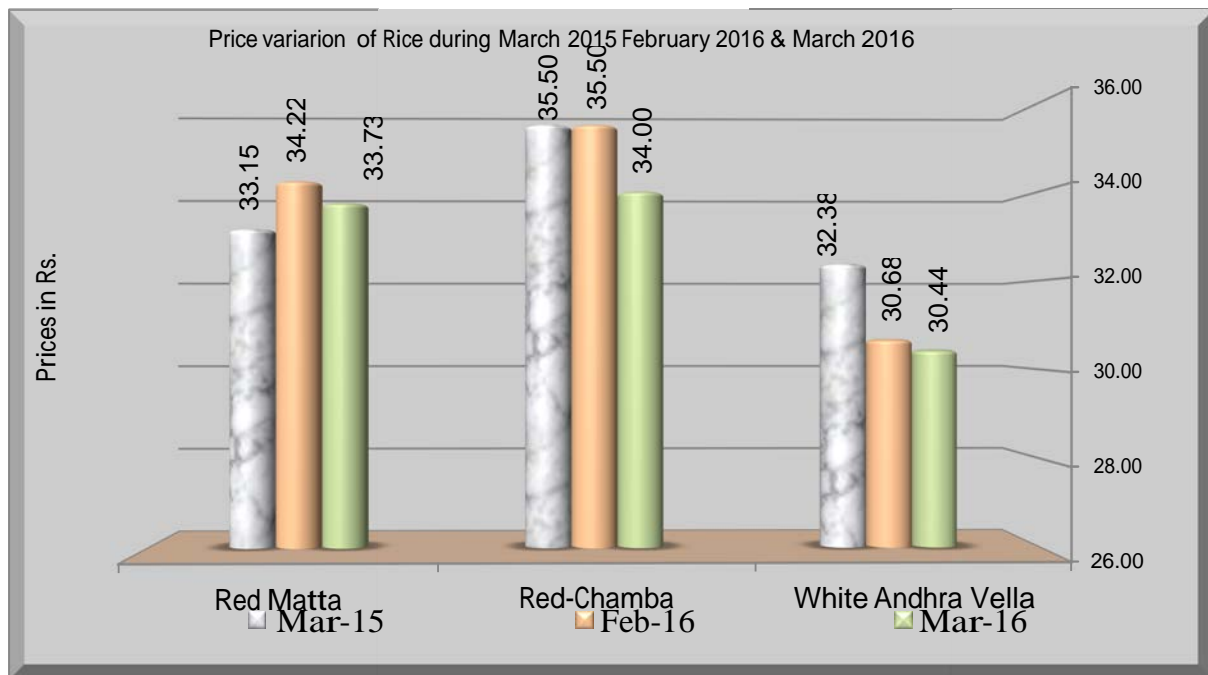




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PREFACE

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.

This publication is being prepared and published by Prices Division under the supervision of Smt.Radhamony,Additional Director (Prices). I appreciate the work done by Smt.Maya.S (Assistant Director), Smt.K.Indira Devi (Research Officer), Sri.Sooraj Cheruthottathil (Statistical Assistant Grade I) and all the Price Reporters and Price Supervisors in the Districts for preparing such a worthy publication.

Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2016

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2016. 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 March of the previous year 2015, previous month February 2016 and current month of March 2016 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

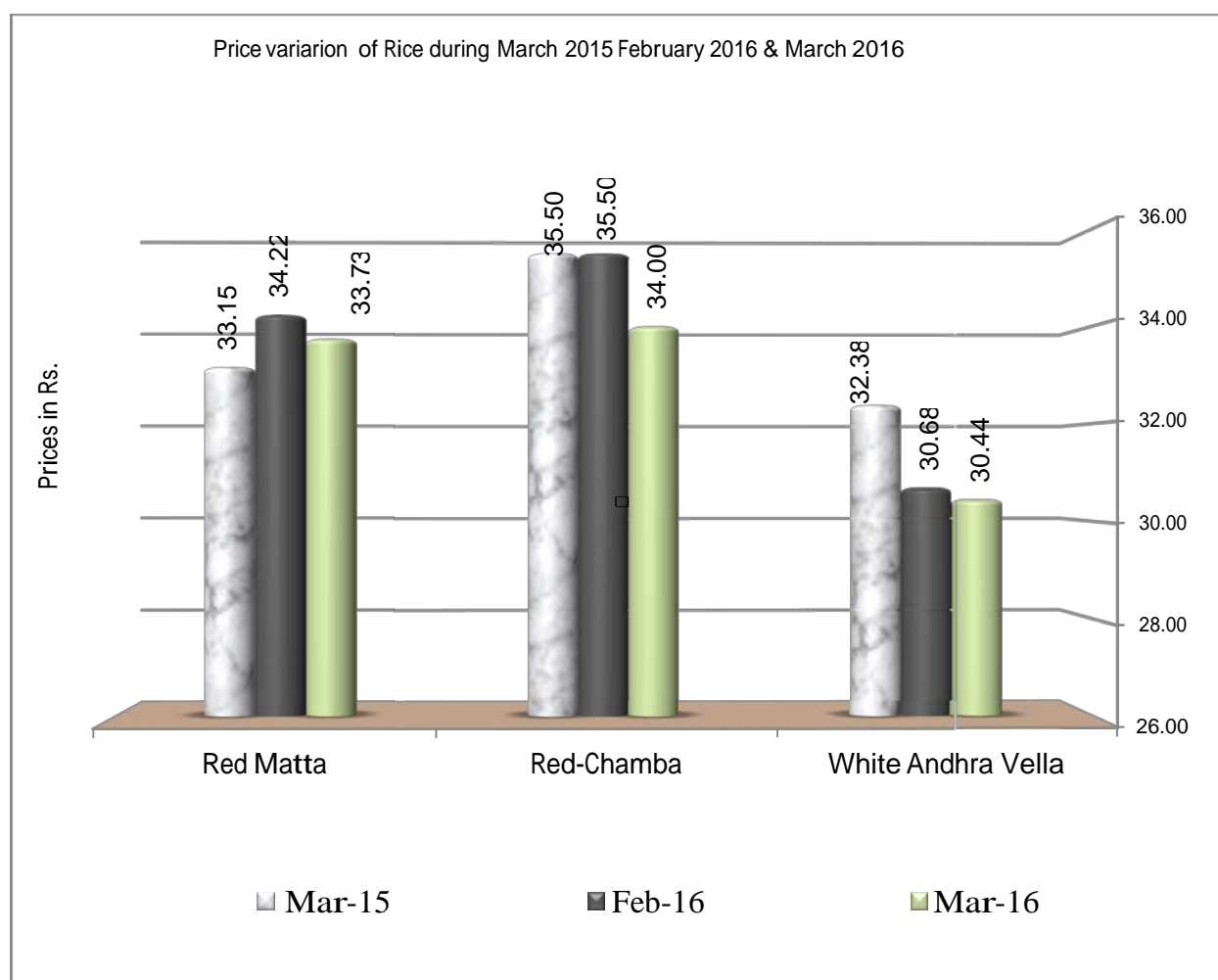
During this period a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed a downward trend up to 4.23% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta showed an upward trend up to 1.76%, while the prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella showed a downward trend up to 5.99%. 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	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.15	34.22	33.73	-1.43	1.76
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	35.50	34.00	-4.23	-4.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	32.38	30.68	30.44	-0.77	-5.99

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

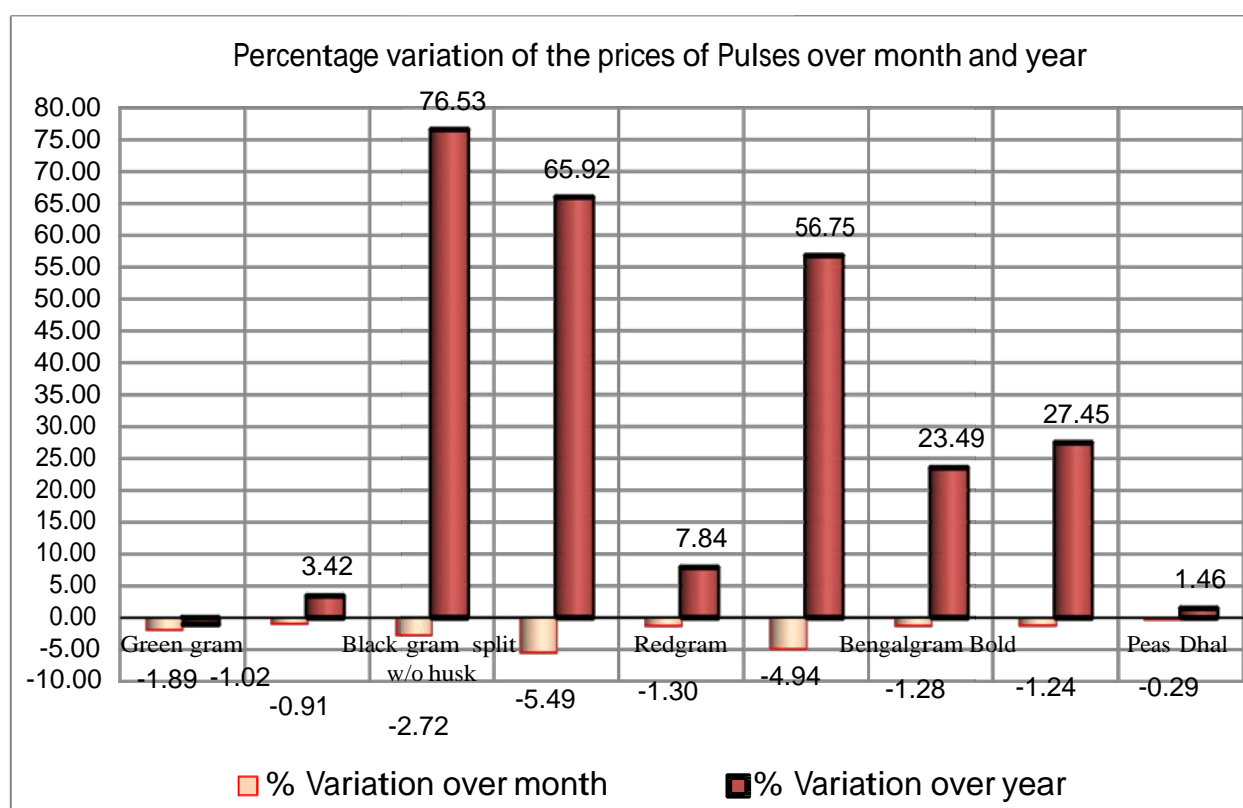
During this period a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 5.49% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of Pulses except Green gram showed an upward trend up to 76.53%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (76.53%), with husk (65.92%), Dhal(Tur)(56.75%) and Bengalgram small (27.45%) 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	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 201	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	107.76	108.71	106.66	-1.89	-1.02
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	115.84	120.91	119.81	-0.91	3.42
3	Black gram split w/o h sk	Kg	89.35	162.14	157.73	-2.72	76.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	85.59	150.25	142.00	-5.49	65.92
5	Redgram	Kg	59.00	64.46	63.63	-1.30	7.84
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	90.96	149.98	142.57	-4.94	56.75
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	60.11	75.19	74.23	-1.28	23.49
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	54.08	69.80	68.93	-1.24	27.45
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	41.82	42.55	42.43	-0.29	1.46

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

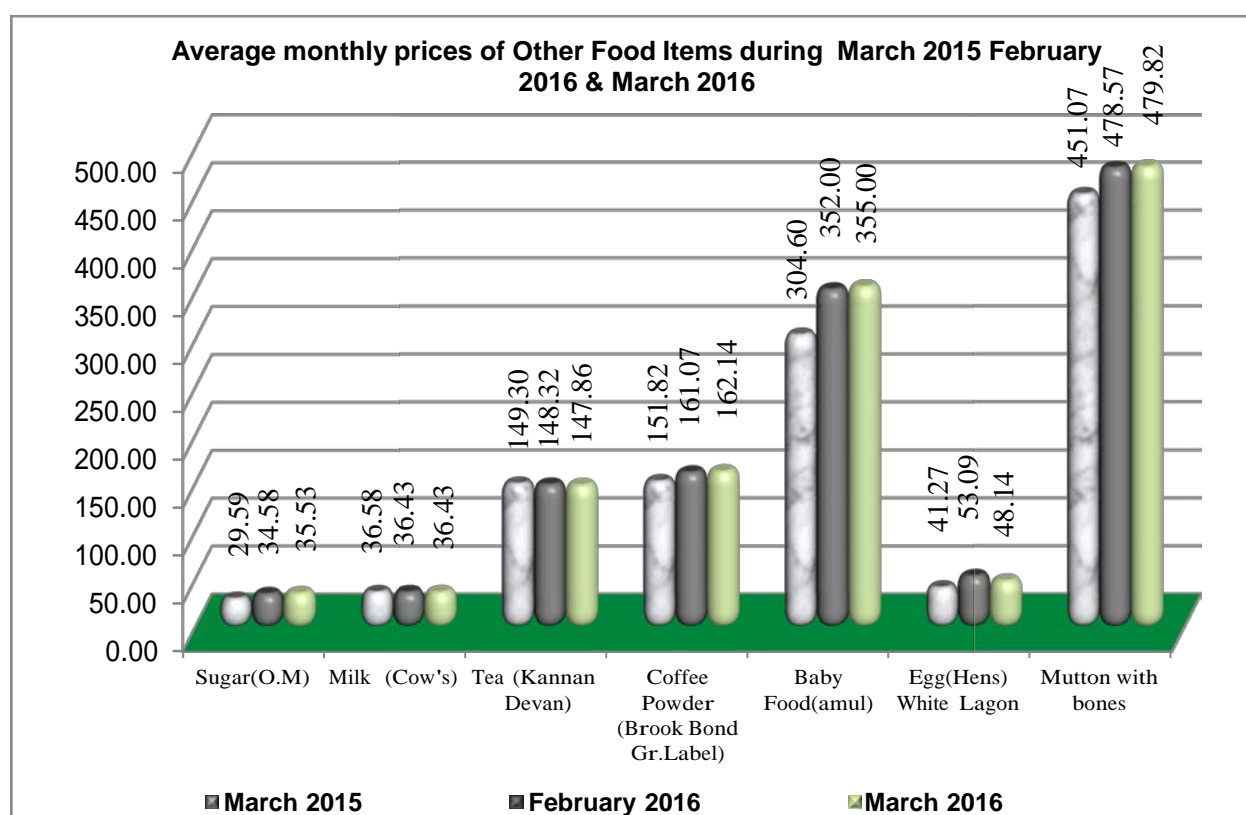
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tea (Kannan Devan) and Egg (hens) White Lagon showed a negative change, while the price of all items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 2.73% 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 Milk (Cow's) and Tea (Kannan Devan) showed an upward trend up to 20.05%.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.59	34.58	35.53	2.73	20.05
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.58	36.43	36.43	0.00	-0.42
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	149.30	148.32	147.86	-0.32	-0.97
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	151.82	161.07	162.14	0.66	6.80
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	304.60	352.00	355.00	0.85	16.55
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	41.27	53.09	48.14	-9.32	16.65
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	451.07	478.57	479.82	0.26	6.37

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4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

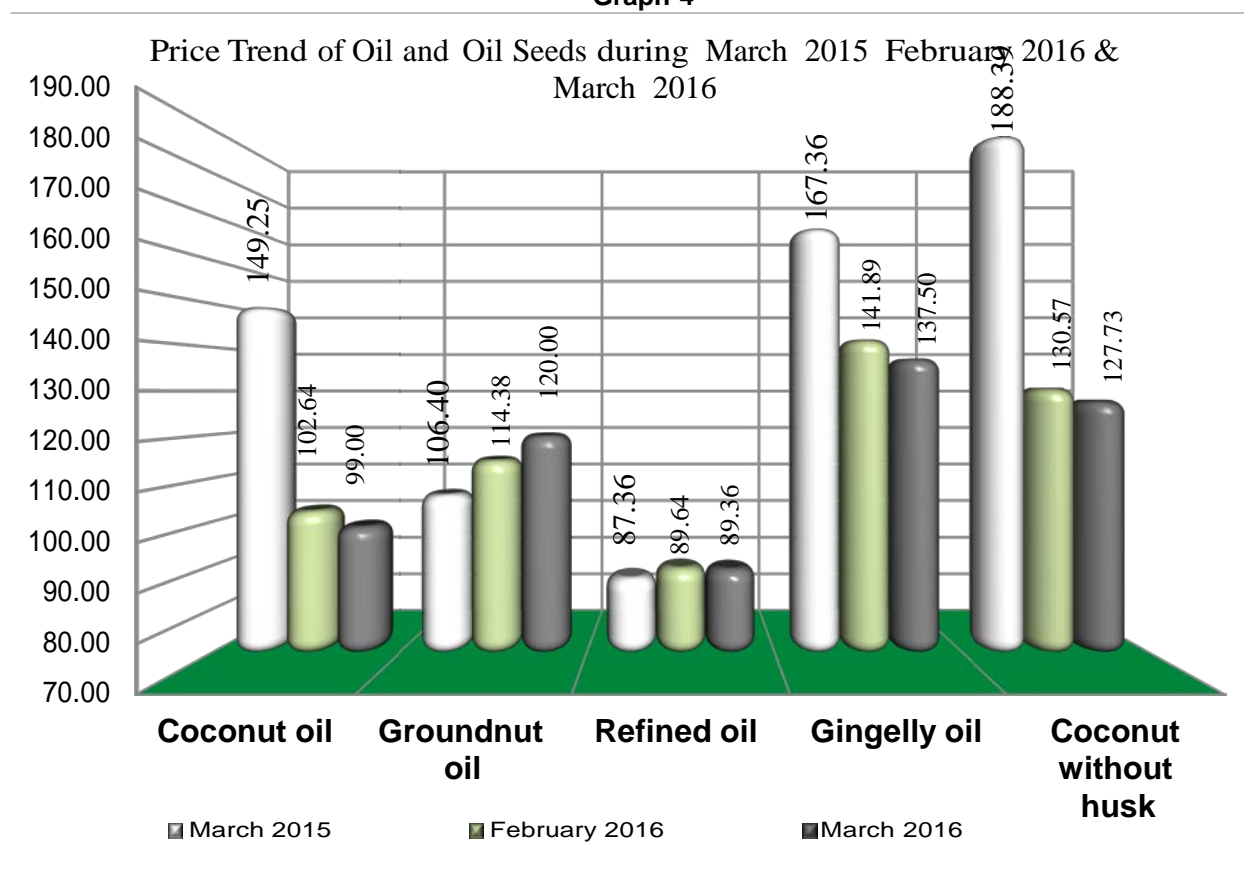
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

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 oilseeds except Groundnut oil showed a downward trend up to 3.55% 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 Coconut Oil, Gingelly oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 33.67% while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds had increased by 12.79%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (33.67%) and Coconut without husk (32.20%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	tr.	149.25	102.64	99.00	-3.55	-33.67
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	106.40	114.38	120.00	4.92	12.79
3	Refined oil	tr.	87.36	89.64	89.36	-0.32	2.30
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	167.36	141.89	137.50	-3.09	-17.84
5	Coconut without husk	10 os	188.39	130.57	127.73	-2.18	-32.20

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

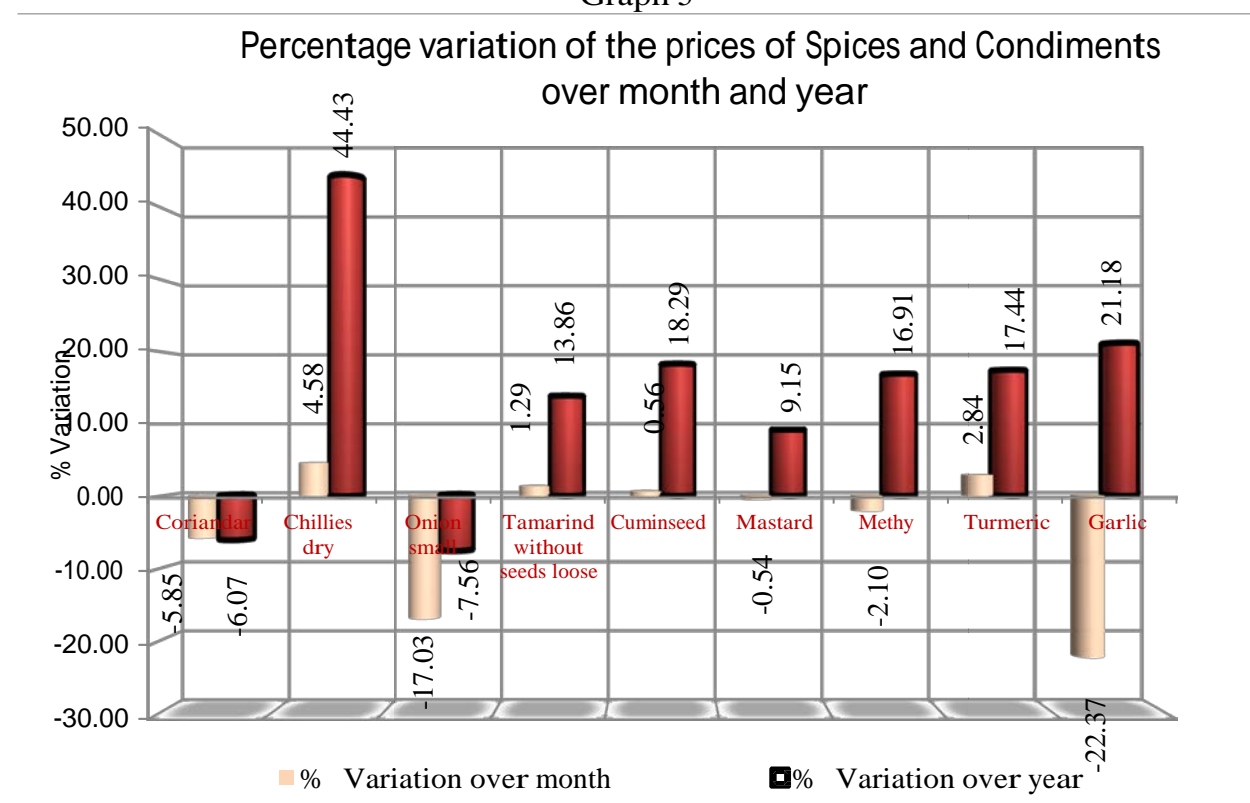
During the period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of prices of Coriander, Onion small, Mustard, Methy and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 22.37% while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 4.58% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (22.37%) 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 Spices and Condiments except Coriander and Onion small showed an upward trend up to 44.43% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (44.43%) and Garlic (21.18%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	U it	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over previous onth	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	126.56	126.27	118.88	5.85	-6.07
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	112.14	154.88	161.97	4.58	44.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	30.78	34.29	28.45	-17.03	-7.56
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	87.17	97.98	99.25	1.29	13.86
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.72	25.55	25.70	0.56	18.29
6	Mustard	100gm	8.01	8.79	8.74	0.54	9.15
7	Methy	100gm	10.54	12.59	12.33	2.10	16.91
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.86	16.96	17.45	2.84	17.44
9	Garlic	100gm	9.84	15.37	11.93	-22.37	21.18

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

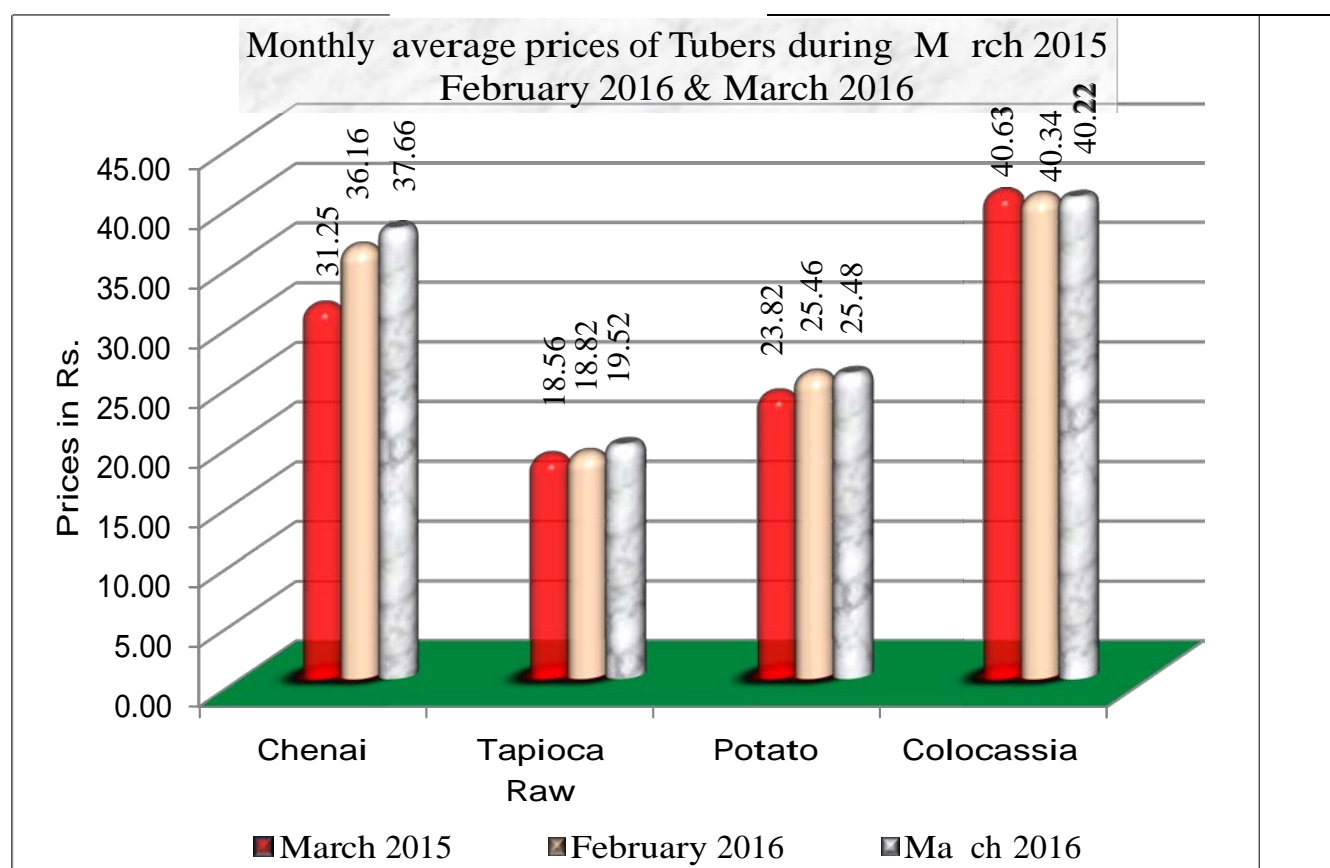
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Colocassia showed an upward trend up to 4.15% 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 Tubers except Colocassia showed an upward trend upto 20.53%. The state average retail prices of Chennai had increased by 20.53% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	31.25	36.16	37.66	4.15	20.53
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.56	18.82	19.52	3.69	5.14
3	Potato	Kg.	23.82	25.46	25.48	0.08	7.00
4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.63	40.34	40.22	-0.30	-1.01

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

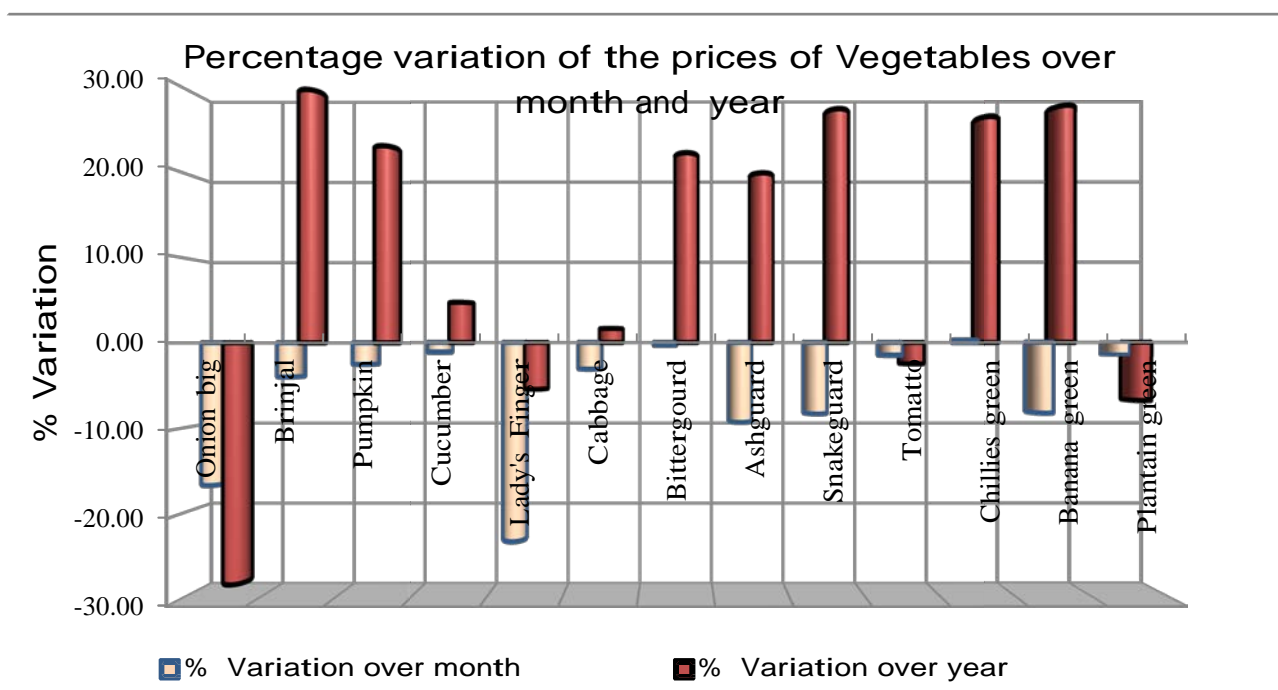
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of vegetables except Chillies green showed a downward trend up to 23.26% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Lady's Finger (23.26%) 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 Onion big Lady's Finger, Tomato and Plantain Green showed a downward trend up to 28.30% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 29.63% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (29.63%), Snakegourd (27.33%) Chillies green(26.42%) and Banana green(27.70%) 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	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.83	21.37	17.81	-16.69	-28.30
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.78	32.11	30.82	-3.99	29.63
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.25	20.52	20.00	-2.52	23.04
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.65	17.63	17.43	-1.11	4.70
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.16	34.70	26.63	-23.26	-5.43
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.37	24.50	23.75	-3.07	1.63
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	37.12	45.50	45.36	-0.32	22.18
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.13	22.63	20.52	-9.30	19.82
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	23.49	32.63	29.91	-8.32	27.33
10	Tomatto	Kg.	17.58	17.40	17.14	-1.47	-2.46
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.13	5.20	5.22	0.24	26.42
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.23	40.68	37.32	-8.25	27.70
13	Plantain green	Kg.	25.95	24.54	24.19	-1.41	-6.78

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

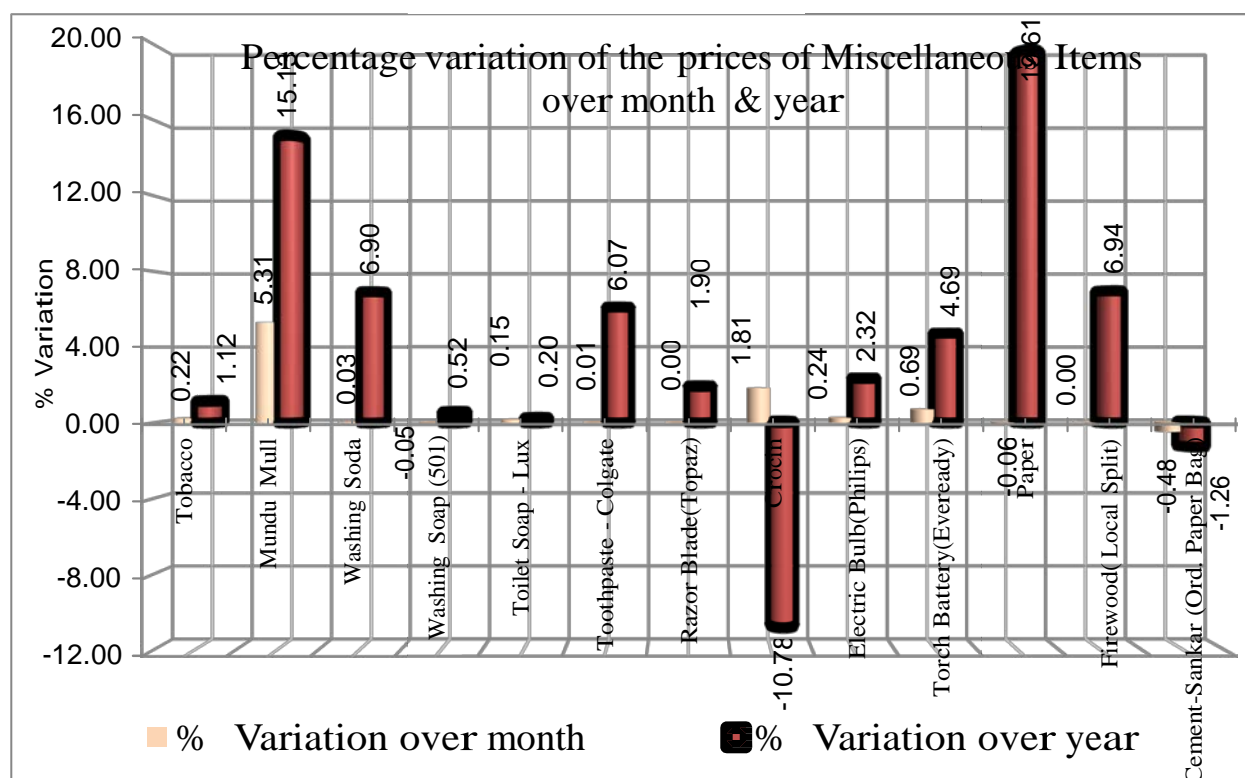
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Washing Soap (501), Paper and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) 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 Crocin and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 19.61% Notable increase was seen in the price of paper (19.61%) and decrease was seen in the price of Crocin (10.78%) when compared with the prices of the previous month

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	159.29	160.71	161.07	0.22	1.12
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	129.46	136.34	5.31	15.13
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.64	43.43	43.45	0.03	6.90
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.91	15.90	-0.05	0.52
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.06	24.07	24.11	0.15	0.20
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	40.93	43.41	43.41	0.01	6.07
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.90	8.05	8.05	0.00	1.90
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.83	2.48	2.53	1.81	-10.78
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.31	14.61	14.64	0.24	2.32
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.35	17.00	17.12	0.69	4.69
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.62	17.50	17.49	-0.06	19.61
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	447.50	478.57	478.57	0.00	6.94
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	422.38	419.07	417.04	-0.48	-1.26

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.15	34.22	33.73	-1.43	1.76
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	35.50	34.00	-4.23	-4.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	32.38	30.68	30.44	-0.77	-5.99
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	107.76	108.71	106.66	-1.89	-1.02
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	115.84	120.91	119.81	-0.91	3.42
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	89.35	162.14	157.73	-2.72	76.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	85.59	150.25	142.00	-5.49	65.92
5	Redgram	Kg	59.00	64.46	63.63	-1.30	7.84
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	90.96	149.98	142.57	-4.94	56.75
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	60.11	75.19	74.23	-1.28	23.49
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	54.08	69.80	68.93	-1.24	27.45
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	41.82	42.55	42.43	-0.29	1.46
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.59	34.58	35.53	2.73	20.05
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.58	36.43	36.43	0.00	-0.42
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	149.30	148.32	147.86	-0.32	-0.97
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	151.82	161.07	162.14	0.66	6.80
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	304.60	352.00	355.00	0.85	16.55
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	41.27	53.09	48.14	-9.32	16.65
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	451.07	478.57	479.82	0.26	6.37
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	149.25	102.64	99.00	-3.55	-33.67
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	106.40	114.38	120.00	4.92	12.79
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	87.36	89.64	89.36	-0.32	2.30
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	167.36	141.89	137.50	-3.09	-17.84
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	188.39	130.57	127.73	-2.18	-32.20
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	126.56	126.27	118.88	-5.85	-6.07
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	112.14	154.88	161.97	4.58	44.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	30.78	34.29	28.45	-17.03	-7.56
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	87.17	97.98	99.25	1.29	13.86
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.72	25.55	25.70	0.56	18.29
6	Mustard	100gm	8.01	8.79	8.74	-0.54	9.15
7	Methy	100gm	10.54	12.59	12.33	-2.10	16.91
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.86	16.96	17.45	2.84	17.44
9	Garlic	100gm	9.84	15.37	11.93	-22.37	21.18

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4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.65	17.63	17.43	-1.11	4.70
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.16	34.70	26.63	-23.26	-5.43
6	Cabbage	Kg.	23.37	24.50	23.75	-3.07	1.63
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	37.12	45.50	45.36	-0.32	22.18
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.13	22.63	20.52	-9.30	19.82
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	23.49	32.63	29.91	-8.32	27.33
10	Tomato	Kg.	17.58	17.40	17.14	-1.47	-2.46
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.13	5.20	5.22	0.24	26.42
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.23	40.68	37.32	-8.25	27.70
13	Plantain green	Kg.	25.95	24.54	24.19	-1.41	-6.78
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	159.29	160.71	161.07	0.22	1.12
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4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.91	15.90	-0.05	0.52
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.06	24.07	24.11	0.15	0.20
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	40.93	43.41	43.41	0.01	6.07
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.90	8.05	8.05	0.00	1.90
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