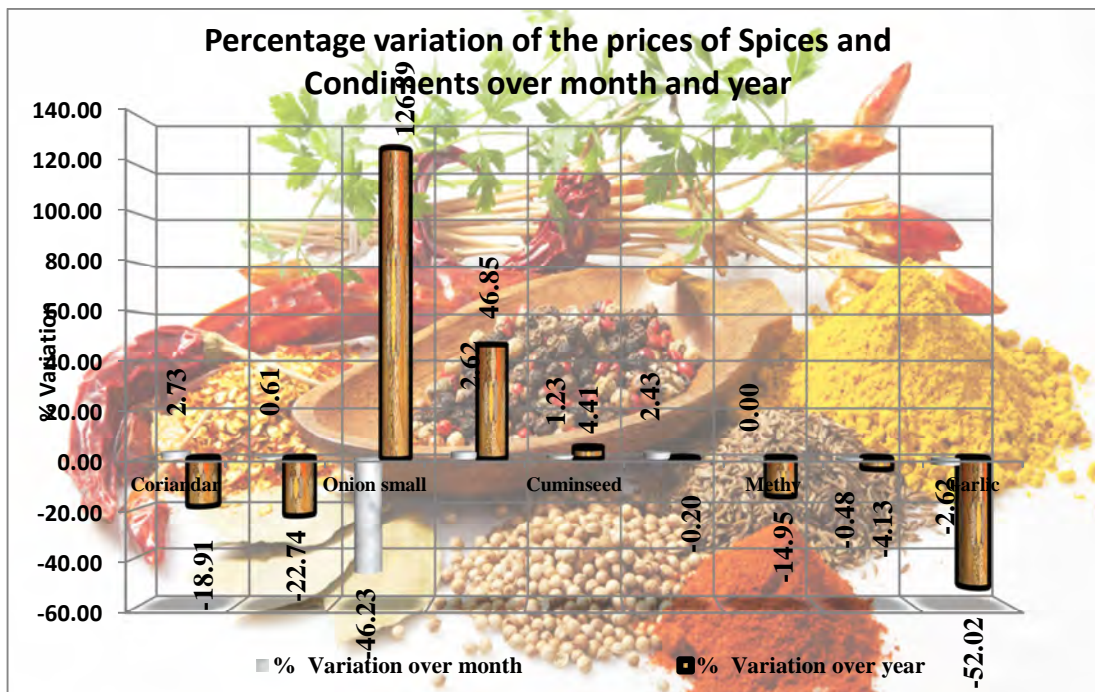




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**JANUARY 2018**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2018. 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 January of the previous year 2017, previous month December 2017 and current month of January 2018 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

After a four months old decreasing trend, during this period, a slight upward trend was observed in the retail price of some varieties of Rice 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 15.44%.

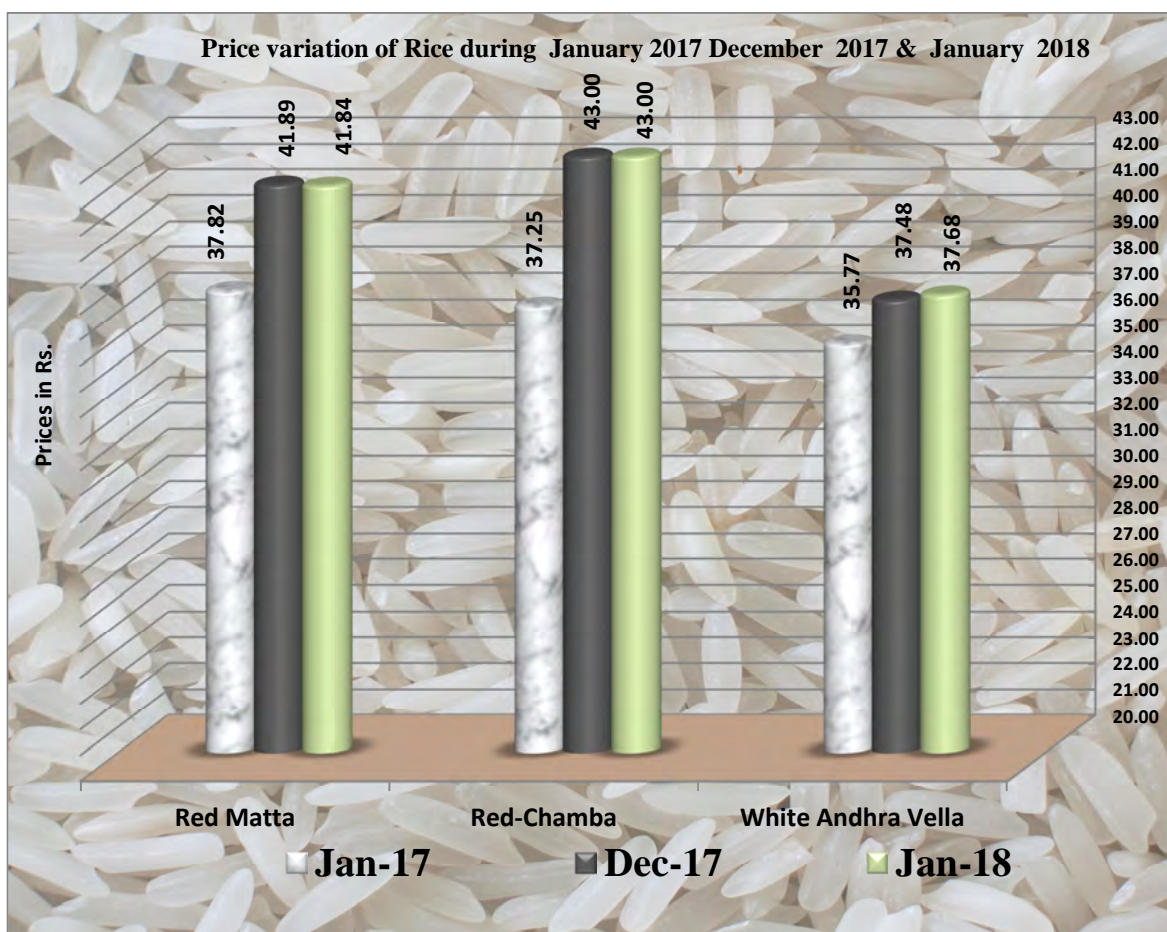
Notable increase was seen in the price of Red Matta (10.64%) and White Andhra vella (15.44%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.82	41.89	41.84	-0.10	10.64
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	37.25	43.00	43.00	0.00	15.44
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	35.77	37.48	37.68	0.53	5.34

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

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

For the last few months, a remarkable decrease has been seen in the price of Pulses. But during the month of January the margin of percentage of decreasing trend was narrowing down. During this month a slight increase was seen in the price of Green gram. The Prices of all other items in this group has gone down marginally.

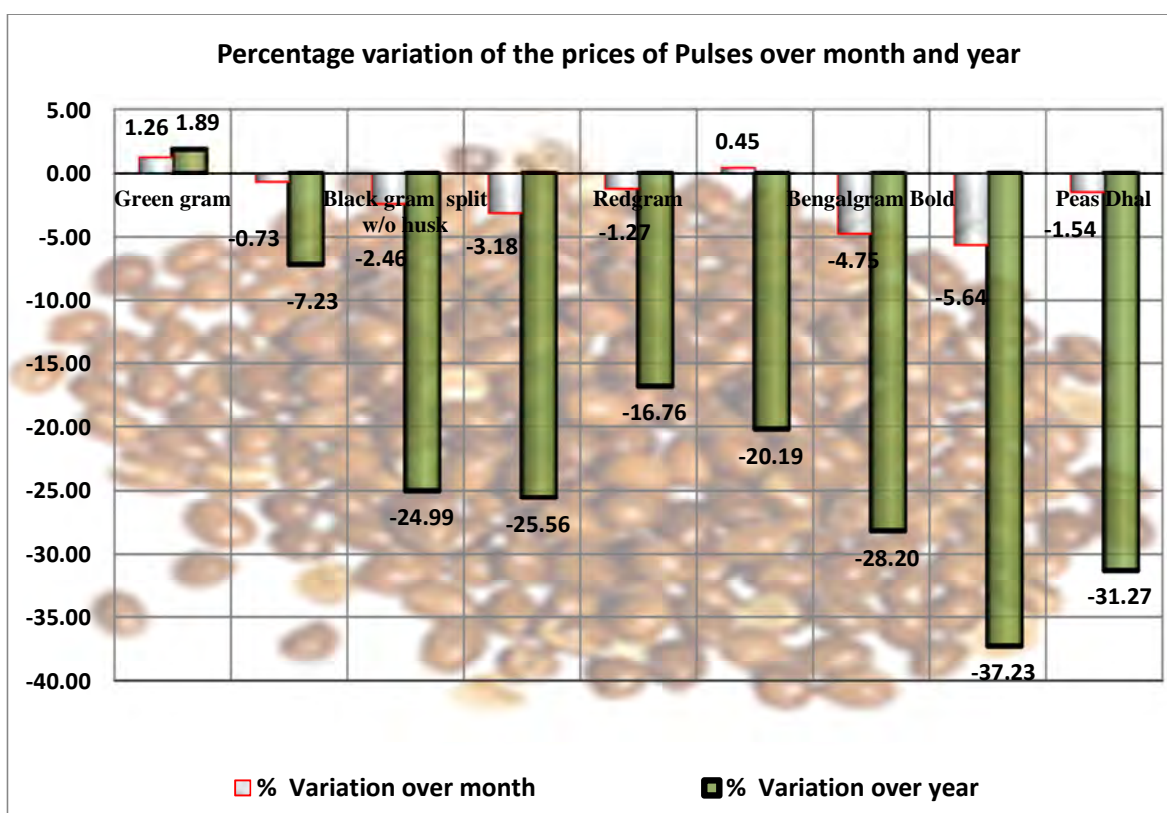
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all Items in this group except Green gram showed a decreasing trend. About 7% to 37% of decrease was reported during this period.

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	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	83.21	83.73	84.79	1.26	1.89
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	96.34	90.04	89.38	-0.73	-7.23
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	122.93	94.53	92.20	-2.46	-24.99
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	112.50	86.50	83.75	-3.18	-25.56
5	Redgram	Kg	86.39	72.84	71.91	-1.27	-16.76
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	105.77	84.04	84.41	0.45	-20.19
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	124.68	93.99	89.52	-4.75	-28.20
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	117.62	78.25	73.84	-5.64	-37.23
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	60.35	42.13	41.48	-1.54	-31.27

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

During the month of January a remarkable decrease was seen in the price of Sugar and Egg (Hen White Lagoon). From the middle of December 2017, the price of Sugar has decreased considerably. Meanwhile, after a gap of few months of increasing trend, the prices of Egg (Hen White Lagoon) has gone down remarkably during this month. 8.52% decrease was seen in the price of Eggs when compared with that of the previous month. All other items in this group showed a slight up and down variations.

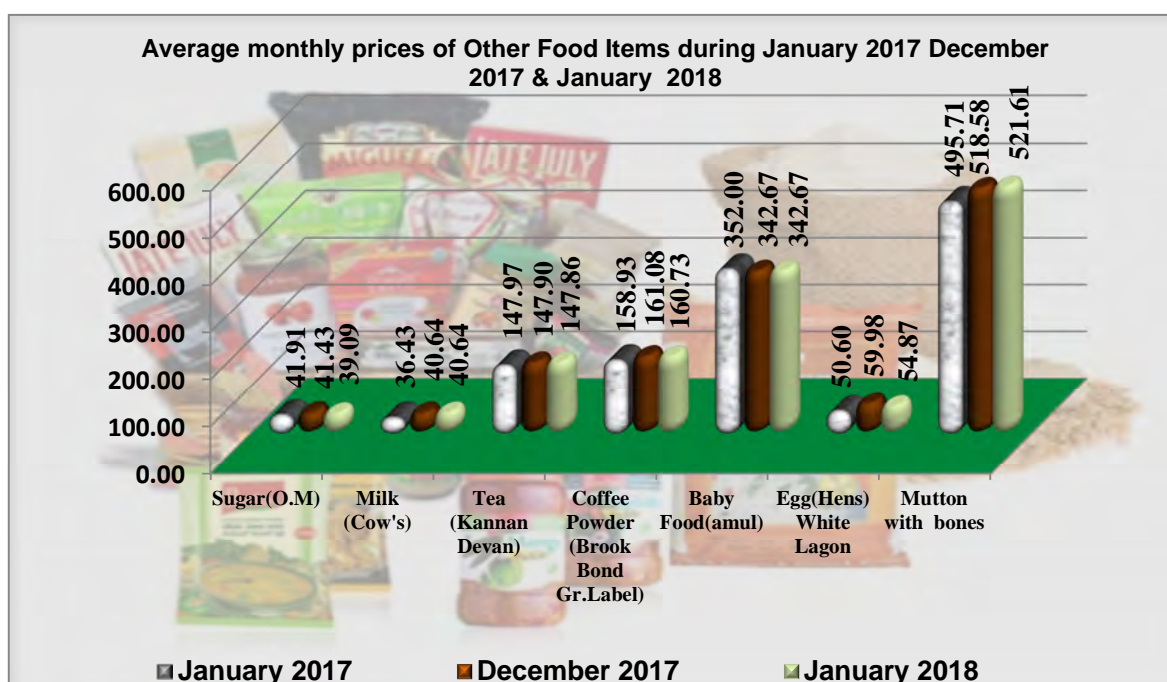
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all Items in this group showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of milk (11.56%), Egg Hen(White Lagoon)(8.44%), Mutton with bones(5.22%). From February 2017 onwards "MILMA" decided to hike the price of its packed milk by Rs 4 per Ltr. that's attributing to the rise in the price of milk. The prices of Sugar decreased by about 7% when compared with the prices of previous year.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Other Food Items.

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	41.91	41.43	39.09	-5.65	-6.73
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	40.64	40.64	0.00	11.56
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.97	147.90	147.86	-0.02	-0.07
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	158.93	161.08	160.73	-0.22	1.13
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	50.60	59.98	54.87	-8.52	8.44
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	495.71	518.58	521.61	0.58	5.22

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

The prices of Coconut and Coconut Oil sky-rocketed for the last few months due to last year's severe draught that affect the production of Coconut. There was a trend of increasing price in every days. The Coconut without Husk price touched about Rs.250 for 10 Nos. This is about 67 per cent higher than last year's prices. However, prices have cooled off from the peak levels due to the end of Sabarimala pilgrimage season.

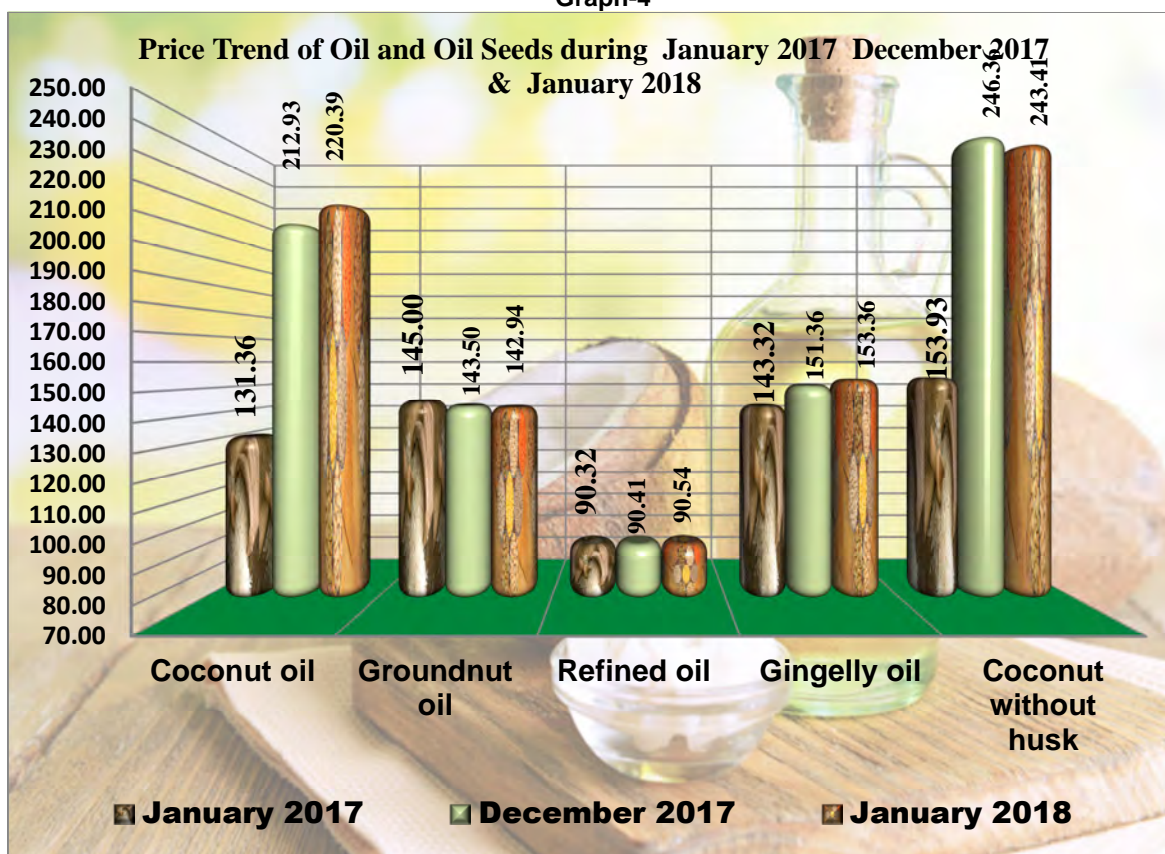
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year most of the items in this group showed an increasing trend. The state average retail price of Coconut Oil, Gingelly Oil, Refined Oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 68%.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and Oilseeds.

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	131.36	212.93	220.39	3.51	67.78
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	145.00	143.50	142.94	-0.39	-1.42
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.32	90.41	90.54	0.14	0.24
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	143.32	151.36	153.36	1.32	7.01
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	153.93	246.36	243.41	-1.20	58.13

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

During this month, there have been a remarkable decline in the price of Onion Small. The price went up about Rs.160/kg level at one time in last month. Then it decreased considerably from the middle of December 2017. At the end of January the price dropped down to Rs.50/Kg.

When compared to previous month the prices of Coriander, Chilies Dry, Tamarind without seed loose, Cumin seed, Mustard, showed a slight upward trend up to 3%.

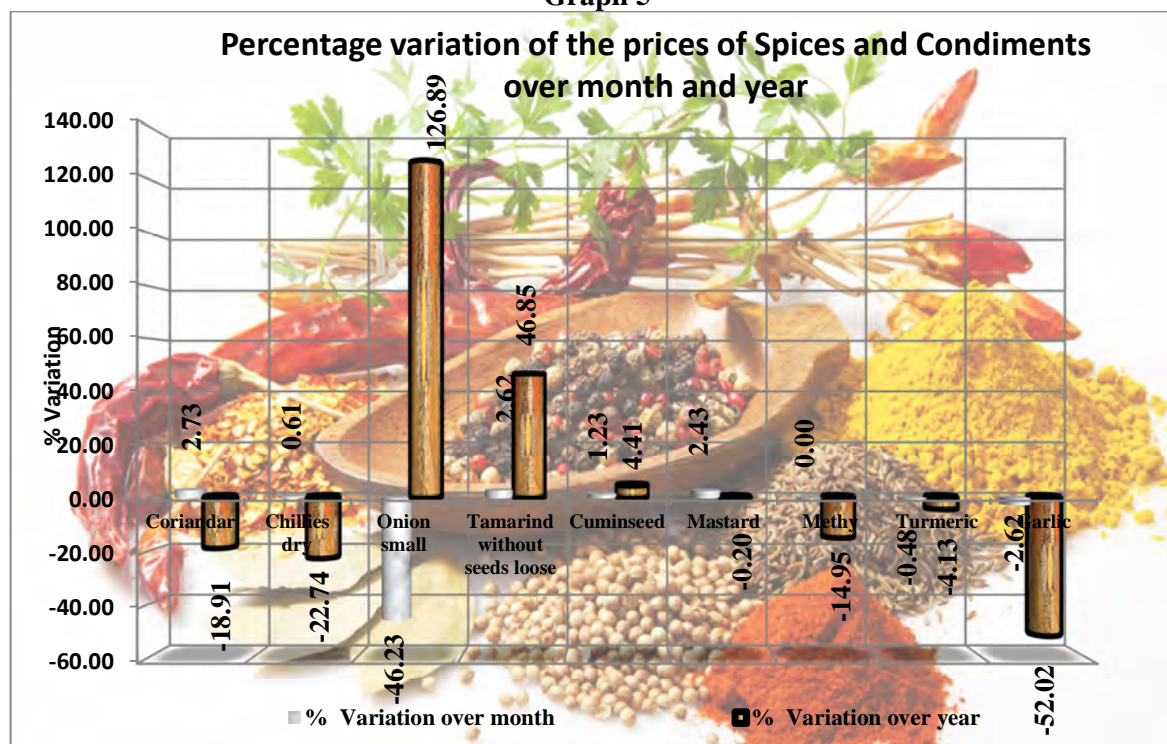
There was remarkable variations in price when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Onion Small and Tamarind without seed loose gone up by about 127% and 47% respectively. While the prices of Garlic (52.02%), Chilies Dry (22.74%), Coriander (18.91%) Methy(14.95%) decreased considerably.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Spices and Condiments

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	111.04	87.65	90.04	2.73	-18.91
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	129.27	99.27	99.88	0.61	-22.74
3	Onion small	Kg.	32.81	138.42	74.43	-46.23	126.89
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	112.05	160.36	164.55	2.62	46.85
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.27	29.16	29.52	1.23	4.41
6	Mustard	100gm	8.97	8.74	8.95	2.43	-0.20
7	Methy	100gm	10.77	9.16	9.16	0.00	-14.95
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.27	18.18	-0.48	-4.13
9	Garlic	100gm	17.22	8.48	8.26	-2.62	-52.02

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

A mixed trend was observed during this 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 Chennai showed a downward trend up to 3.31% when compared with the prices of the previous month. The price of Chennai gone up by about 4.11%.

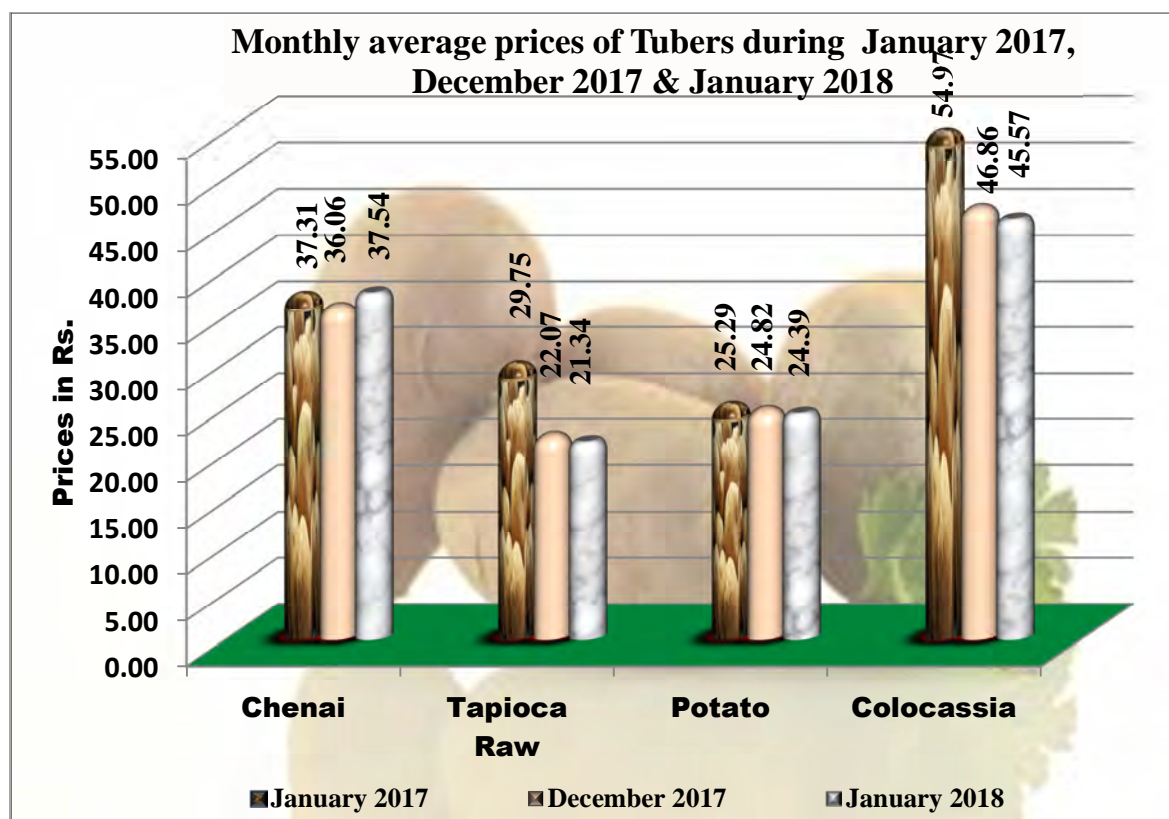
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year also the State average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai showed a downward trend upto 28%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (28.25%) and Colocassia (17.10%) when compared with the prices 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 Tubers.

**Table-6**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	37.31	36.06	37.54	4.11	0.62
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.75	22.07	21.34	-3.31	-28.25
3	Potato	Kg.	25.29	24.82	24.39	-1.73	-3.53
4	Colocassia	Kg.	54.97	46.86	45.57	-2.76	-17.10

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

There was a positive and remarkable changes in the price, in the case of Vegetable items. Almost all items except Plantain showed a remarkable decrease. Prices of certain Items in this group like Onion, Tomato, and Cabbage shot up considerably for the last few months. During January prices have come down from the peak to a lowest level.

When compared with the price of the previous month notable decrease was seen in the prices of Tomato (45.97%), Cabbage (34.77%), Onion Big (12.42%), Ash guard (10.96%), Pumpkin (9.99%), Brinjal(9.42%), Cucumber (8.82%). While the prices of Plantain green showed an upward trend of about 2.88%.

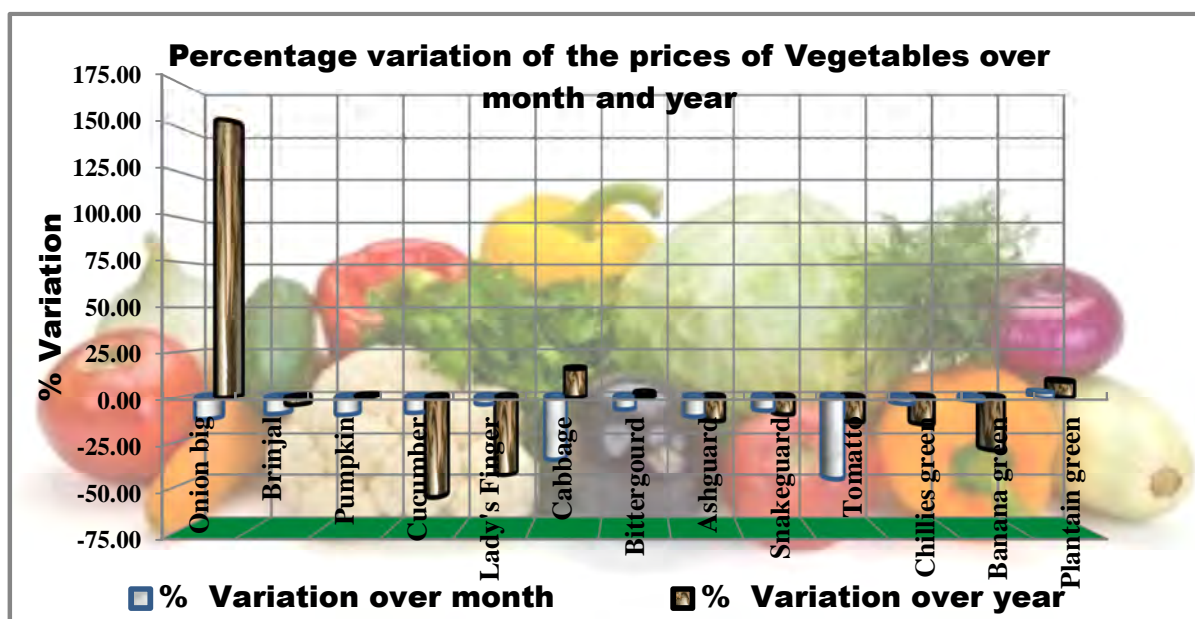
There was an ups and down variations in price, when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Onion Big and Cabbage increased by about 154% and 15.80% respectively. While the prices of Cucumber (55.89%), Ladies Finger (43.47%) Banana Green (29.59%), Chillies Green (15.24%), Tomato (14.05%), and Ash guard (13.39%) was dropped down considerably.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	18.43	53.36	46.73	-12.42	153.60
2	Brinjal	Kg.	31.25	33.00	29.89	-9.42	-4.35
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.55	20.75	18.68	-9.99	0.67
4	Cucumber	Kg.	41.45	20.05	18.28	-8.83	-55.89
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	55.00	32.43	31.09	-4.13	-43.47
6	Cabbage	Kg.	23.04	40.90	26.68	-34.77	15.80
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	42.68	46.84	43.59	-6.94	2.13
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.93	22.30	19.86	-10.96	-13.39
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.11	31.36	28.96	-7.63	-9.80
10	Tomatto	Kg.	19.47	30.96	16.73	-45.97	-14.05
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.04	4.44	4.27	-3.83	-15.24
12	Banana green	Kg.	52.16	37.55	36.73	-2.19	-29.59
13	Plantain green	Kg.	34.69	36.70	37.75	2.88	8.83

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

A mixed trend is seen 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

In this Group after a few months gap, there is slight increasing trend in the prices of Cement when compared with the prices of the previous month, all the other items showed a slight up and down variations.

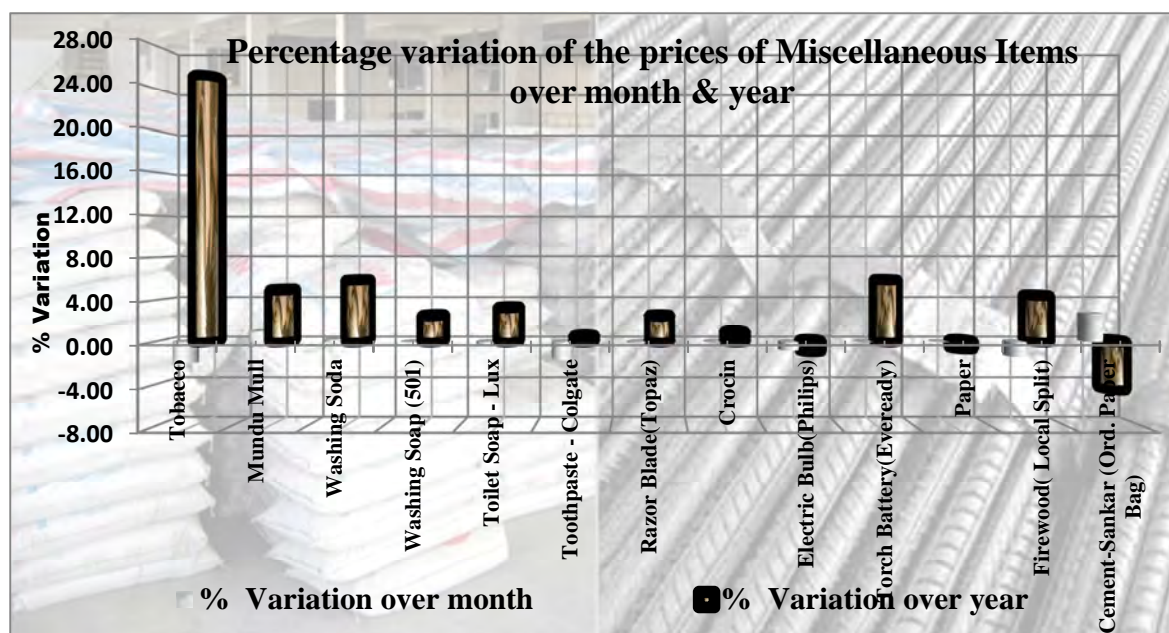
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year Tobacco, showed a huge variation by about 25%. Other important variations are seen in the prices of Torch Battery(5.85%), Washing Soda(5.83%), Mundu Mull(4.92%), Firewood(4.41%), Cement Sankar(-4.43%)

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Miscellaneous Items

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	161.70	206.61	202.32	-2.08	25.13
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.67	138.83	140.25	1.02	4.92
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.77	47.27	47.38	0.24	5.83
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.59	17.00	17.00	0.00	2.50
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.45	27.36	27.31	-0.19	3.26
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.96	47.97	47.18	-1.65	0.45
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.31	8.30	-0.09	2.47
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.82
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.81	14.69	-0.79	-0.91
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	17.91	18.96	18.96	0.00	5.85
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.69	16.58	16.58	0.00	-0.66
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	485.71	514.29	507.14	-1.39	4.41
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	409.38	380.78	391.25	2.75	-4.43

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of January 2018							
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			January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.82	41.89	41.84	-0.10	10.64
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	37.25	43.00	43.00	0.00	15.44
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	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
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9	Peas Dhal	Kg	60.35	42.13	41.48	-1.54	-31.27
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	41.91	41.43	39.09	-5.65	-6.73
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	40.64	40.64	0.00	11.56
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.97	147.90	147.86	-0.02	-0.07
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.32	90.41	90.54	0.14	0.24
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	143.32	151.36	153.36	1.32	7.01
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	153.93	246.36	243.41	-1.20	58.13
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2	Chilies dry	Kg.	129.27	99.27	99.88	0.61	-22.74
3	Onion small	Kg.	32.81	138.42	74.43	-46.23	126.89
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	112.05	160.36	164.55	2.62	46.85
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.27	29.16	29.52	1.23	4.41
6	Mustard	100gm	8.97	8.74	8.95	2.43	-0.20
7	Methy	100gm	10.77	9.16	9.16	0.00	-14.95
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.27	18.18	-0.48	-4.13
9	Garlic	100gm	17.22	8.48	8.26	-2.62	-52.02

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3	Potato	Kg.	25.29	24.82	24.39	-1.73	-3.53
4	Colocassia	Kg.	54.97	46.86	45.57	-2.76	-17.10
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	18.43	53.36	46.73	-12.42	153.60
2	Brinjal	Kg.	31.25	33.00	29.89	-9.42	-4.35
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.55	20.75	18.68	-9.99	0.67
4	Cucumber	Kg.	41.45	20.05	18.28	-8.83	-55.89
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	55.00	32.43	31.09	-4.13	-43.47
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.04	40.90	26.68	-34.77	15.80
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	42.68	46.84	43.59	-6.94	2.13
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.93	22.30	19.86	-10.96	-13.39
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.11	31.36	28.96	-7.63	-9.80
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12	Banana green	Kg.	52.16	37.55	36.73	-2.19	-29.59
13	Plantain green	Kg.	34.69	36.70	37.75	2.88	8.83
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	161.70	206.61	202.32	-2.08	25.13
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.67	138.83	140.25	1.02	4.92
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.77	47.27	47.38	0.24	5.83
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.59	17.00	17.00	0.00	2.50
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.45	27.36	27.31	-0.19	3.26
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.96	47.97	47.18	-1.65	0.45
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.31	8.30	-0.09	2.47
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.82
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.81	14.69	-0.79	-0.91
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	17.91	18.96	18.96	0.00	5.85
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.69	16.58	16.58	0.00	-0.66
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