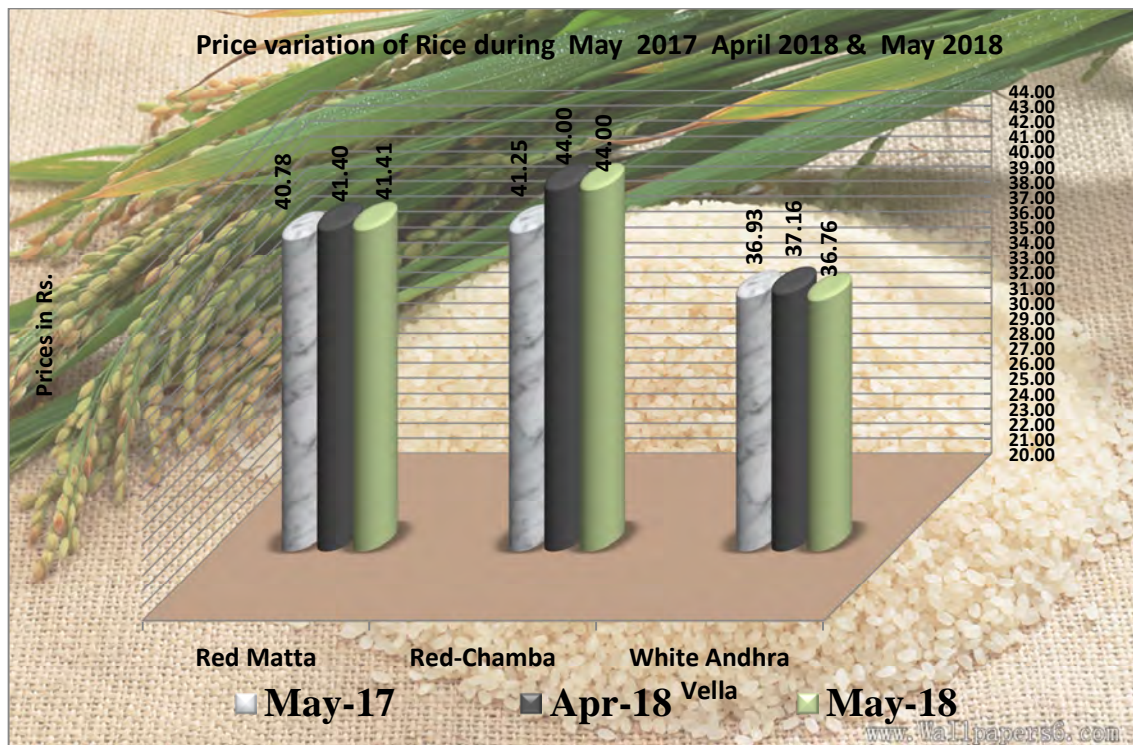




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PREFACE

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, Consumerfed 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 2018

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 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 May of the previous year 2017, previous month April 2018 and current month of May 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

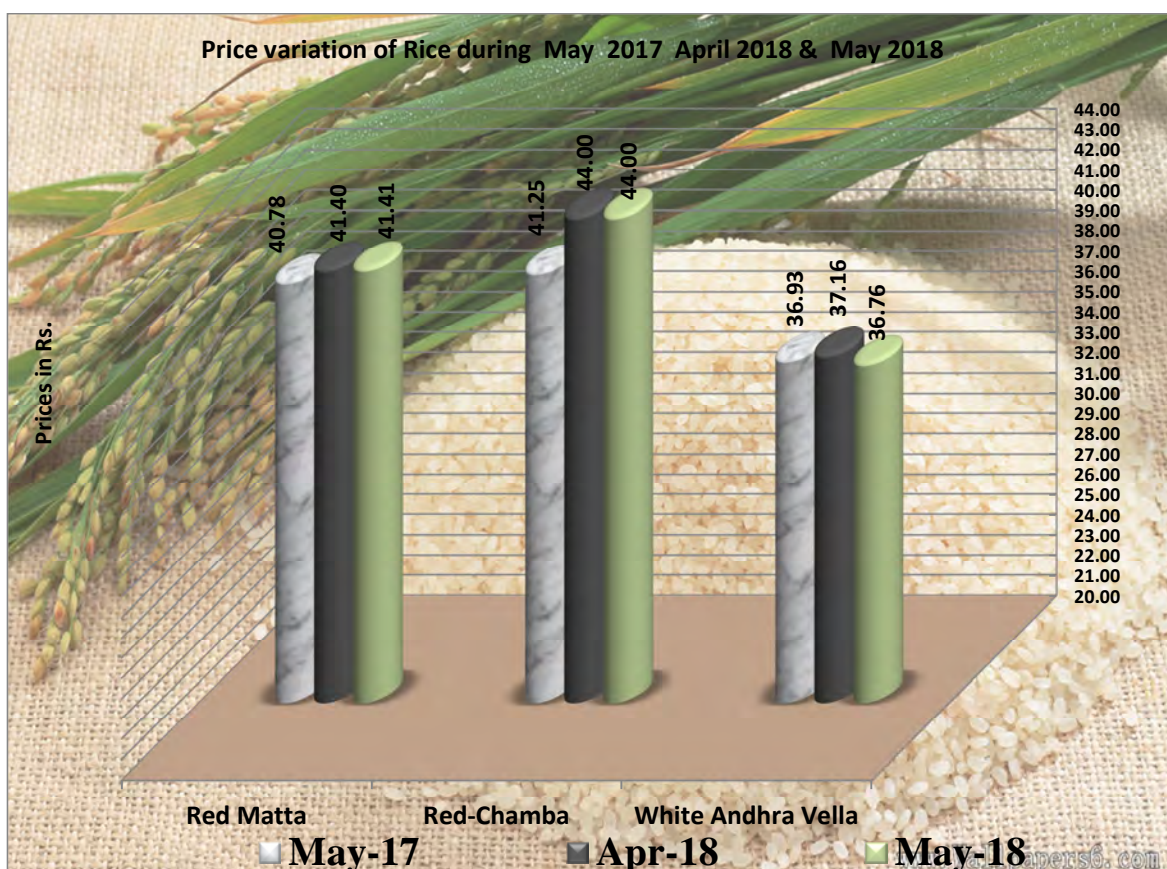
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta showed a nominal increase and Red Chamba showed no change while the price of White Andhra vella showed a downward trend up to 1.09% 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 and Red Chamba showed an upward trend up to 6.67%, while the price of White Andhra vella showed a negative change up to 0.47% 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	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.78	41.40	41.41	0.03	1.54
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.25	44.00	44.00	0.00	6.67
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.93	37.16	36.76	-1.09	-0.47

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

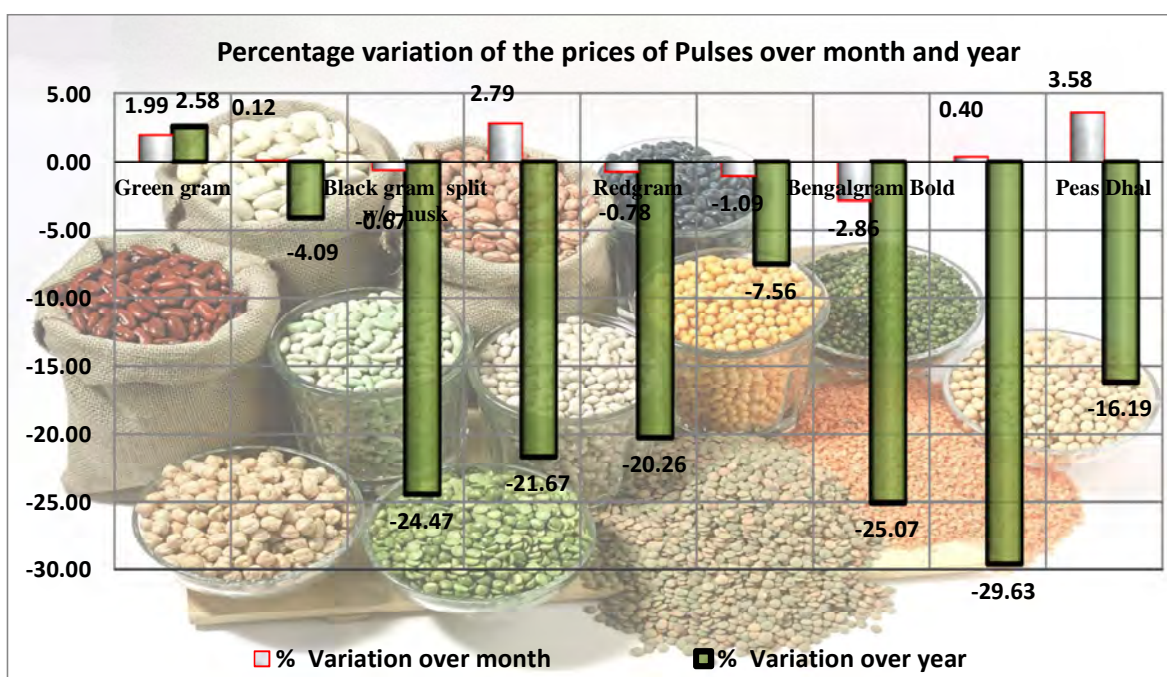
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of Green gram, Green gram dhal Bengalgram Small, Blackgram Split with Husk and Peas Dhall showed an upward trend up to 3.58% while the price of all other items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 2.86% 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 a downward trend up to 29.63% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (24.47%), Blackgram split with husk (21.67%) Bengalgram Bold (25.07%) and Bengalgram Small (29.63%) 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 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	86.59	87.09	88.82	1.99	2.58
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	93.67	89.73	89.84	0.12	-4.09
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	113.30	86.15	85.58	-0.67	-24.47
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	105.80	80.63	82.88	2.79	-21.67
5	Redgram	Kg	87.23	70.11	69.56	-0.78	-20.26
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	89.36	83.52	82.61	-1.09	-7.56
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	97.29	75.04	72.89	-2.86	-25.07
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	89.48	62.72	62.97	0.40	-29.63
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	53.27	43.10	44.65	3.58	-16.19

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

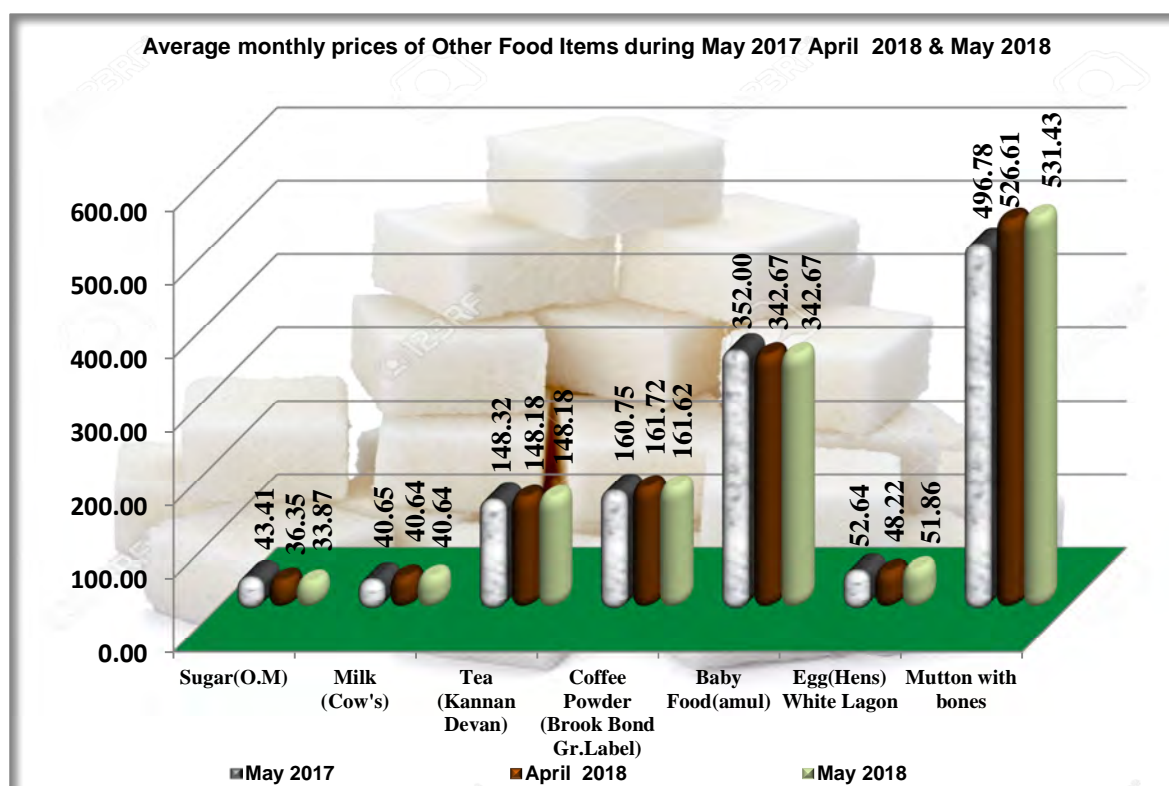
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M), and Coffee Powder (brook Bond Gr. Label) showed a downward trend up to 6.83%. The average retail prices of Milk (cow) and Tea Kannan Devan remained intact during the current month. the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 7.55% 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 Coffee Powder (brook Bond Gr. Label) and Mutton with bones showed an upward trend up to 6.97% while the price of all other items of other food items showed a downward trend up to 21.98% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.41	36.35	33.87	-6.83	-21.98
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.65	40.64	40.64	0.00	-0.02
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.32	148.18	148.18	0.00	-0.10
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.75	161.72	161.62	-0.06	0.54
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	52.64	48.22	51.86	7.55	-1.47
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	496.78	526.61	531.43	0.92	6.97

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

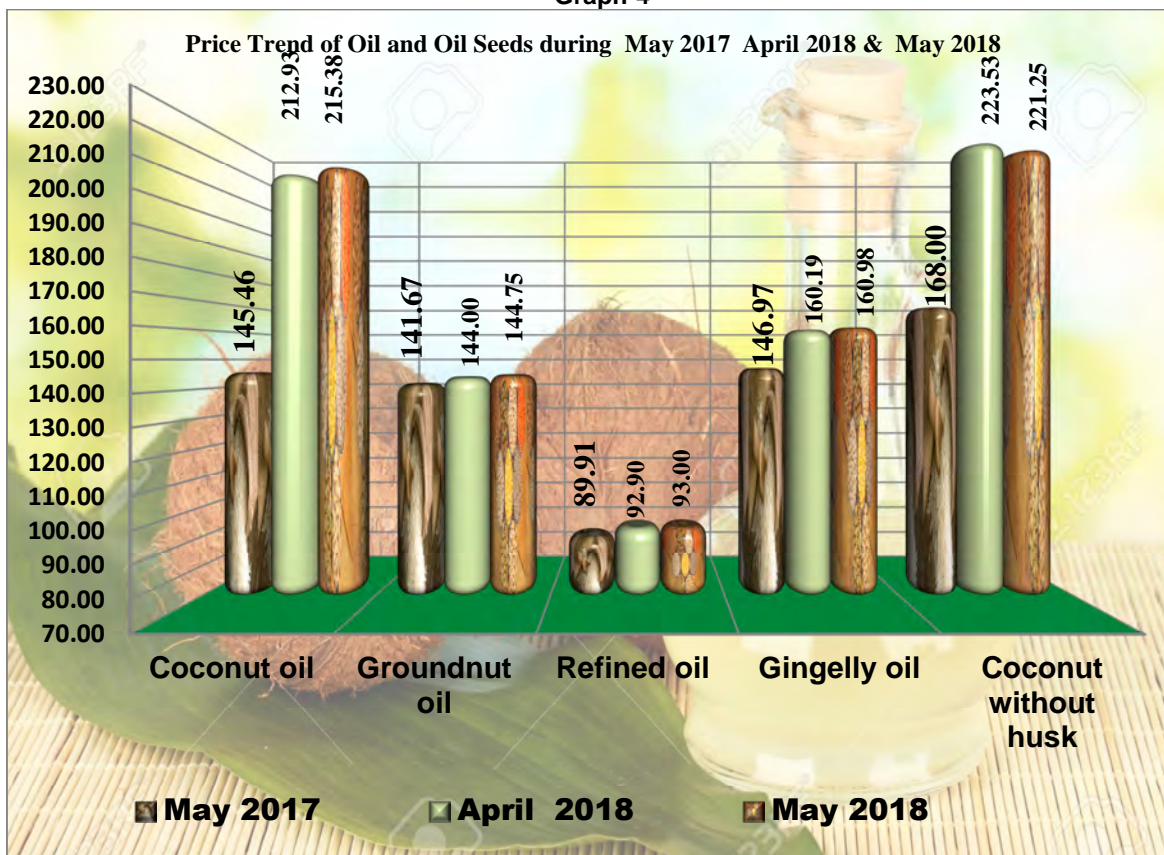
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 1.02% while the price of all other items oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 1.15% 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 price of all items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 48.07%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (48.07%) and Coconut without husk (31.70%) 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	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	145.46	212.93	215.38	1.15	48.07
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	141.67	144.00	144.75	0.52	2.18
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.91	92.90	93.00	0.11	3.45
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	146.97	160.19	160.98	0.50	9.54
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	168.00	223.53	221.25	-1.02	31.70

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

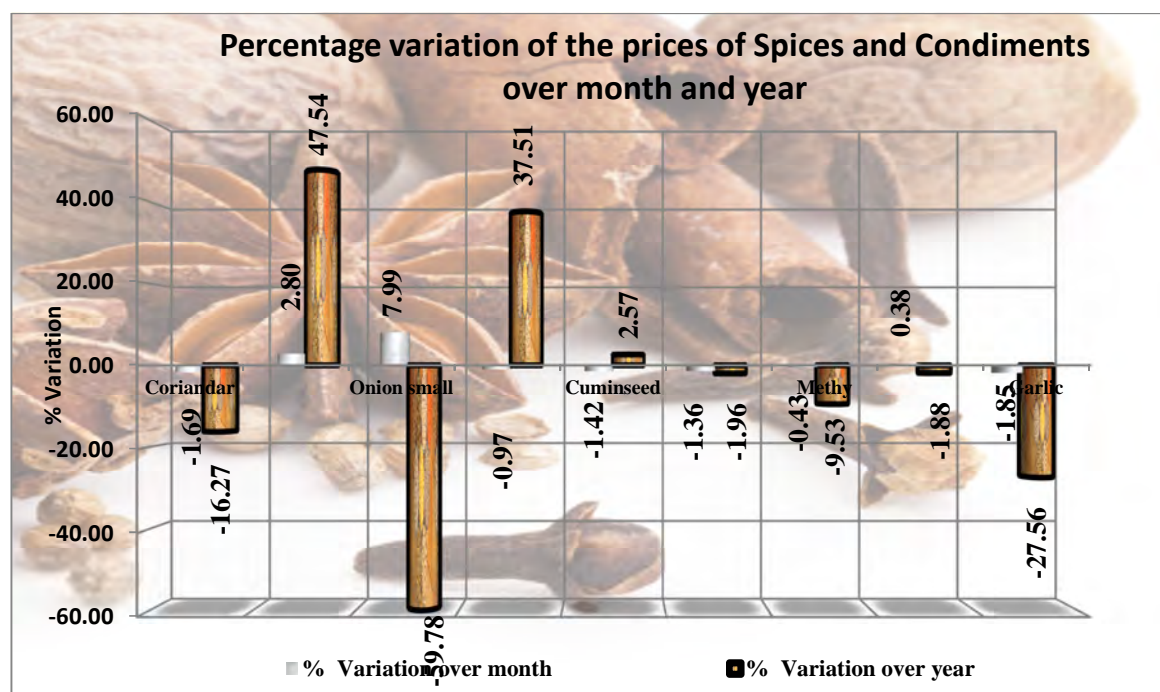
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Chillies dry, Onion small and Turmeric showed an upward trend up to 7.99% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 1.85% 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 Chillies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose and Cuminseed showed an upward trend up to 47.54% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 59.78% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (47.54%) Tamarind without seeds loose (37.51%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (59.78 %) and Garlic(27.56%) 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 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.58	86.52	85.05	-1.69	-16.27
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	83.98	120.52	123.90	2.80	47.54
3	Onion small	Kg.	93.02	34.64	37.41	7.99	-59.78
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	117.01	162.47	160.90	-0.97	37.51
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.55	29.71	29.29	-1.42	2.57
6	Mustard	100gm	9.04	8.98	8.86	-1.36	-1.96
7	Methy	100gm	10.20	9.27	9.23	-0.43	-9.53
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.64	18.22	18.29	0.38	-1.88
9	Garlic	100gm	10.23	7.55	7.41	-1.85	-27.56

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

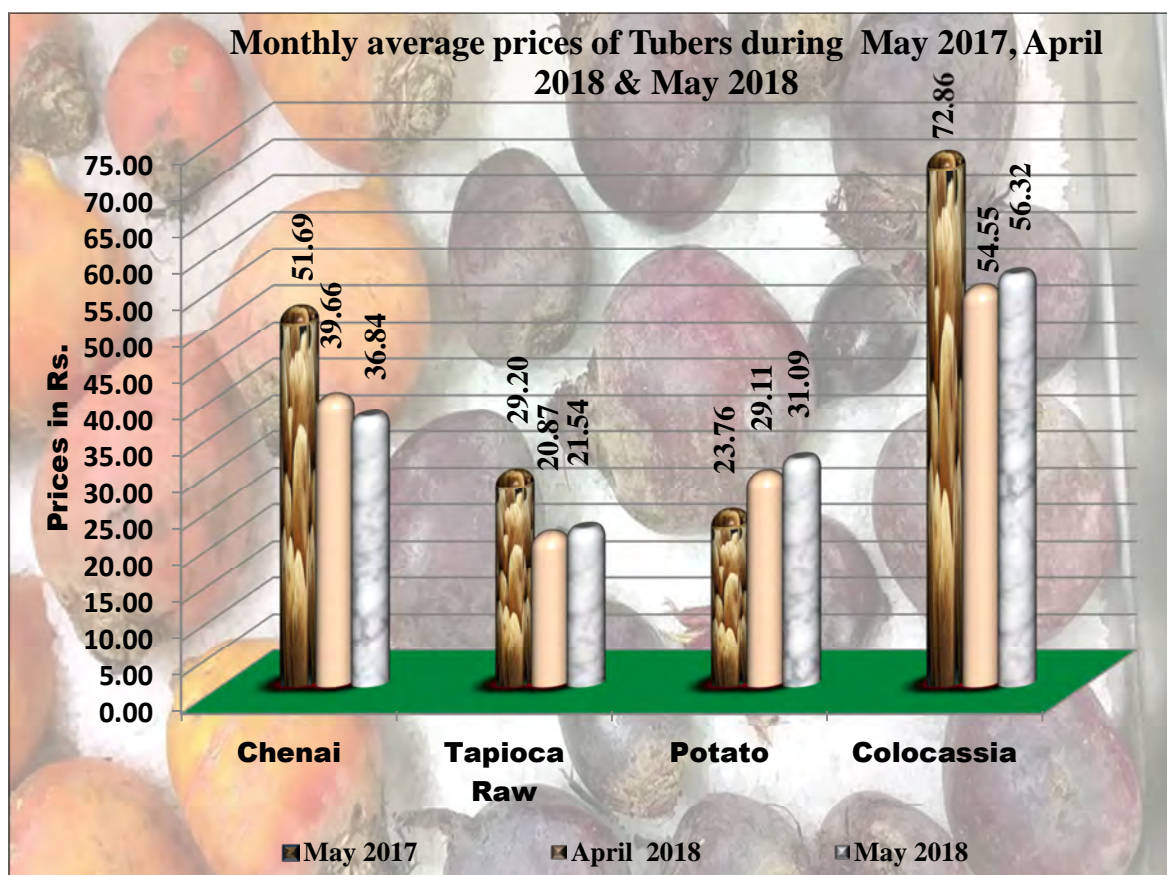
During this period a mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chenai showed an upward trend up to 6.82% 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 Potato showed a downward trend up to 28.73%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Chenai (28.73%) Tapioca Raw (26.22%) 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	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	51.69	39.66	36.84	-7.11	-28.73
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.20	20.87	21.54	3.22	-26.22
3	Potato	Kg.	23.76	29.11	31.09	6.82	30.88
4	Colocassia	Kg.	72.86	54.55	56.32	3.24	-22.69

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

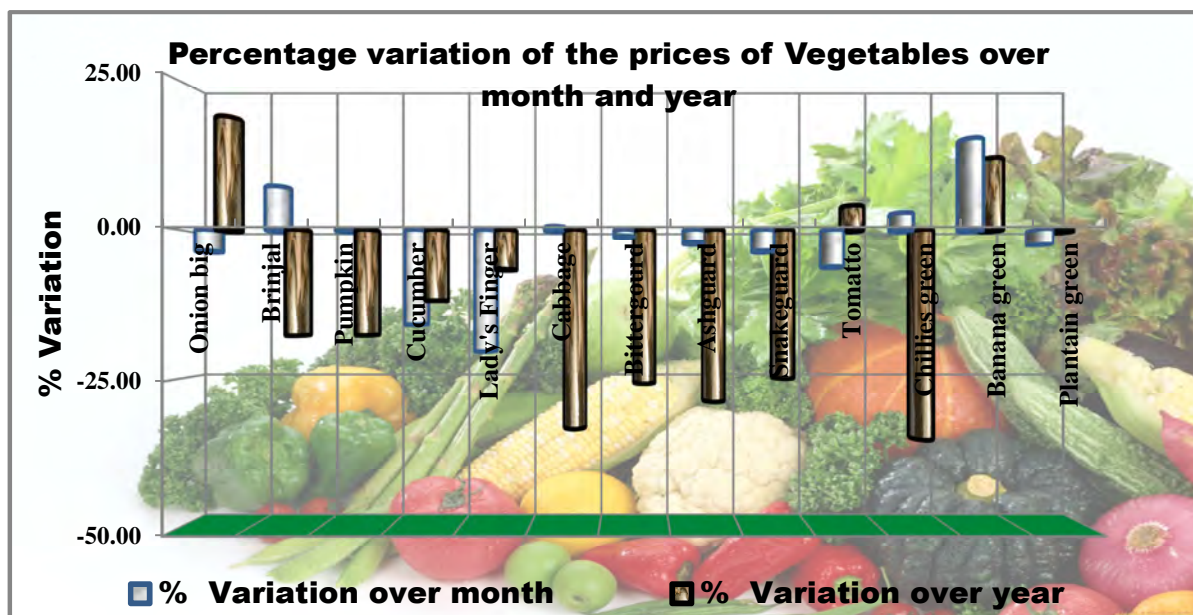
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Brinjal, Cabbage, Chillies green and Banana green showed an upward trend up to 15.22% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 20.45% 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, Tomato and Banana green showed an up ward trend up to 18.83% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 35.19% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Brinjal (17.83%) Pumpkin (17.78%), Cabbage (33.34%) Ashgourd (28.81%) and Chillies green (35.19%), 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 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	14.92	18.39	17.73	-3.59	18.83
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.60	28.80	30.90	7.26	-17.83
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.91	18.04	18.02	-0.10	-17.78
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.78	23.88	20.05	-16.01	-11.96
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	32.23	37.81	30.07	-20.45	-6.70
6	Cabbage	Kg	35.87	23.79	23.91	0.53	-33.34
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	60.18	45.20	44.70	-1.11	-25.72
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	29.43	21.42	20.95	-2.18	-28.81
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.93	32.66	31.49	-3.59	-24.90
10	Tomatto	Kg.	19.57	21.72	20.36	-6.25	4.04
11	Chillies green	100gm	6.36	4.01	4.12	2.81	-35.19
12	Banana green	Kg.	44.96	43.66	50.31	15.22	11.89
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.30	37.11	36.22	-2.41	-0.23

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

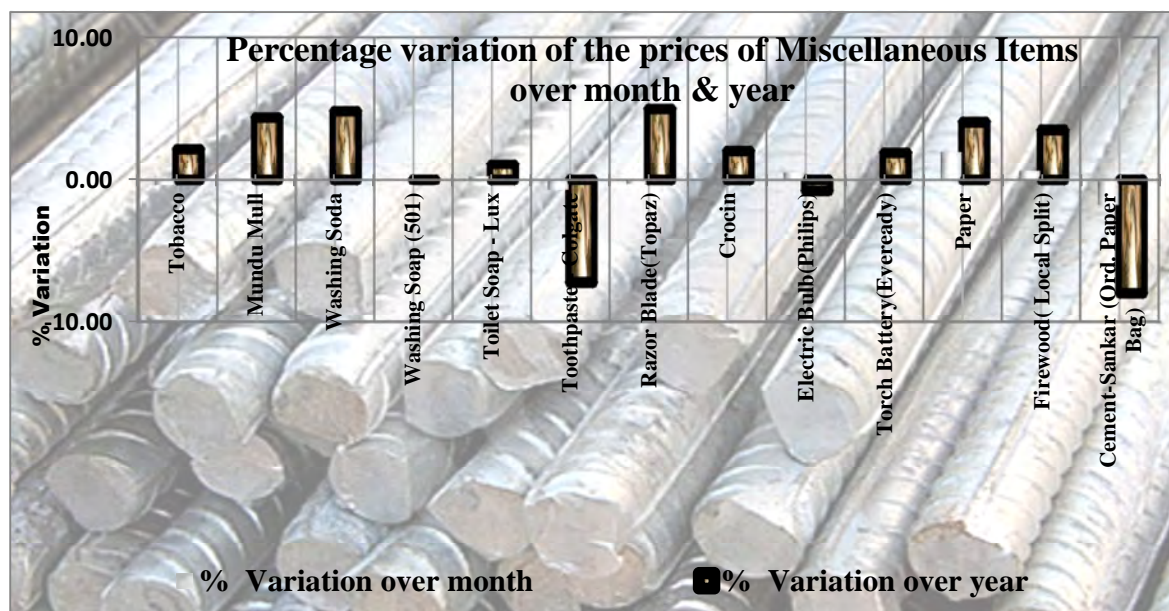
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Washing Soda, Toothpaste Colgate, Razor Blade (Topaz) Torch Battery (Eveready) and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed a downward trend up to 1.71% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Crocin showed no change, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 2.03% when compared with the prices of the previous month. .

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items of miscellaneous except Toothpaste Colgate, Electric Bulb (Philips) and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an upward trend up to 4.94% .

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	190.98	195.89	195.18	-0.36	2.20
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.82	140.50	140.67	0.12	4.34
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.00	47.17	47.15	-0.04	4.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.00	0.00	0.00		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.61	27.84	27.91	0.25	1.11
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.25	46.96	46.64	-0.69	-7.19
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.53	8.50	-0.29	4.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.41	2.46	2.46	0.00	2.07
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.95	14.76	14.83	0.51	-0.77
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.46	18.84	18.82	-0.09	1.95
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.82	17.15	17.50	2.03	4.04
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	498.22	512.50	515.72	0.63	3.51
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	409.85	383.91	377.35	-1.71	-7.93

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2018							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.78	41.40	41.41	0.03	1.54
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.25	44.00	44.00	0.00	6.67
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.93	37.16	36.76	-1.09	-0.47
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	86.59	87.09	88.82	1.99	2.58
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	93.67	89.73	89.84	0.12	-4.09
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	113.30	86.15	85.58	-0.67	-24.47
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	105.80	80.63	82.88	2.79	-21.67
5	Redgram	Kg	87.23	70.11	69.56	-0.78	-20.26
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	89.36	83.52	82.61	-1.09	-7.56
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	97.29	75.04	72.89	-2.86	-25.07
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	89.48	62.72	62.97	0.40	-29.63
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	53.27	43.10	44.65	3.58	-16.19
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.41	36.35	33.87	-6.83	-21.98
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.65	40.64	40.64	0.00	-0.02
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.32	148.18	148.18	0.00	-0.10
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.75	161.72	161.62	-0.06	0.54
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	52.64	48.22	51.86	7.55	-1.47
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	496.78	526.61	531.43	0.92	6.97
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	145.46	212.93	215.38	1.15	48.07
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	141.67	144.00	144.75	0.52	2.18
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.91	92.90	93.00	0.11	3.45
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	146.97	160.19	160.98	0.50	9.54
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	168.00	223.53	221.25	-1.02	31.70
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.58	86.52	85.05	-1.69	-16.27
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	83.98	120.52	123.90	2.80	47.54
3	Onion small	Kg.	93.02	34.64	37.41	7.99	-59.78
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	117.01	162.47	160.90	-0.97	37.51
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.55	29.71	29.29	-1.42	2.57
6	Mustard	100gm	9.04	8.98	8.86	-1.36	-1.96
7	Methy	100gm	10.20	9.27	9.23	-0.43	-9.53
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.64	18.22	18.29	0.38	-1.88
9	Garlic	100gm	10.23	7.55	7.41	-1.85	-27.56

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	51.69	39.66	36.84	-7.11	-28.73
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.20	20.87	21.54	3.22	-26.22
3	Potato	Kg.	23.76	29.11	31.09	6.82	30.88
4	Colocassia	Kg.	72.86	54.55	56.32	3.24	-22.69
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	14.92	18.39	17.73	-3.59	18.83
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.60	28.80	30.90	7.26	-17.83
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.91	18.04	18.02	-0.10	-17.78
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.78	23.88	20.05	-16.01	-11.96
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	32.23	37.81	30.07	-20.45	-6.70
6	Cabbage	Kg	35.87	23.79	23.91	0.53	-33.34
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	60.18	45.20	44.70	-1.11	-25.72
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	29.43	21.42	20.95	-2.18	-28.81
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.93	32.66	31.49	-3.59	-24.90
10	Tomato	Kg.	19.57	21.72	20.36	-6.25	4.04
11	Chilies green	100gm	6.36	4.01	4.12	2.81	-35.19
12	Banana green	Kg.	44.96	43.66	50.31	15.22	11.89
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.30	37.11	36.22	-2.41	-0.23
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	190.98	195.89	195.18	-0.36	2.20
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.82	140.50	140.67	0.12	4.34
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.00	47.17	47.15	-0.04	4.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.00	0.00	0.00		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.61	27.84	27.91	0.25	1.11
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.25	46.96	46.64	-0.69	-7.19
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.10	8.53	8.50	-0.29	4.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.41	2.46	2.46	0.00	2.07
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.95	14.76	14.83	0.51	-0.77
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.46	18.84	18.82	-0.09	1.95
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.82	17.15	17.50	2.03	4.04
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	498.22	512.50	515.72	0.63	3.51
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