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

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February 2019. 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 February of the previous year 2018, previous month January 2019 and current month of February 2019 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

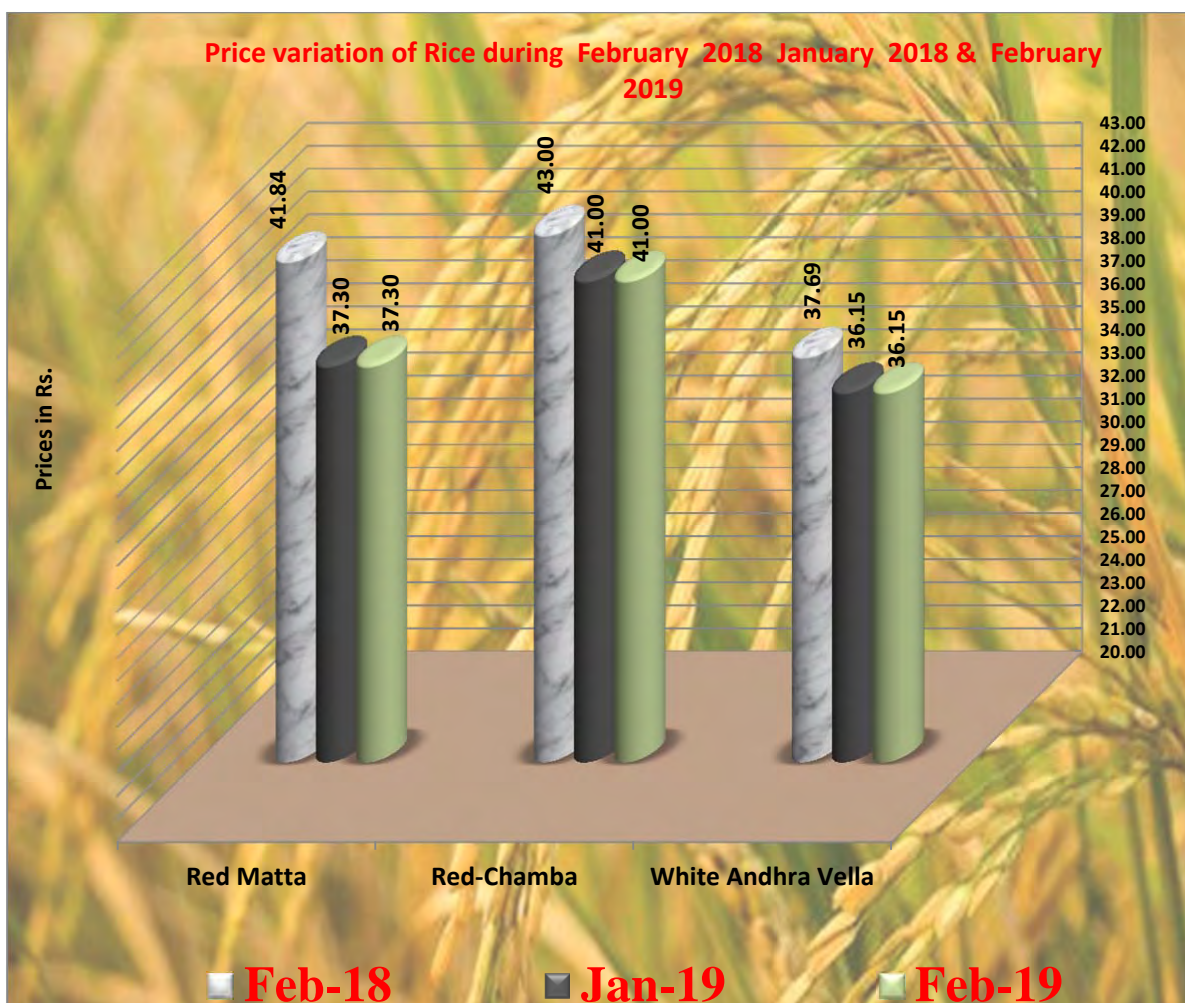
During this period the state average retail price of Rice remain unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month and a downward trend continued in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed a downward trend up to 10.87%. 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.84	37.30	37.30	0.00	-10.87
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	43.00	41.00	41.00	0.00	-4.65
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	37.69	36.15	36.15	0.00	-4.09

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## 2. PULSES

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

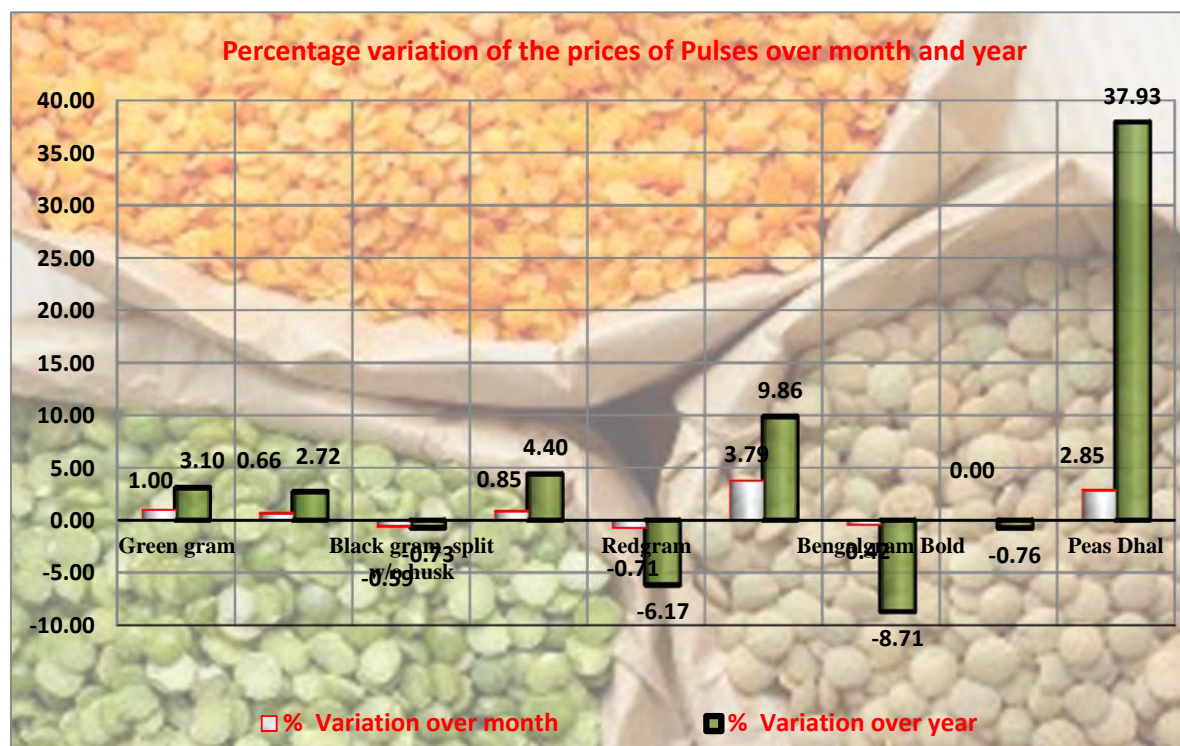
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of Blackgram split w/o husk, Redgram and Bengalgram Bold showed a nominal decrease and the price of Bengalgram Small remain unchanged while the price of all other items of Pulses showed an upward trend up to 3.79% 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 Blackgram split w/o husk, Redgram, Bengalgram Bold and Bengalgram Small showed an upward trend up to 37.93%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Peas Dhall(37.93%) 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	85.86	87.65	88.52	1.00	3.10
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	88.56	90.37	90.97	0.66	2.72
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	89.45	89.33	88.80	-0.59	-0.73
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	85.25	88.25	89.00	0.85	4.40
5	Redgram	Kg	74.07	70.00	69.50	-0.71	-6.17
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	81.11	85.86	89.11	3.79	9.86
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	83.84	76.86	76.54	-0.42	-8.71
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	72.55	72.00	72.00	0.00	-0.76
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	48.50	65.04	66.90	2.85	37.93

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### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

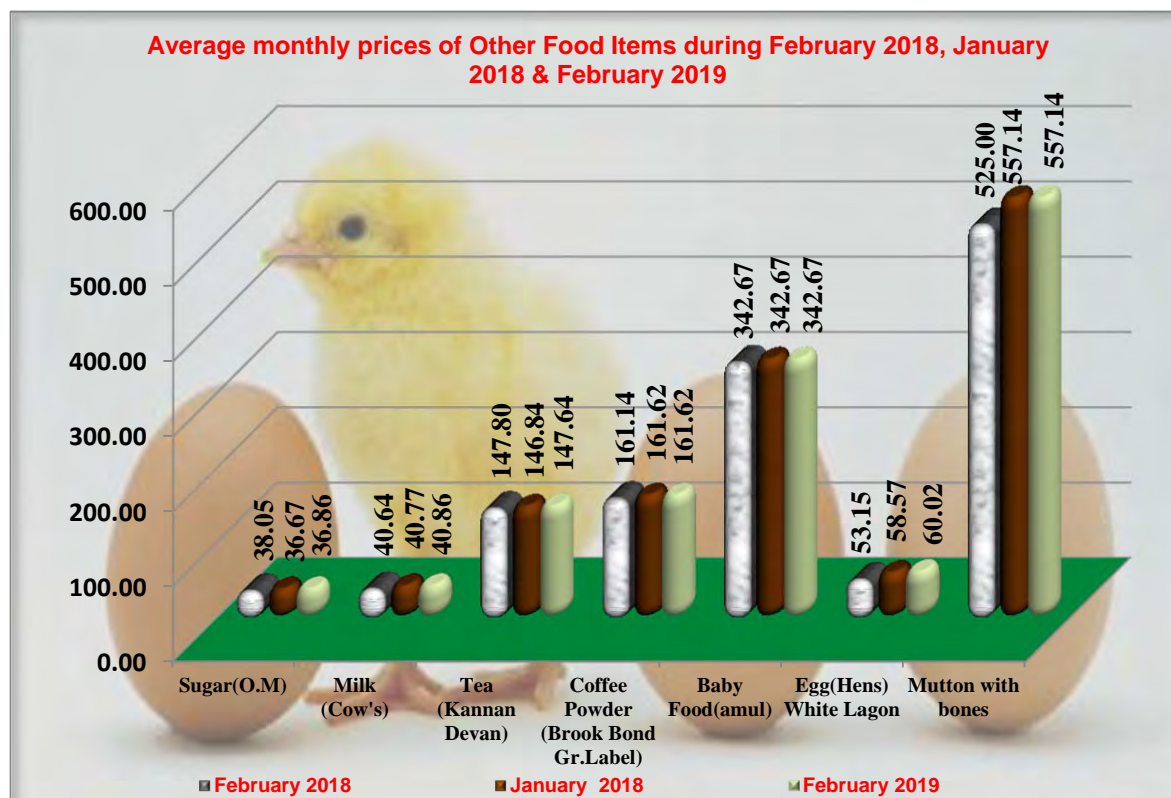
During this period an upward trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label), Baby Food (Amul) and Mutton with bones remain unchanged while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 2.47% 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 Sugar (O.M) and Tea (Kannan Devan) showed a downward trend up to 3.12% and Baby Food (Amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 12.93% 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.05	36.67	36.86	0.51	-3.12
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	40.77	40.86	0.22	0.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.80	146.84	147.64	0.55	-0.11
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.14	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.30
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.15	58.57	60.02	2.47	12.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	525.00	557.14	557.14	0.00	6.12

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

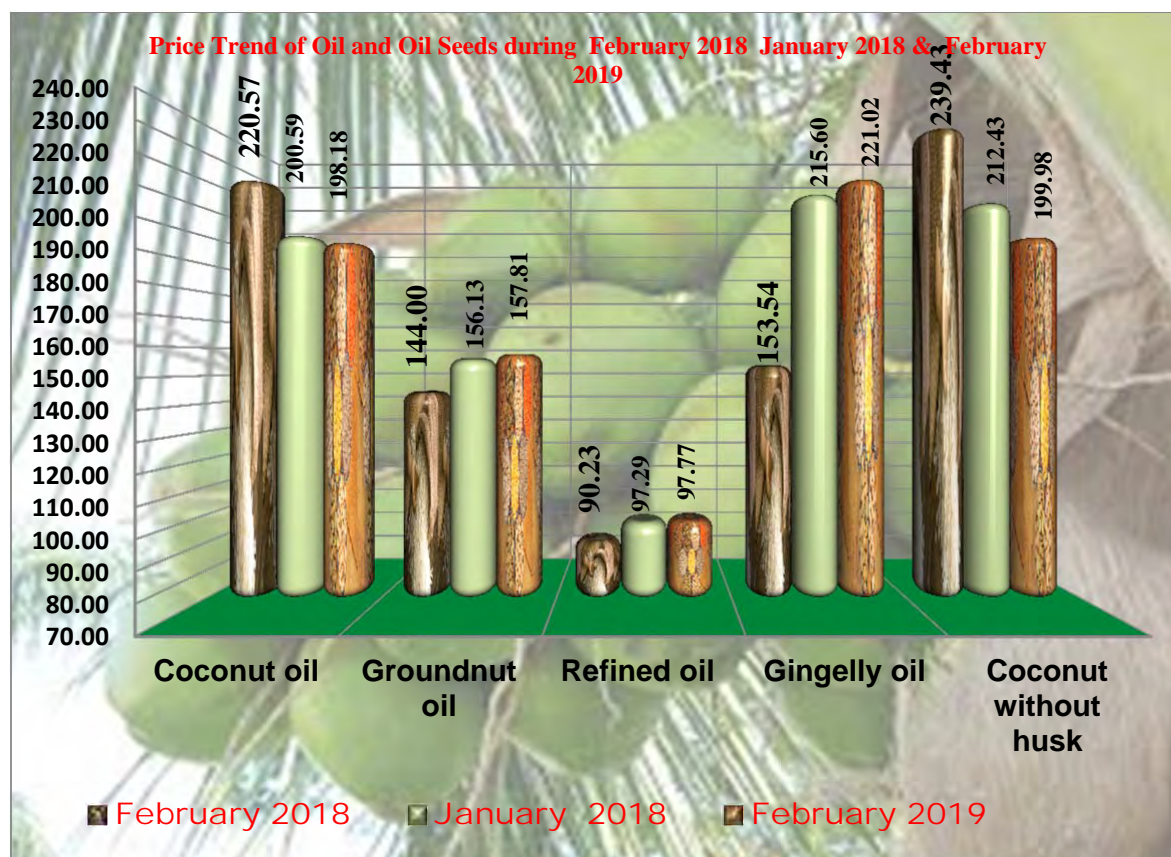
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds except Coconut oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 2.52% 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 except Coconut Oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 43.95%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (43.95%) 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	220.57	200.59	198.18	-1.20	-10.15
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	144.00	156.13	157.81	1.08	9.59
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.23	97.29	97.77	0.49	8.35
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	153.54	215.60	221.02	2.52	43.95
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	239.43	212.43	199.98	-5.86	-16.48

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## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

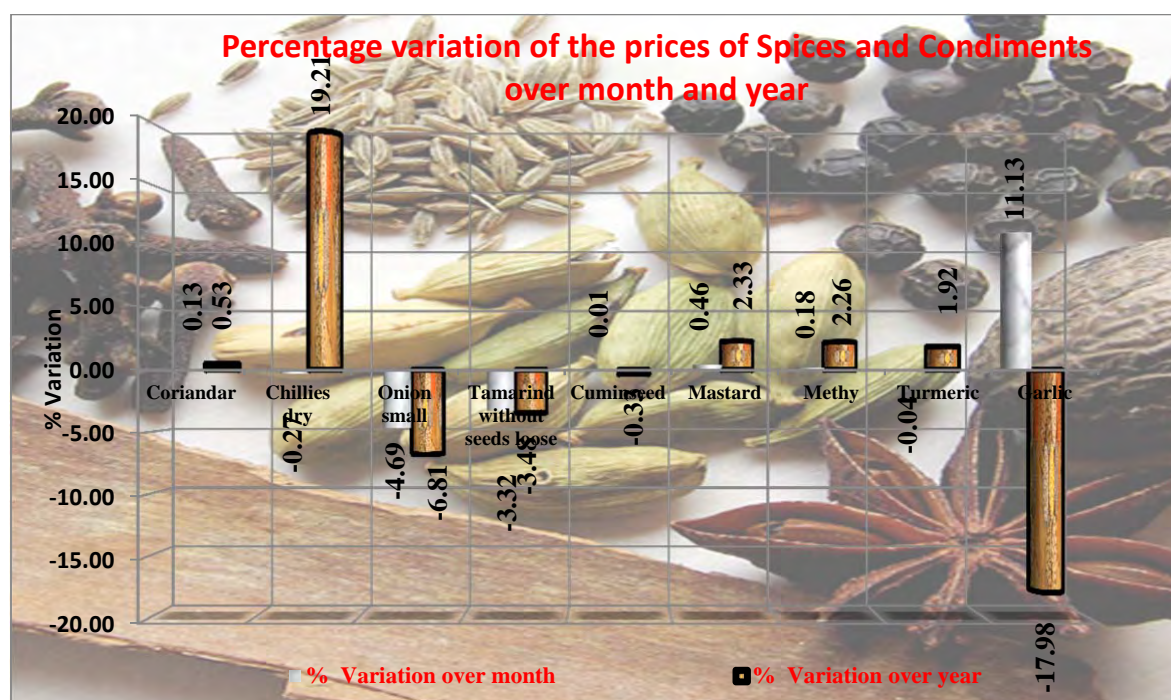
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Chillies dry, Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose and Turmeric showed a downward trend up to 4.69% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 11.13% 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, Tamarind without seeds loose, Cuminseed and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 17.98% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 19.21% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (19.21%) and decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (17.98%) 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	90.68	91.04	91.16	0.13	0.53
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	107.30	128.25	127.91	-0.27	19.21
3	Onion small	Kg.	44.04	43.05	41.04	-4.69	-6.81
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	164.38	164.11	158.66	-3.32	-3.48
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.80	29.70	29.70	0.01	-0.33
6	Mustard	100gm	9.00	9.17	9.21	0.46	2.33
7	Methy	100gm	9.29	9.48	9.50	0.18	2.26
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.25	18.61	18.60	-0.04	1.92
9	Garlic	100gm	8.28	6.11	6.79	11.13	-17.98

Graph 5





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

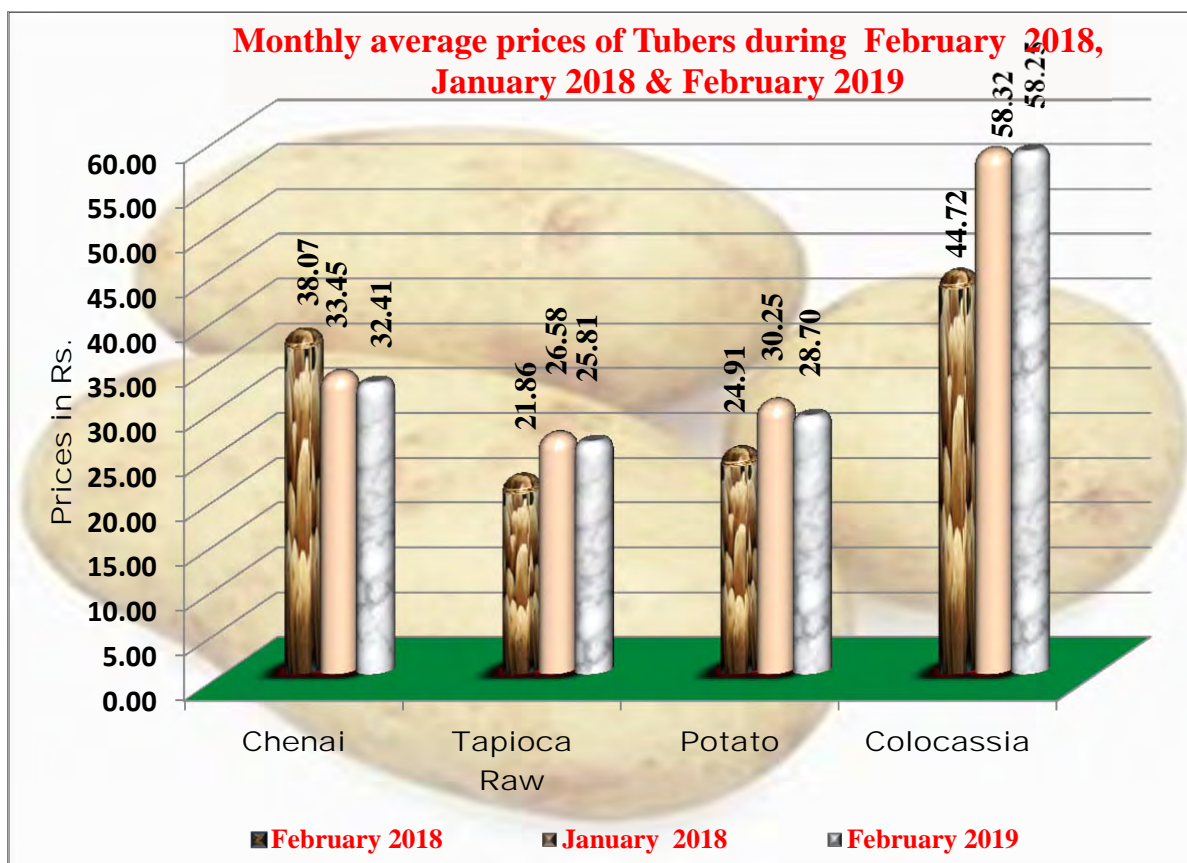
During this period a downward trend was noticed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers showed a downward trend up to 5.13% 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 prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai showed an upward trend up to 30.27%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Colocassia (30.27%) and Tapioca Raw (18.09%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-6**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	38.07	33.45	32.41	-3.09	-14.87
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	21.86	26.58	25.81	-2.90	18.09
3	Potato	Kg.	24.91	30.25	28.70	-5.13	15.19
4	Colocassia	Kg.	44.72	58.32	58.25	-0.12	30.27

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

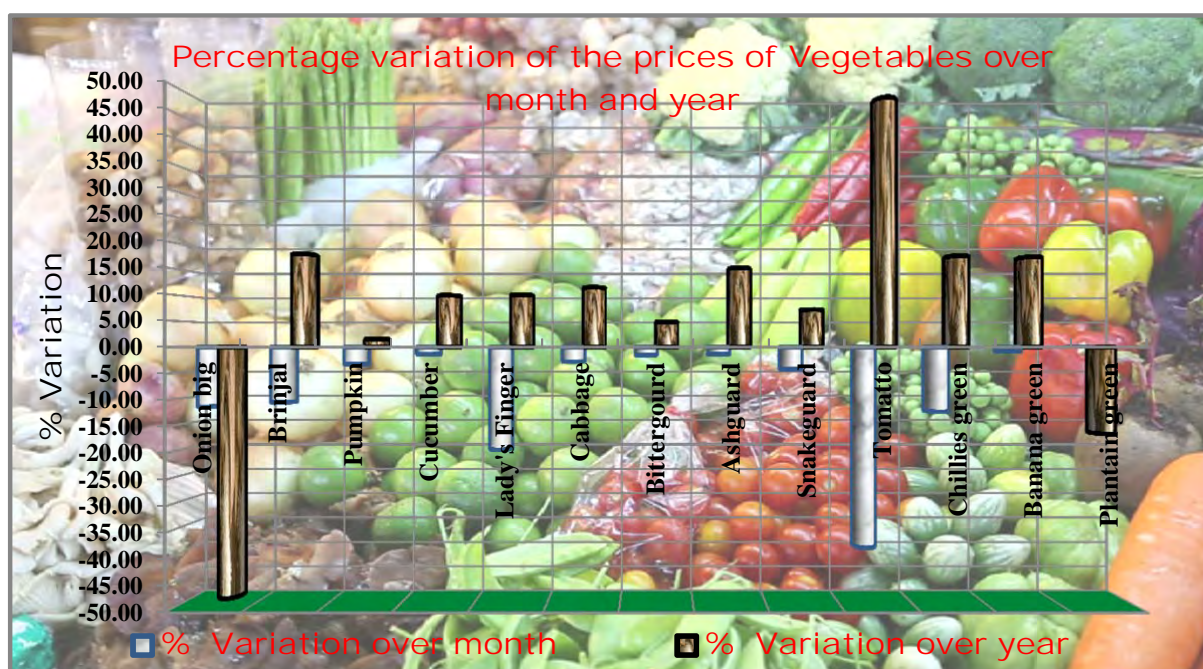
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 38.83% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (38.83%) 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 Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 48.59% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed an upward trend up to 48.29%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (48.59%) and increase was seen in the price of Tomato (48.29%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents 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	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	31.68	18.41	16.29	-11.54	-48.59
2	Brinjal	Kg.	26.93	35.61	31.79	-10.74	18.03
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.75	18.64	18.02	-3.35	1.51
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.62	20.79	20.48	-1.46	9.99
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.40	47.27	37.88	-19.87	10.12
6	Cabbage	Kg	24.02	27.57	26.79	-2.84	11.53
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	43.72	46.56	45.84	-1.53	4.87
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.02	22.25	21.93	-1.45	15.32
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	27.89	31.27	29.91	-4.33	7.23
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.61	37.84	23.15	-38.83	48.29
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.07	5.47	4.79	-12.52	17.63
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.50	44.41	44.04	-0.84	17.43
13	Plantain green	Kg.	38.70	32.13	32.20	0.22	-16.80

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

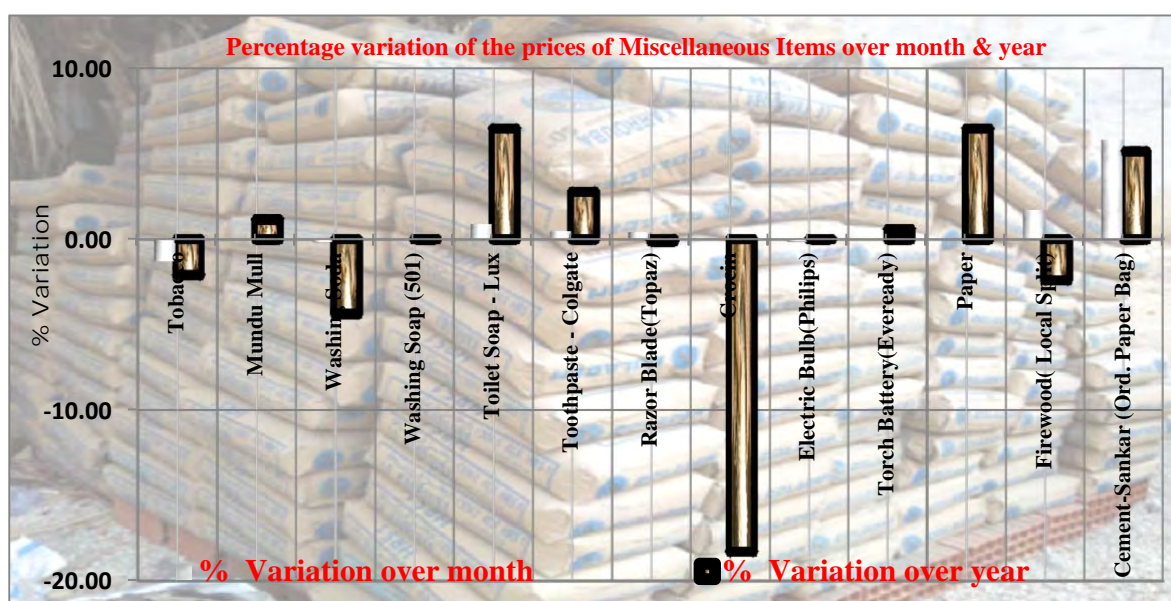
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Washing Soda and Electric Bulb(Philips) showed a downward trend up to 1.26% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Mundu Mull, Crocin, Torch Battery (Eveready) and Paper remain unchanged while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 5.84% 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 Tobacco, Washing Soda, Razor Blade (Topaz) , Crocin and Firewood (Local Split) showed a downward trend up to 18.29% and that of Electric Bulb(Philips) remain unchanged while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 6.47% . Notable decrease was seen in the price of Crocin(18.29%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	200.63	198.93	196.43	-1.26	-2.09
2	Mundu Mull	Each	140.63	142.25	142.25	0.00	1.16
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.23	45.25	45.17	-0.19	-4.37
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	18.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.59	29.12	29.38	0.88	6.47
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	47.07	48.14	48.38	0.49	2.77
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.45	8.41	8.44	0.42	-0.12
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.69	14.71	14.69	-0.14	0.00
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.96	19.07	19.07	0.00	0.58
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.58	17.65	17.65	0.00	6.45
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	507.14	486.67	495.00	1.71	-2.39
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	387.97	385.36	407.86	5.84	5.13

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of February 2019							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2018	January 2018	February 2019	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.84	37.30	37.30	-0.01	-10.87
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	43.00	41.00	41.00	0.00	-4.65
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	37.69	36.15	36.15	0.00	-4.09
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	85.86	87.65	88.52	1.00	3.10
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	88.56	90.37	90.97	0.66	2.72
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	89.45	89.33	88.80	-0.59	-0.73
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	85.25	88.25	89.00	0.85	4.40
5	Redgram	Kg	74.07	70.00	69.50	-0.71	-6.17
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	81.11	85.86	89.11	3.79	9.86
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	83.84	76.86	76.54	-0.42	-8.71
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	72.55	72.00	72.00	0.00	-0.76
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	48.50	65.04	66.90	2.85	37.93
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.05	36.67	36.86	0.51	-3.12
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	40.77	40.86	0.22	0.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.80	146.84	147.64	0.55	-0.11
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.14	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.30
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.15	58.57	60.02	2.47	12.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	525.00	557.14	557.14	0.00	6.12
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
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2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	144.00	156.13	157.81	1.08	9.59
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.23	97.29	97.77	0.49	8.35
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	153.54	215.60	221.02	2.52	43.95
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	239.43	212.43	199.98	-5.86	-16.48
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	90.68	91.04	91.16	0.13	0.53
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	107.30	128.25	127.91	-0.27	19.21
3	Onion small	Kg.	44.04	43.05	41.04	-4.69	-6.81
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	164.38	164.11	158.66	-3.32	-3.48
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.80	29.70	29.70	0.01	-0.33
6	Mustard	100gm	9.00	9.17	9.21	0.46	2.33
7	Methy	100gm	9.29	9.48	9.50	0.18	2.26
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.25	18.61	18.60	-0.04	1.92
9	Garlic	100gm	8.28	6.11	6.79	11.13	-17.98

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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	21.86	26.58	25.81	-2.90	18.09
3	Potato	Kg.	24.91	30.25	28.70	-5.13	15.19
4	Colocassia	Kg.	44.72	58.32	58.25	-0.12	30.27
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	31.68	18.41	16.29	-11.54	-48.59
2	Brinjal	Kg.	26.93	35.61	31.79	-10.74	18.03
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.75	18.64	18.02	-3.35	1.51
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.62	20.79	20.48	-1.46	9.99
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.40	47.27	37.88	-19.87	10.12
6	Cabbage	Kg	24.02	27.57	26.79	-2.84	11.53
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	43.72	46.56	45.84	-1.53	4.87
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.02	22.25	21.93	-1.45	15.32
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	27.89	31.27	29.91	-4.33	7.23
10	Tomato	Kg.	15.61	37.84	23.15	-38.83	48.29
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.07	5.47	4.79	-12.52	17.63
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.50	44.41	44.04	-0.84	17.43
13	Plantain green	Kg.	38.70	32.13	32.20	0.22	-16.80
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	200.63	198.93	196.43	-1.26	-2.09
2	Mundu Mull	Each	140.63	142.25	142.25	0.00	1.16
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.23	45.25	45.17	-0.19	-4.37
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	18.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.59	29.12	29.38	0.88	6.47
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	47.07	48.14	48.38	0.49	2.77
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.45	8.41	8.44	0.42	-0.12
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.69	14.71	14.69	-0.14	0.00
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.96	19.07	19.07	0.00	0.58
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.58	17.65	17.65	0.00	6.45
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	507.14	486.67	495.00	1.71	-2.39
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	387.97	385.36	407.86	5.84	5.13