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PREFACE

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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 2019

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 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 May of the previous year 2018, previous month April 2019 and current month of May 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

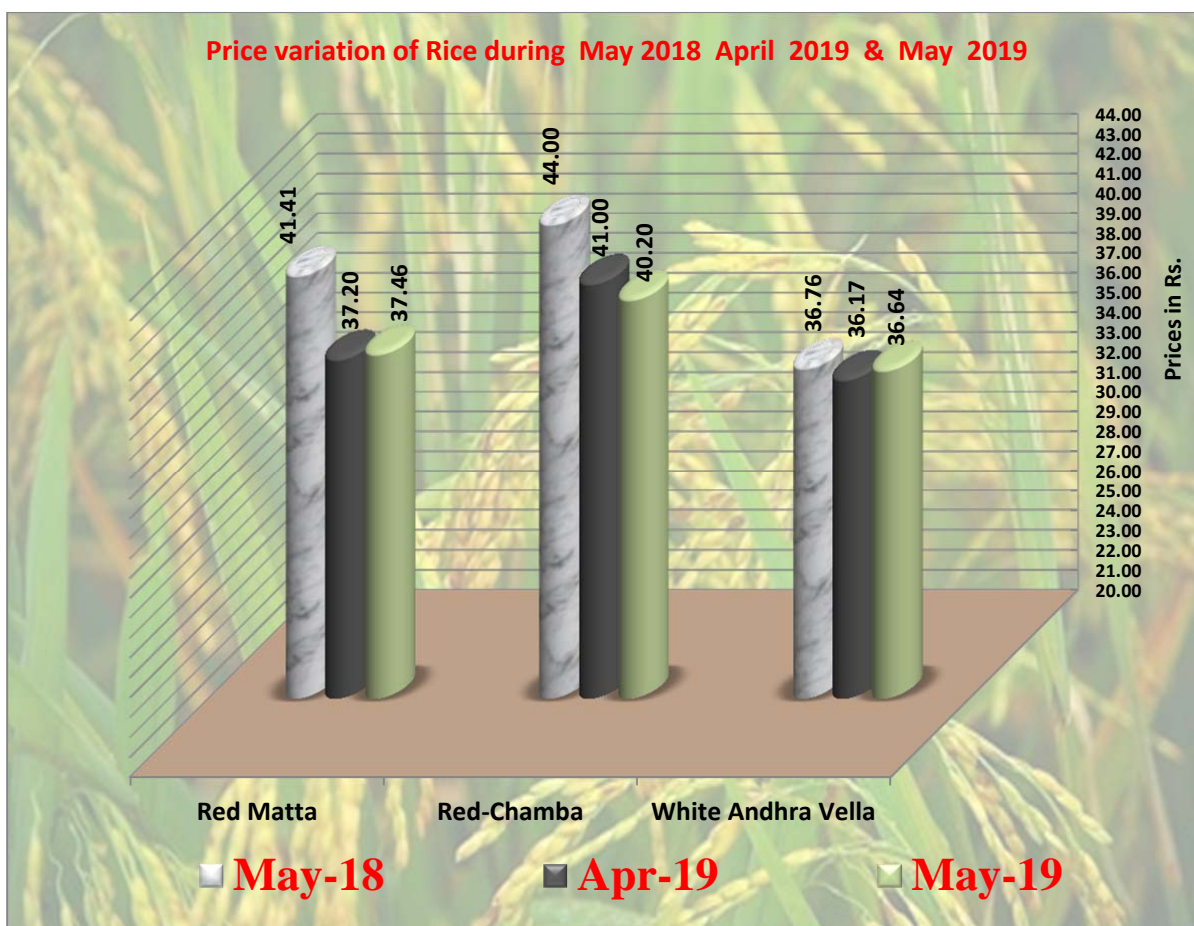
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month and downward trend continued when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella increased by 0.69% and 1.29% respectively while that of Red Chamba decreased by 1.95% 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 a downward trend up to 9.55%. 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 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.41	37.20	37.46	0.69	-9.55
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	44.00	41.00	40.20	-1.95	-8.64
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.76	36.17	36.64	1.29	-0.32

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2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

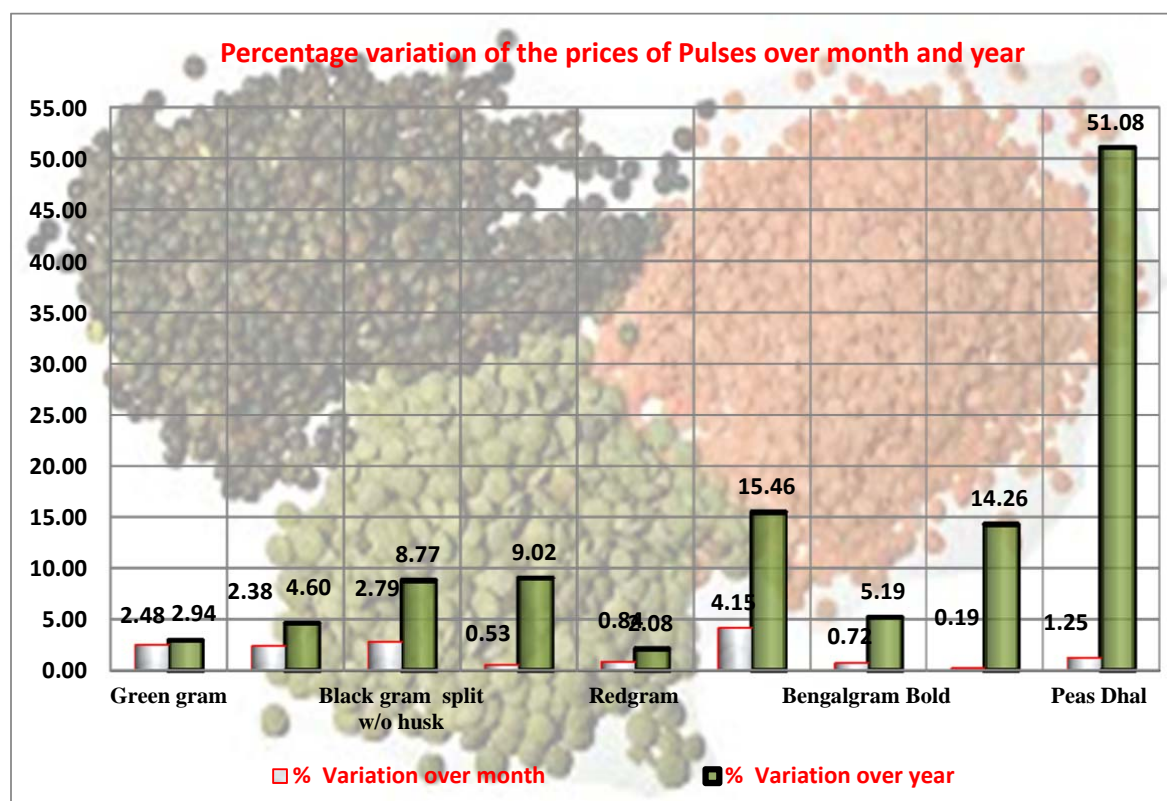
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend were observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of all items of Pulses showed an upward trend up to 4.15% 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 showed an upward trend up to 51.08%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Peas Dall (51.08%) 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 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	88.82	89.22	91.43	2.48	2.94
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	89.84	91.79	93.97	2.38	4.60
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	85.58	90.55	93.08	2.79	8.77
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	82.88	89.88	90.35	0.53	9.02
5	Redgram	Kg	69.56	70.41	71.00	0.84	2.08
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	82.61	91.59	95.38	4.15	15.46
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	72.89	76.13	76.67	0.72	5.19
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	62.97	71.82	71.95	0.19	14.26
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	44.65	66.62	67.45	1.25	51.08

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

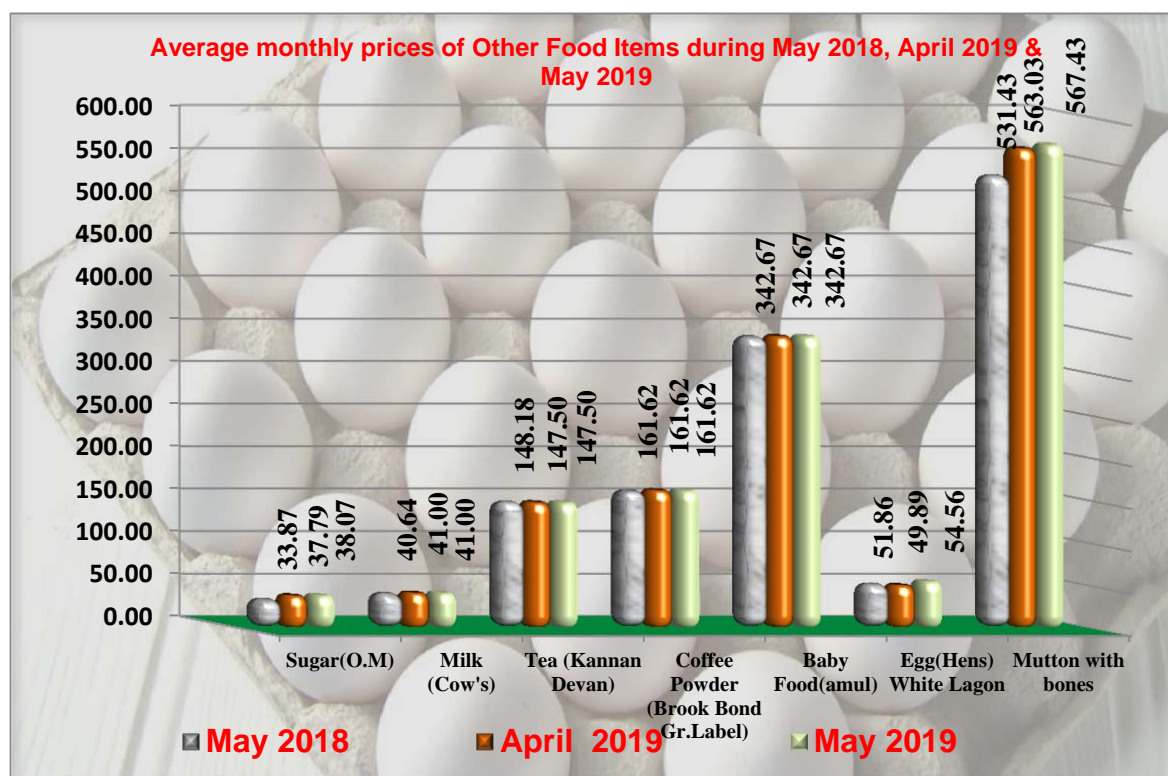
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend were observed when compared with the prices of corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M) and Mutton with bones showed a nominal increase and the price of Egg(Hens) White Lagon increased by 9.36% while the price of all other items of other food items remain unchanged 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 Tea (Kannan Devan) showed a slight decrease and that of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label) and Baby Food (Amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 12.42% 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 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	33.87	37.79	38.07	0.75	12.42
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	41.00	41.00	0.00	0.89
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.18	147.50	147.50	0.00	-0.46
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.62	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.00
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	51.86	49.89	54.56	9.36	5.19
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	531.43	563.03	567.43	0.78	6.77

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

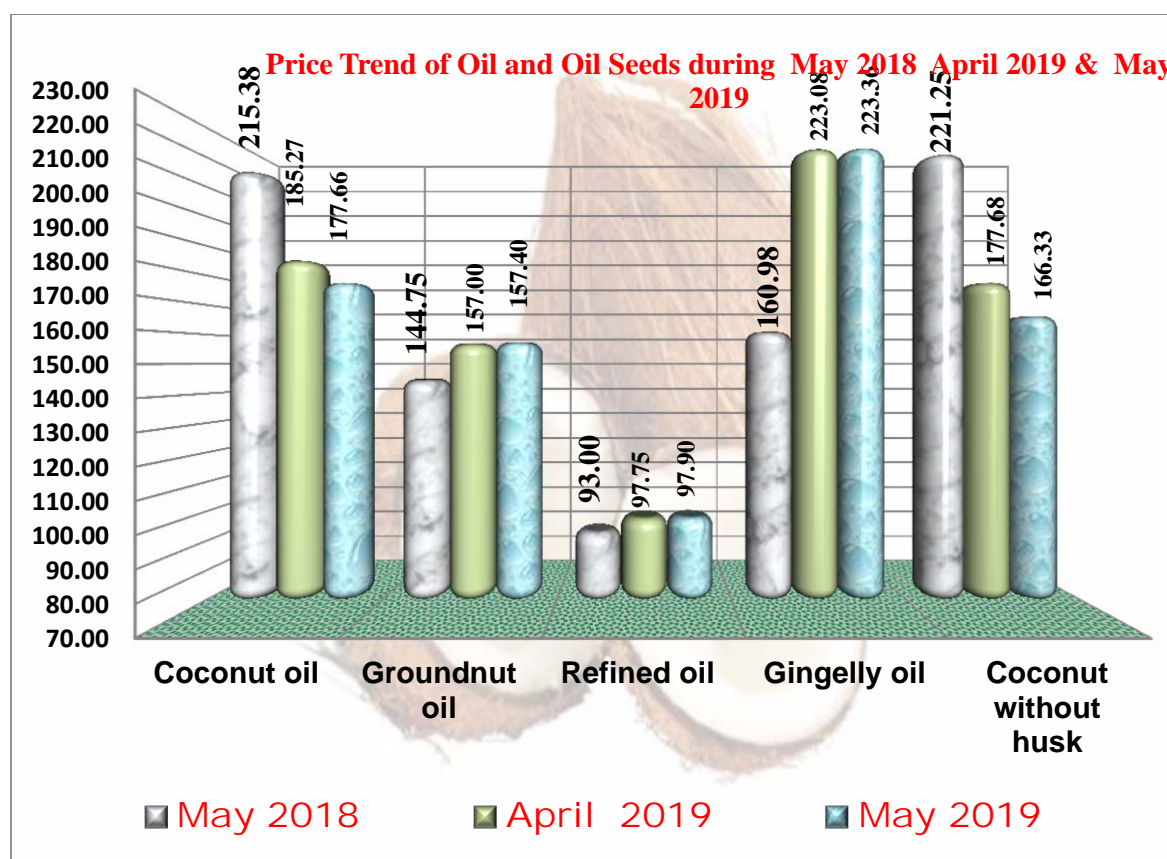
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds except Coconut Oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 0.25% 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 38.75%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (38.75%) 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	
			May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	215.38	185.27	177.66	-4.11	-17.51
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	144.75	157.00	157.40	0.25	8.74
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	93.00	97.75	97.90	0.15	5.27
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	160.98	223.08	223.36	0.12	38.75
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	221.25	177.68	166.33	-6.39	-24.82

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

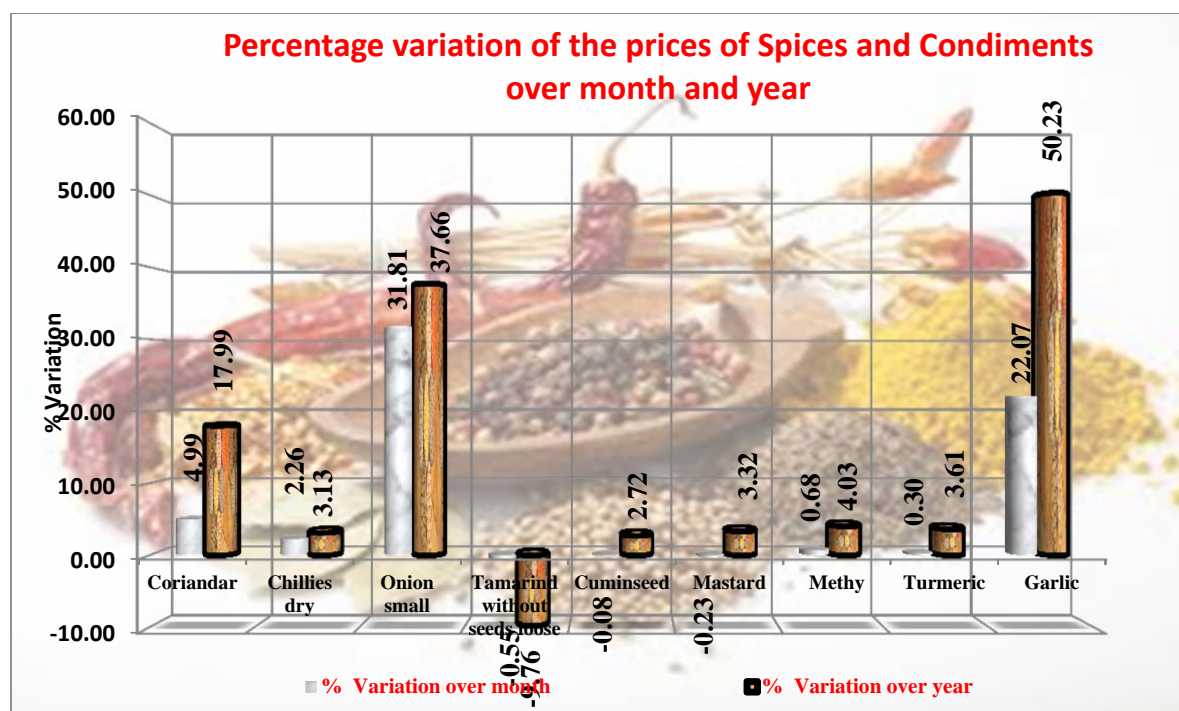
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tamarind without seeds loose, Cuminseed and Mastard showed a downward trend up to 0.55% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 31.81% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (31.81%) 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 Tamarind without seeds loose showed an upward trend up to 50.23% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (37.66 %) and Garlic (50.23%) 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 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	85.05	95.59	100.36	4.99	17.99
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	123.90	124.95	127.77	2.26	3.13
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.41	39.07	51.50	31.81	37.66
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	160.90	146.00	145.20	-0.55	-9.76
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.29	30.11	30.08	-0.08	2.72
6	Mustard	100gm	8.86	9.18	9.15	-0.23	3.32
7	Methy	100gm	9.23	9.54	9.60	0.68	4.03
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.29	18.89	18.95	0.30	3.61
9	Garlic	100gm	7.41	9.12	11.14	22.07	50.23

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

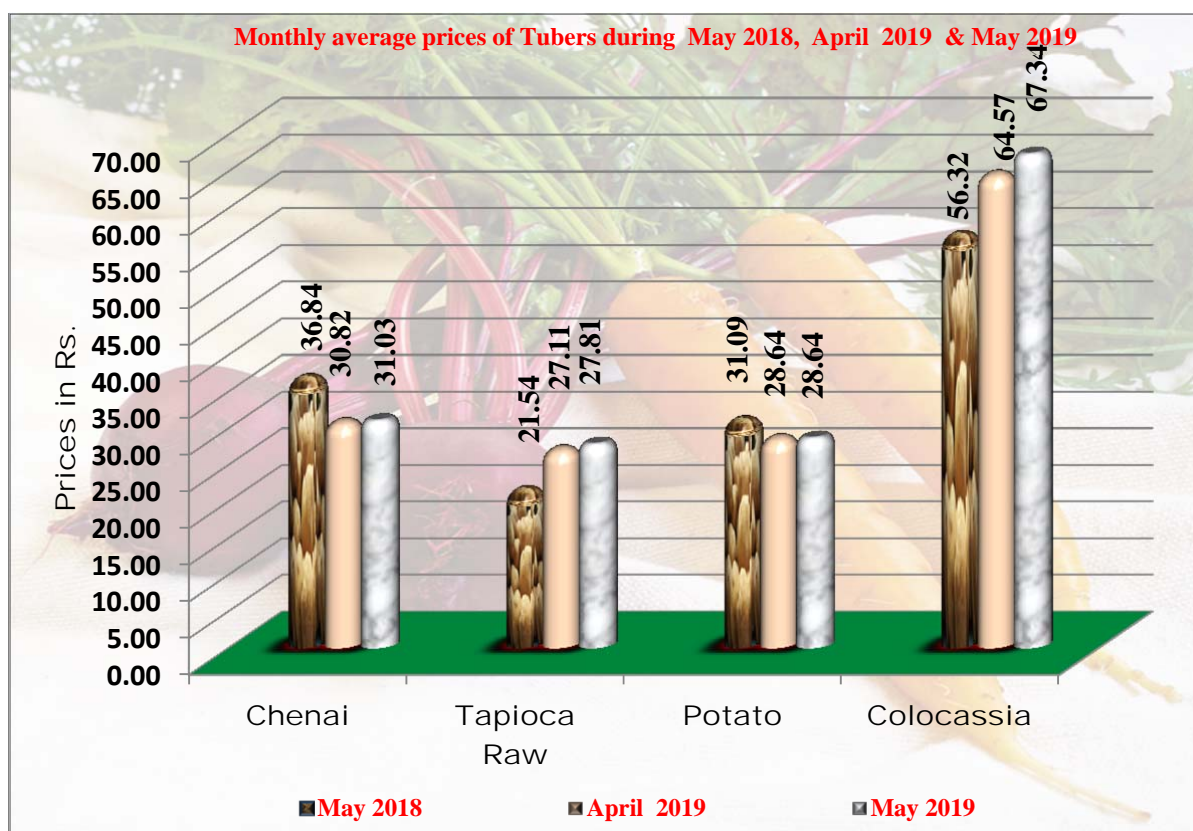
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Potato remain unchanged while the price of all other items of Tubers showed an upward trend up to 4.28% 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 and Potato showed an upward trend up to 29.11%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (29.11%) and Colocassia (19.56%) 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	
			May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	36.84	30.82	31.03	0.66	-15.78
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	21.54	27.11	27.81	2.60	29.11
3	Potato	Kg.	31.09	28.64	28.64	0.00	-7.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	56.32	64.57	67.34	4.28	19.56

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

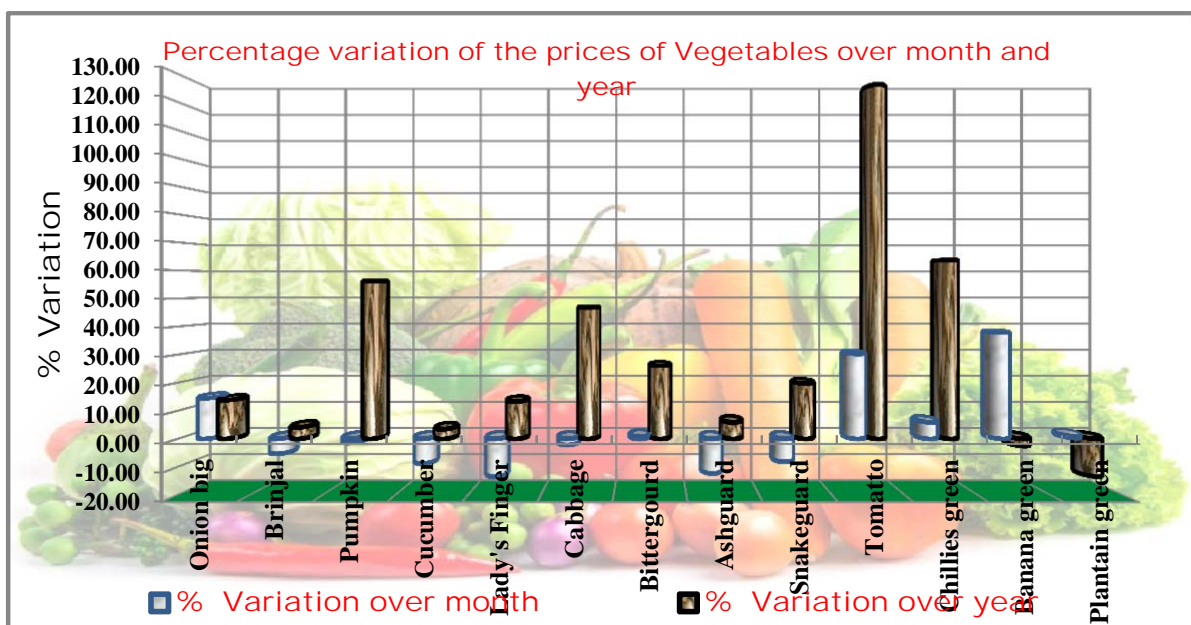
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Bittergourd, Tomato, Chillies green, Banana green and Plantain green showed an upward trend up to 37.79% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 13.40% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (30.22%) and Banana green (37.79%) 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 Banana green and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 13.33% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed an upward trend up to 126.17%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Pumpkin (56.20%), Tomato (126.17%) and Chillies green (63.64%) 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	
			May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.73	17.63	20.17	14.45	13.77
2	Brinjal	Kg.	30.90	33.97	32.16	-5.33	4.08
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.02	28.55	28.14	-1.43	56.20
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.05	22.73	20.74	-8.75	3.45
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.07	39.34	34.07	-13.40	13.29
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.91	35.84	35.07	-2.14	46.69
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	44.70	55.91	56.33	0.74	26.02
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.95	25.29	22.19	-12.26	5.91
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	31.49	41.05	37.70	-8.16	19.75
10	Tomatto	Kg.	20.36	35.36	46.04	30.22	126.17
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.12	6.37	6.74	5.92	63.64
12	Banana green	Kg.	50.31	35.59	49.04	37.79	-2.51
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.22	31.02	31.39	1.20	-13.33

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

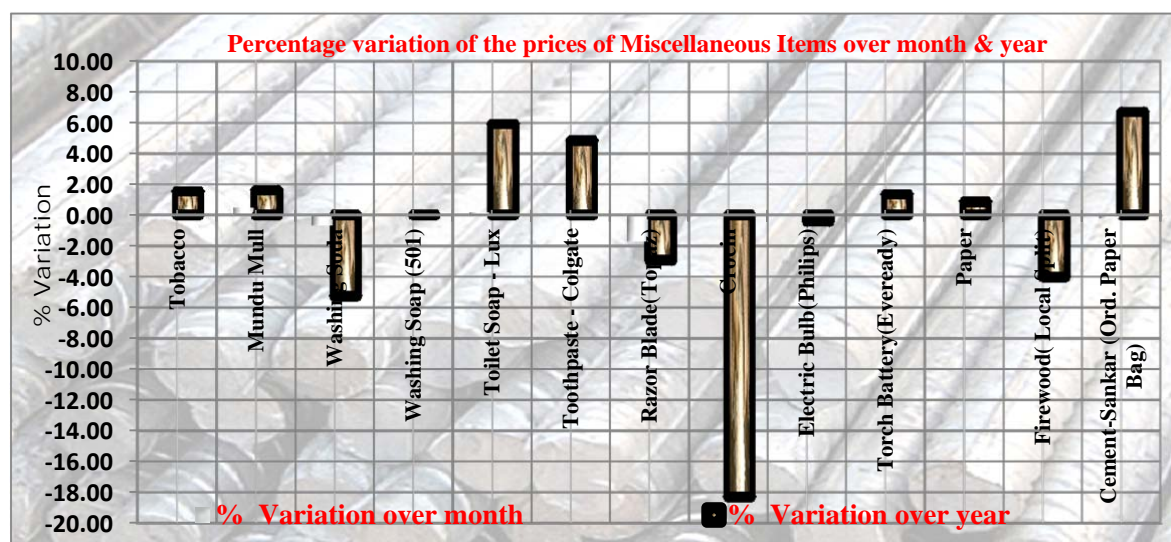
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Washing Soda, Razor Blade(Topaz) and Cement- Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag) showed a downward trend up to 1.70% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Tobacco, Mundu Mull, Toilet Soap Lux and Toothpaste(Colgate) showed an upward trend up to 0.47% while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous remain unchanged 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 Washing Soda, Razor Blade(Topaz), Crocin, Electric Bulb(Philips) and Firewood (Local Split) showed an upward trend up to 6.68%. 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	
			May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	195.18	198.03	198.14	0.06	1.52
2	Mundu Mull	Each	140.67	142.25	142.91	0.47	1.60
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.15	44.98	44.67	-0.68	-5.26
4	Washing Soap (50l)	1/2 Bar	0.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.91	29.50	29.56	0.19	5.89
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.64	48.88	48.89	0.03	4.82
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.50	8.39	8.25	-1.70	-2.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.77	14.77	0.00	-0.40
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.82	19.07	19.07	0.00	1.33
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.50	17.65	17.65	0.00	0.86
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	515.72	495.00	495.00	0.00	-4.02
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	377.35	403.39	402.57	-0.20	6.68

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2019							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.41	37.20	37.46	0.69	-9.55
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	44.00	41.00	40.20	-1.95	-8.64
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.76	36.17	36.64	1.29	-0.32
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	88.82	89.22	91.43	2.48	2.94
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	89.84	91.79	93.97	2.38	4.60
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	85.58	90.55	93.08	2.79	8.77
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	82.88	89.88	90.35	0.53	9.02
5	Redgram	Kg	69.56	70.41	71.00	0.84	2.08
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	82.61	91.59	95.38	4.15	15.46
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	72.89	76.13	76.67	0.72	5.19
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	62.97	71.82	71.95	0.19	14.26
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	44.65	66.62	67.45	1.25	51.08
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	33.87	37.79	38.07	0.75	12.42
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	41.00	41.00	0.00	0.89
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.18	147.50	147.50	0.00	-0.46
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.62	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.00
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
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1	Coriander	Kg.	85.05	95.59	100.36	4.99	17.99
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	123.90	124.95	127.77	2.26	3.13
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.41	39.07	51.50	31.81	37.66
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	160.90	146.00	145.20	-0.55	-9.76
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.29	30.11	30.08	-0.08	2.72
6	Mustard	100gm	8.86	9.18	9.15	-0.23	3.32
7	Methy	100gm	9.23	9.54	9.60	0.68	4.03
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.29	18.89	18.95	0.30	3.61
9	Garlic	100gm	7.41	9.12	11.14	22.07	50.23

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3	Potato	Kg.	31.09	28.64	28.64	0.00	-7.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	56.32	64.57	67.34	4.28	19.56
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.73	17.63	20.17	14.45	13.77
2	Brinjal	Kg.	30.90	33.97	32.16	-5.33	4.08
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.02	28.55	28.14	-1.43	56.20
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.05	22.73	20.74	-8.75	3.45
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.07	39.34	34.07	-13.40	13.29
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.91	35.84	35.07	-2.14	46.69
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	44.70	55.91	56.33	0.74	26.02
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.95	25.29	22.19	-12.26	5.91
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	31.49	41.05	37.70	-8.16	19.75
10	Tomato	Kg.	20.36	35.36	46.04	30.22	126.17
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.12	6.37	6.74	5.92	63.64
12	Banana green	Kg.	50.31	35.59	49.04	37.79	-2.51
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.22	31.02	31.39	1.20	-13.33
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	195.18	198.03	198.14	0.06	1.52
2	Mundu Mull	Each	140.67	142.25	142.91	0.47	1.60
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.15	44.98	44.67	-0.68	-5.26
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	0.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.91	29.50	29.56	0.19	5.89
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.64	48.88	48.89	0.03	4.82
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.50	8.39	8.25	-1.70	-2.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.77	14.77	0.00	-0.40
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.82	19.07	19.07	0.00	1.33
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.50	17.65	17.65	0.00	0.86
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	515.72	495.00	495.00	0.00	-4.02
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	377.35	403.39	402.57	-0.20	6.68