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

**October- 2023**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of October 2023. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last months as well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of October of the previous year 2022, previous month September 2023 and current month of October 2023 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year are included in this report. 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 Price of different varieties of Rice

During the month a marginal increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Rice varieties when compared with the prices of the previous month but a mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

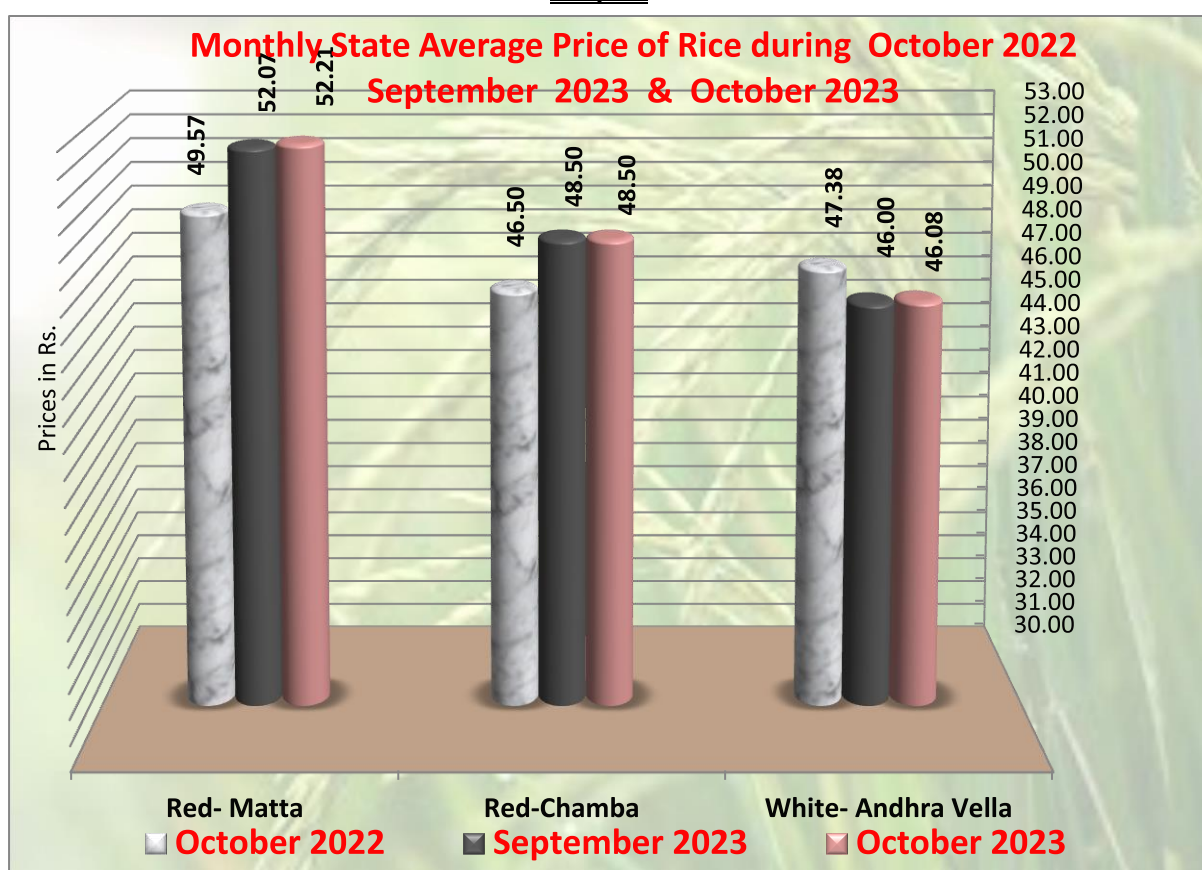
The State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta increased by 0.27% and Andhra-Vella increased by 0.17% only, but there was no change in the price of Red - Chamba when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta and Red-Chamba increased by 5.33% and 4.3% respectively while notable decrease was seen in the price of Andhra-Vella (2.74%).

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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	49.57	52.07	52.21	0.27	5.33
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	46.5	48.5	48.5	-	4.3
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	47.38	46	46.08	0.17	-2.74

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of State Average Retail Price of Pulses

During the month an increasing 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.

When compared with the prices of previous month notable increase was seen in the price of Peas Dhall (3.81%), Dhall (Tur) (2.77%), Bengal Gram Bold (2.77%), Black Gram split without husk (2.65%), Bengal Gram small (1.59%) and Black Gram split with husk (1.11%), but all other items have only marginal variations.

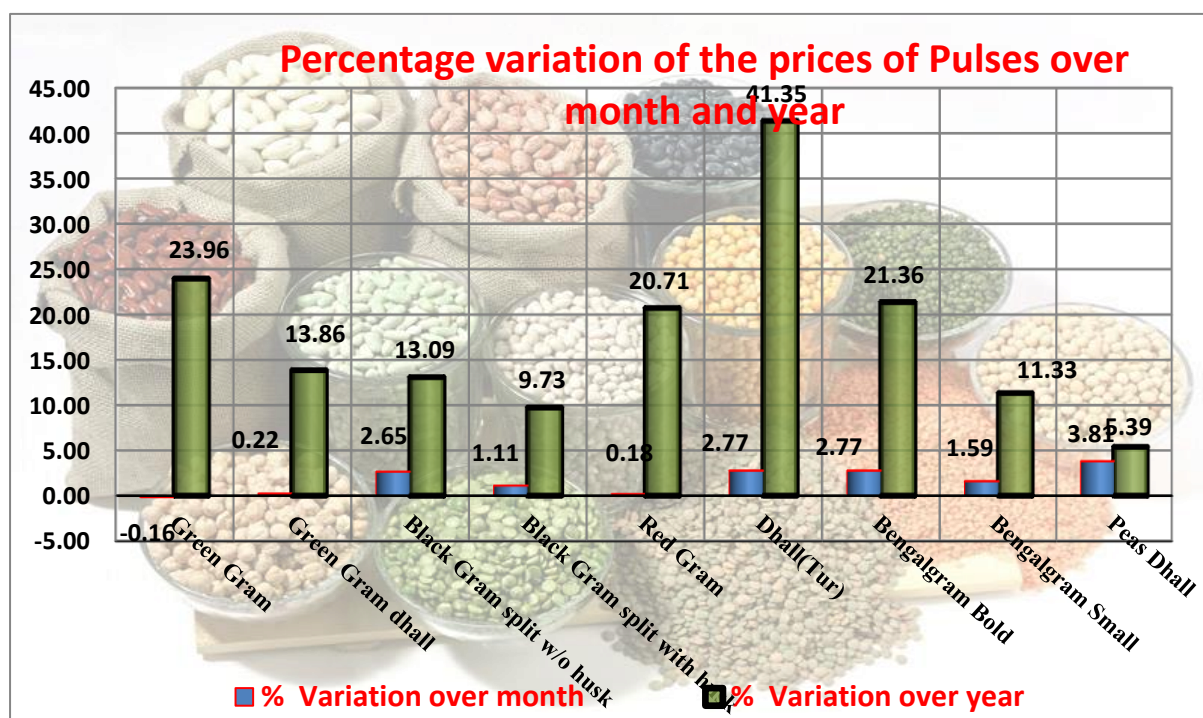
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhall (Tur) (41.35%), Green gram (23.96%), Bengal Gram Bold (21.36%), Red Gram (20.71%), Green Gram Dhall (13.86%), Black Gram split without husk (13.09%), Bengal Gram small (11.33%), Black Gram split with husk (9.73%) and Peas Dhall (5.39%).

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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	112.71	139.93	139.71	-0.16	23.96
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	117.57	133.57	133.86	0.22	13.86
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	126.8	139.7	143.4	2.65	13.09
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	124.4	135	136.5	1.11	9.73
5	Redgram	Kg.	99	119.29	119.5	0.18	20.71
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	127.14	174.86	179.71	2.77	41.35
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	89.64	105.86	108.79	2.77	21.36
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	78.8	86.36	87.73	1.59	11.33
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	82	83.25	86.42	3.81	5.39

**Graph – 2**



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

#### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Other Food items.

During the month an increasing trend was observed 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.

When compared with the prices of previous month notable increase was seen in Egg Hen's (White lagon) (7.5%) and Baby Food Amul (5.14%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

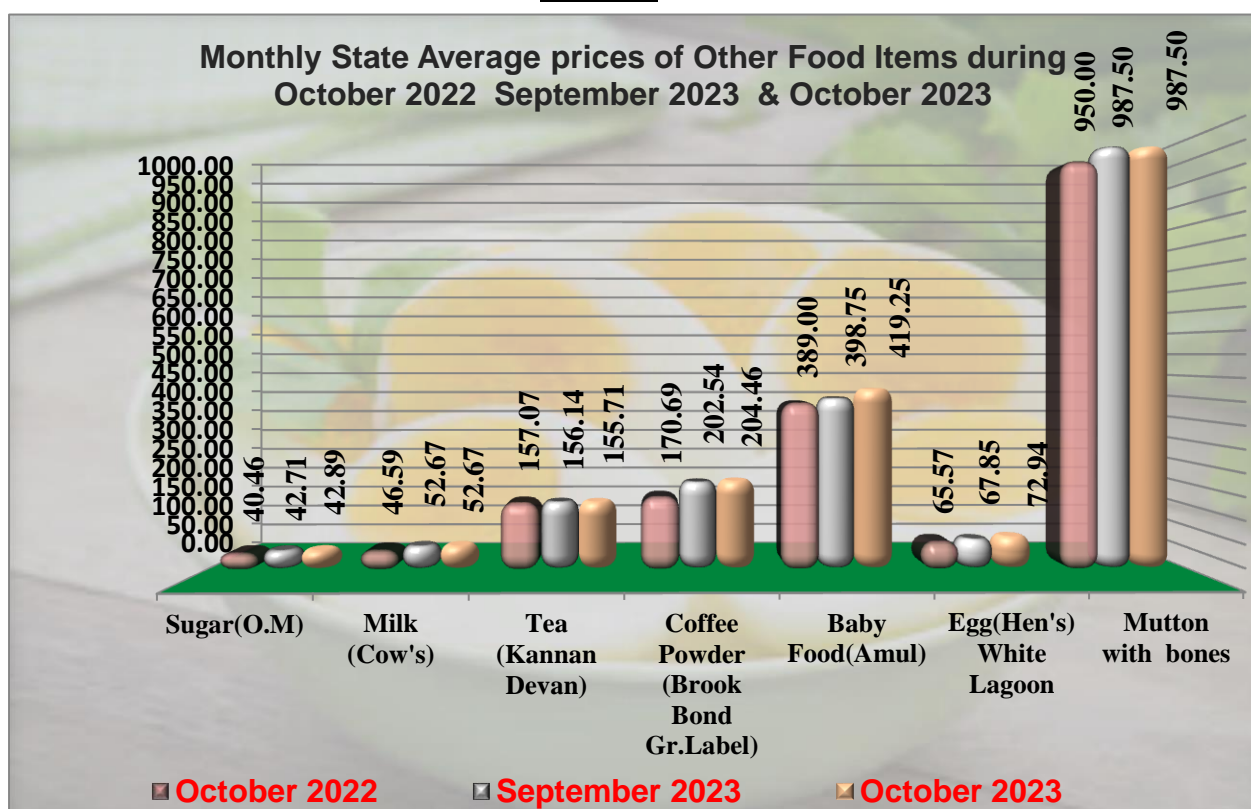
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Other Food items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (19.78%), Milk (Cow's) (13.05%), Egg Hen's (White lagon) (11.24%), Baby Food Amul (7.78%), Sugar (O.M) (6.01%) and Mutton without bones (3.95%).

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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.46	42.71	42.89	0.42	6.01
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	157.07	156.14	155.71	-0.28	-0.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	170.69	202.54	204.46	0.95	19.78
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	389	398.75	419.25	5.14	7.78
6	Egg Hen's (White lagon)	Dozen	65.57	67.85	72.94	7.5	11.24
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	950	987.5	987.5	-	3.95

**Graph-3**



#### 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

##### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

During the month a mixed trend was seen in the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of previous month a mixed trend was observed. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (7.38%) and Coconut oil (1.85%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined oil (Postman) (2.14%) and Gingelly oil (1.92%).

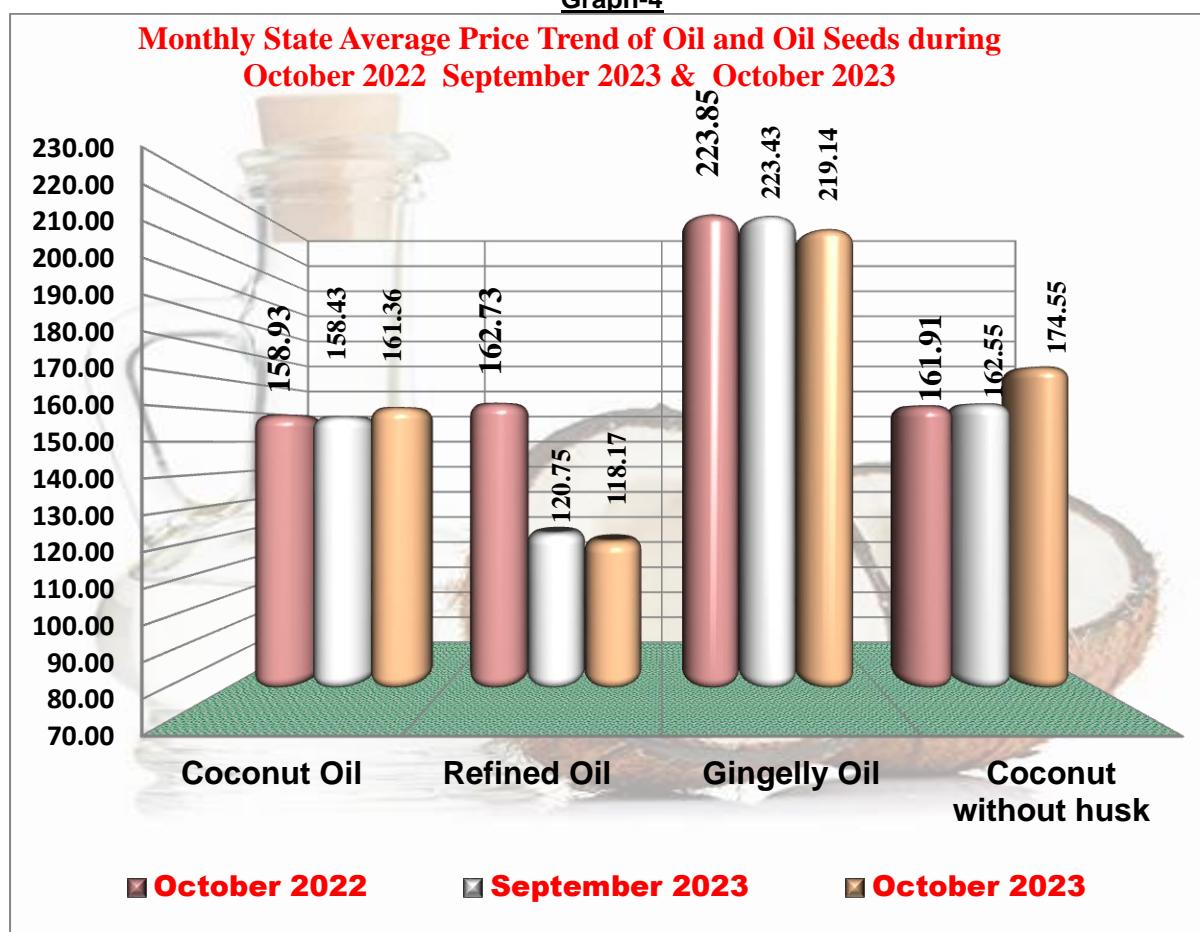
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds also showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (7.81%) and Coconut oil (1.53%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined oil (Postman) (27.38%) and Gingelly oil (2.1%).

The following table and diagram represents 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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	158.93	158.43	161.36	1.85	1.53
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	162.73	120.75	118.17	-2.14	-27.38
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	223.85	223.43	219.14	-1.92	-2.1
4	Coconut without husk	10 no.s	161.91	162.55	174.55	7.38	7.81

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments.

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments when compared with the price of the previous month and showed a mixed trend when compared with the price of corresponding month of the previous year.

Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (31.56%), Coriander (2.64%), Garlic (2.16%), Tamarind (1.23%) and Cumin seed (1.17%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

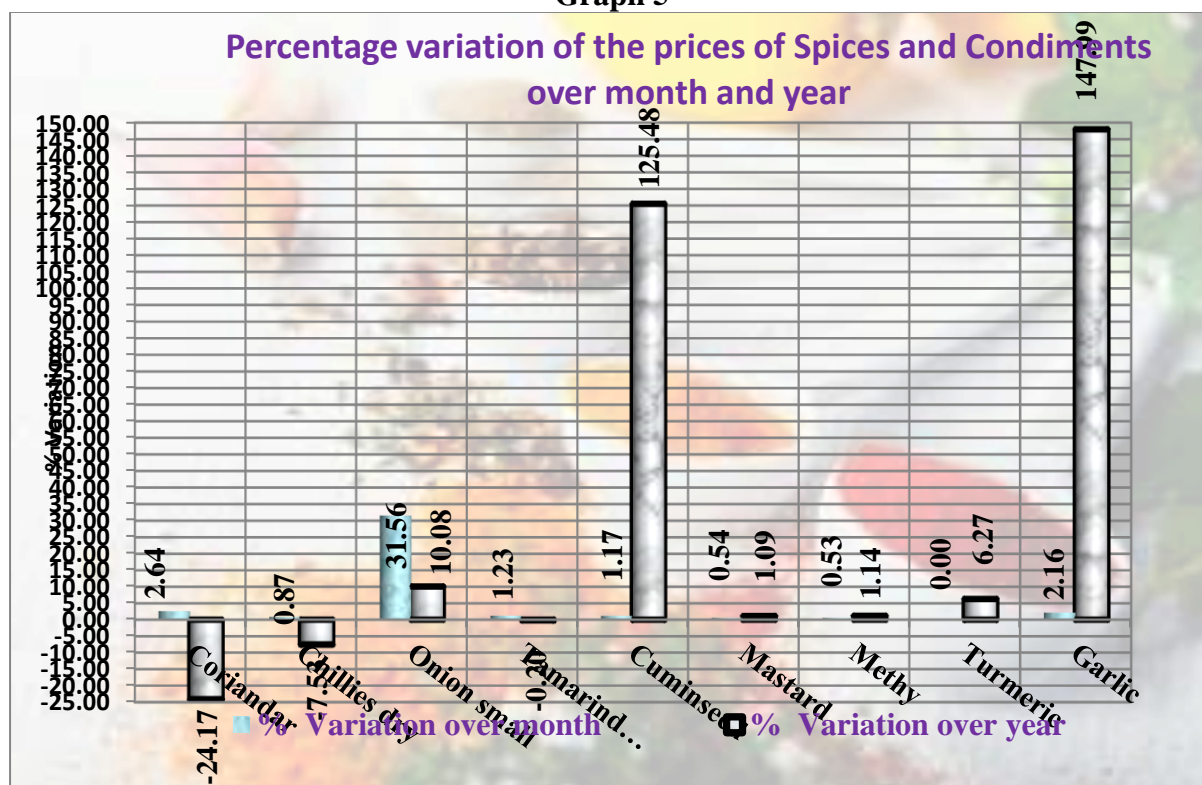
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (147.99%), Cumin seed (125.48%), Onion small (10.08%), Turmeric (6.27%), Methy (1.14%) and Mustard (1.09%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (24.17%) and Chillies dry (7.53%).

The following table and diagram represents 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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	161.36	119.21	122.36	2.64	-24.17
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	313.21	287.14	289.64	0.87	-7.53
3	Onion small	Kg.	93.57	78.29	103	31.56	10.08
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	146.36	144.29	146.07	1.23	-0.2
5	Cumin seed	100gm	35.64	79.43	80.36	1.17	125.48
6	Mustard	100gm	12.86	12.93	13	0.54	1.09
7	Methy	100gm	13.21	13.29	13.36	0.53	1.14
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.43	21.71	21.71	-	6.27
9	Garlic	100gm	8.21	19.93	20.36	2.16	147.99

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month a mixed trend was observed 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.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Chenai and Potato were increased by 9.7% and 8.77% respectively while Colocassia and Tapioca Raw decreased by 5.58% and 3.04% respectively.

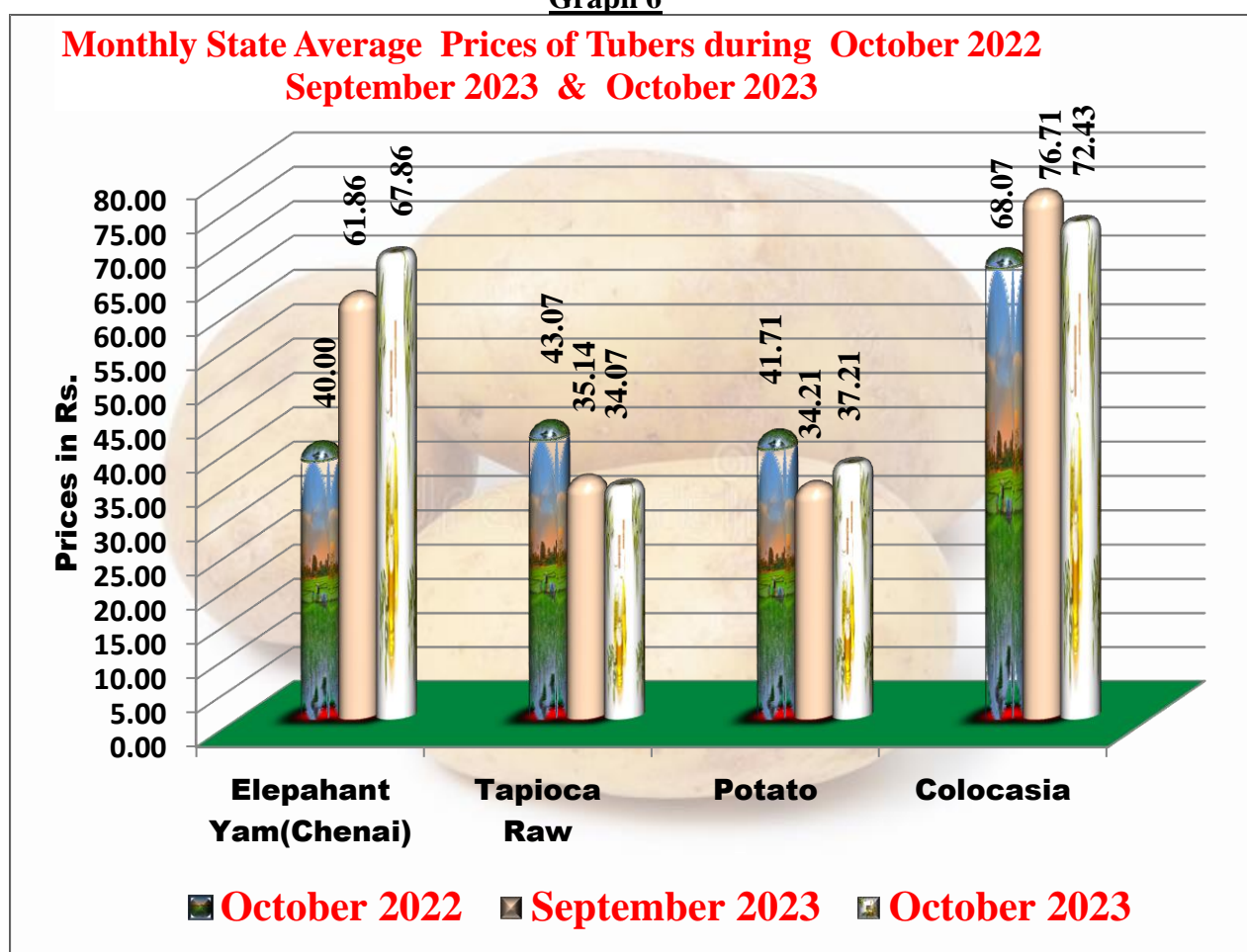
Mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chenai (69.65%) and Colocassia (6.41%) while Tapioca and Potato were decreased by 20.9% and 10.79% respectively.

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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	40	61.86	67.86	9.7	69.65
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	43.07	35.14	34.07	-3.04	-20.9
3	Potato	Kg.	41.71	34.21	37.21	8.77	-10.79
4	Colocassia	Kg.	68.07	76.71	72.43	-5.58	6.41

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion (74.23%), Cucumber (56.48%), Ladies Finger (37.66%), Bitter gourd (19.42%), Brinjal (11.5%), Tomato (11.01%), Cabbage (8.26%), Snake gourd (4.98%) and Pumpkin (4.46%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Banana green (19.39%), Chilies green (7.82%) and Plantain green (7.05%).

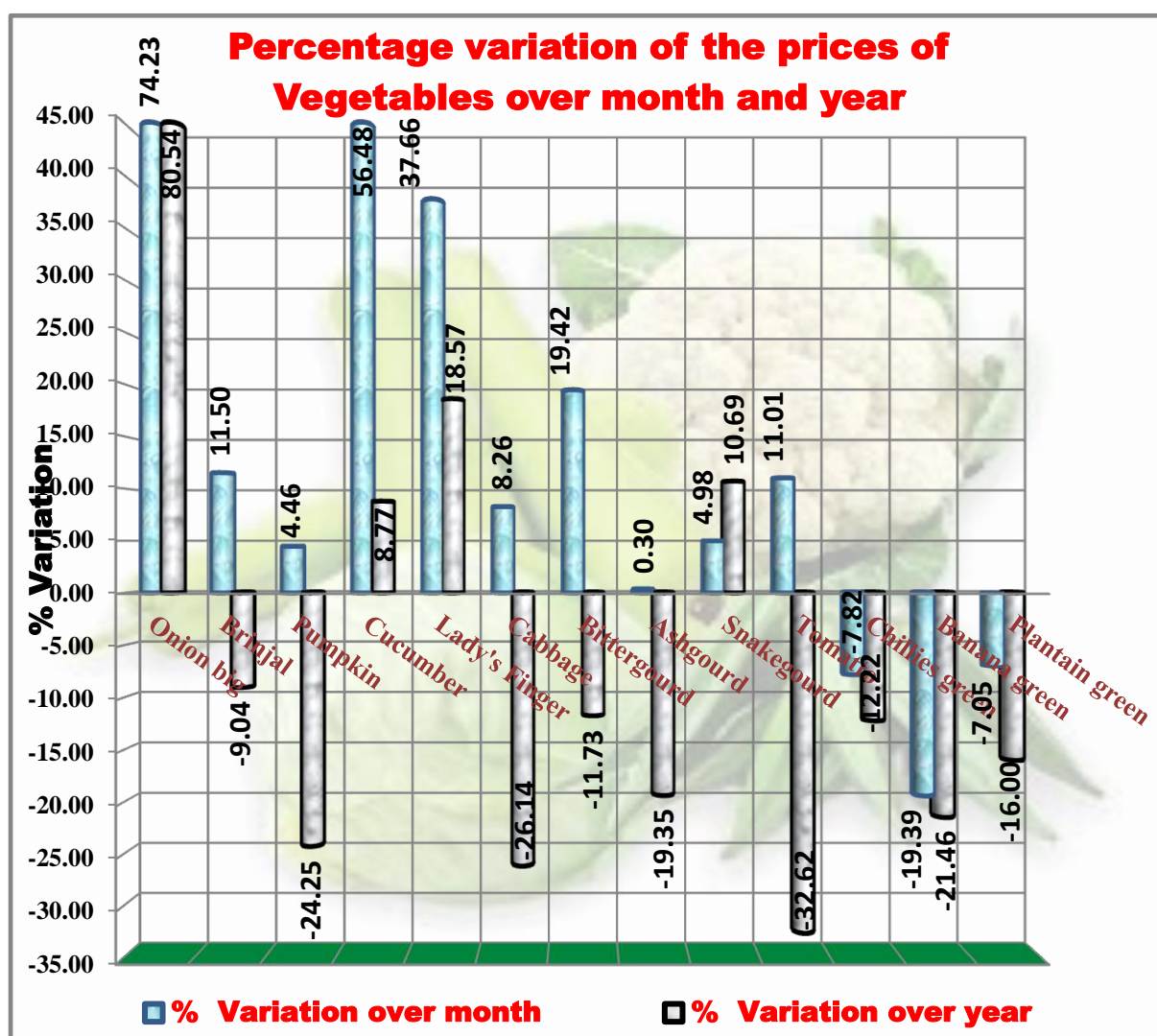
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (80.54%), Ladies Finger (18.57%), Snake gourd (10.69%) and Cucumber (8.77%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (32.62%), Cabbage (26.14%), Pumpkin (24.25%), Banana green (21.46%), Ash gourd (19.35%), Plantain green (16%), Chilies green (12.22%), Bitter gourd (11.73%) and Brinjal (9.04%).

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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	33.71	34.93	60.86	74.23	80.54
2	Brinjal	Kg.	45	36.71	40.93	11.5	-9.04
3	Pumpkin	Kg	30.93	22.43	23.43	4.46	-24.25
4	Cucumber	Kg.	30.21	21	32.86	56.48	8.77
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	38.07	32.79	45.14	37.66	18.57
6	Cabbage	Kg	42.93	29.29	31.71	8.26	-26.14
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	65.71	48.57	58	19.42	-11.73
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	29.14	23.43	23.5	0.3	-19.35
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	38.07	40.14	42.14	4.98	10.69
10	Tomato	Kg.	36.36	22.07	24.5	11.01	-32.62
11	Chilies green	100gm	6.71	6.39	5.89	-7.82	-12.22
12	Banana green	Kg.	52.93	51.57	41.57	-19.39	-21.46
13	Plantain green	Kg.	46	41.57	38.64	-7.05	-16

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of miscellaneous items

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of this group when compared with the prices of the previous month and an increasing trend when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month a mixed trend was observed. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cement-Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (3.6%), Paper (2.42%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (2.21%), Firewood (Local split) (1.61%) and Electric Bulb (Philips) (1.1%), while notable decrease was seen in the prices of Washing Soda (1.08%) only but all the remaining items in this group showed no variations.

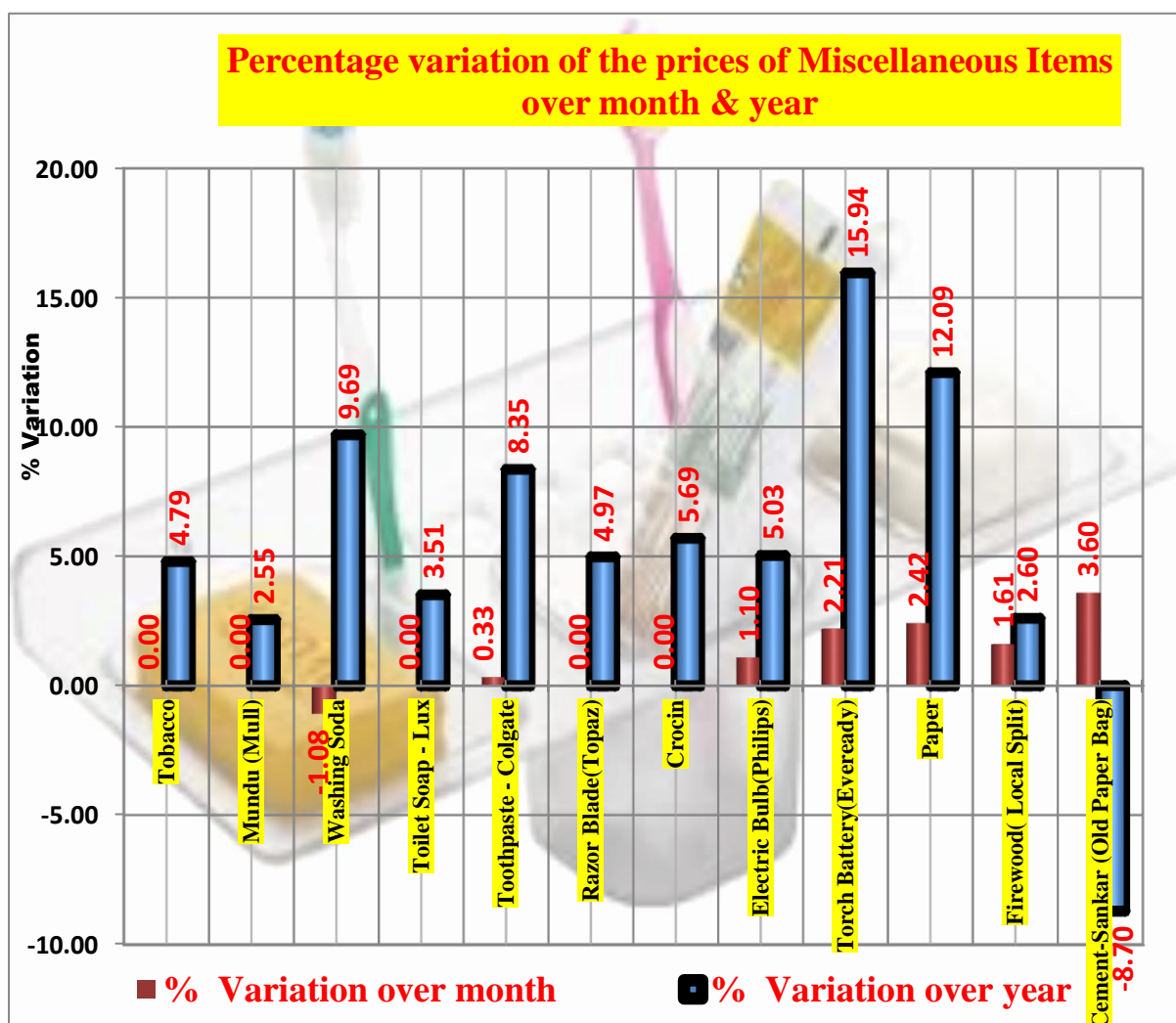
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of this group showed an increasing trend except Cement-Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (8.7%). Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready) (15.94%), Paper (12.09%), Washing Soda (9.69%), Tooth paste (Colgate) (8.35%), Crocin (5.69%), Electric Bulb (Philips) (5.03%), Razor Blade (Topaz) (4.97%), Tobacco (4.79%), Toilet Soap Lux (3.51%), Firewood (Local split) (2.6%) and Mundu (Mull) (2.55%).

The following table and diagram represents 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	
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	216.07	226.43	226.43	-	4.79
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	137.5	141	141	-	2.55
3	Washing Soda	Kg	62.83	69.67	68.92	-1.08	9.69
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.71	35.93	35.93	-	3.51
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.64	66.57	66.79	0.33	8.35
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.97	2.97	-	5.69
9	Electric Bulb ( Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.92	15.5	15.67	1.1	5.03
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	30.25	30.92	2.21	15.94
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	22.27	22.81	2.42	12.09
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	513.33	518.33	526.67	1.61	2.6
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag )	Each	453.89	400	414.38	3.6	-8.7

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## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of October 2023							
			State Average			Percentage	Percentage
Sl.no.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average On			% Var. over month	% Var. over year
			October 2022	September 2023	October 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	49.57	52.07	52.21	0.27	5.33
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1	Green gram	Kg	112.71	139.93	139.71	-0.16	23.96
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5	Redgram	Kg.	99	119.29	119.5	0.18	20.71
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	127.14	174.86	179.71	2.77	41.35
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	89.64	105.86	108.79	2.77	21.36
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C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.46	42.71	42.89	0.42	6.01
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	157.07	156.14	155.71	-0.28	-0.87
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7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	950	987.5	987.5	-	3.95
D	OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Kg	158.93	158.43	161.36	1.85	1.53
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	-	-	-	-	-
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	162.73	120.75	118.17	-2.14	-27.38
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	223.85	223.43	219.14	-1.92	-2.1
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	161.91	162.55	174.55	7.38	7.81
E	SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriandar	Kg.	161.36	119.21	122.36	2.64	-24.17
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	313.21	287.14	289.64	0.87	-7.53
3	Onion small	Kg.	93.57	78.29	103	31.56	10.08
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	146.36	144.29	146.07	1.23	-0.2
5	Cuminseed	100gm	35.64	79.43	80.36	1.17	125.48
6	Mustard	100gm	12.86	12.93	13	0.54	1.09
7	Methy	100gm	13.21	13.29	13.36	0.53	1.14
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.43	21.71	21.71	-	6.27
9	Garlic	100gm	8.21	19.93	20.36	2.16	147.99

F	TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	40	61.86	67.86	9.7	69.65
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3	Potato	Kg.	41.71	34.21	37.21	8.77	-10.79
4	Colocassia	Kg.	68.07	76.71	72.43	-5.58	6.41
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2	Brinjal	Kg.	45	36.71	40.93	11.5	-9.04
3	Pumpkin	Kg	30.93	22.43	23.43	4.46	-24.25
4	Cucumber	Kg.	30.21	21	32.86	56.48	8.77
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	38.07	32.79	45.14	37.66	18.57
6	Cabbage	Kg	42.93	29.29	31.71	8.26	-26.14
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	65.71	48.57	58	19.42	-11.73
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	29.14	23.43	23.5	0.3	-19.35
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	38.07	40.14	42.14	4.98	10.69
10	Tomato	Kg.	36.36	22.07	24.5	11.01	-32.62
11	Chillies green	100gm	6.71	6.39	5.89	-7.82	-12.22
12	Banana green	Kg.	52.93	51.57	41.57	-19.39	-21.46
13	Plantain green	Kg.	46	41.57	38.64	-7.05	-16
H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	216.07	226.43	226.43	-	4.79
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	137.5	141	141	-	2.55
3	Washing Soda	Kg	62.83	69.67	68.92	-1.08	9.69
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.71	35.93	35.93	-	3.51
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.64	66.57	66.79	0.33	8.35
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.97	2.97	-	5.69
9	Electric Bulb ( Philips)	Each(40 Wt)	14.92	15.5	15.67	1.1	5.03
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	30.25	30.92	2.21	15.94
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	22.27	22.81	2.42	12.09
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	513.33	518.33	526.67	1.61	2.6
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag )	Each	453.89	400	414.38	3.6	-8.7