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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

December- 2023

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December 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 December of the previous year 2022, previous month November 2023 and current month of December 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 decreasing 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.

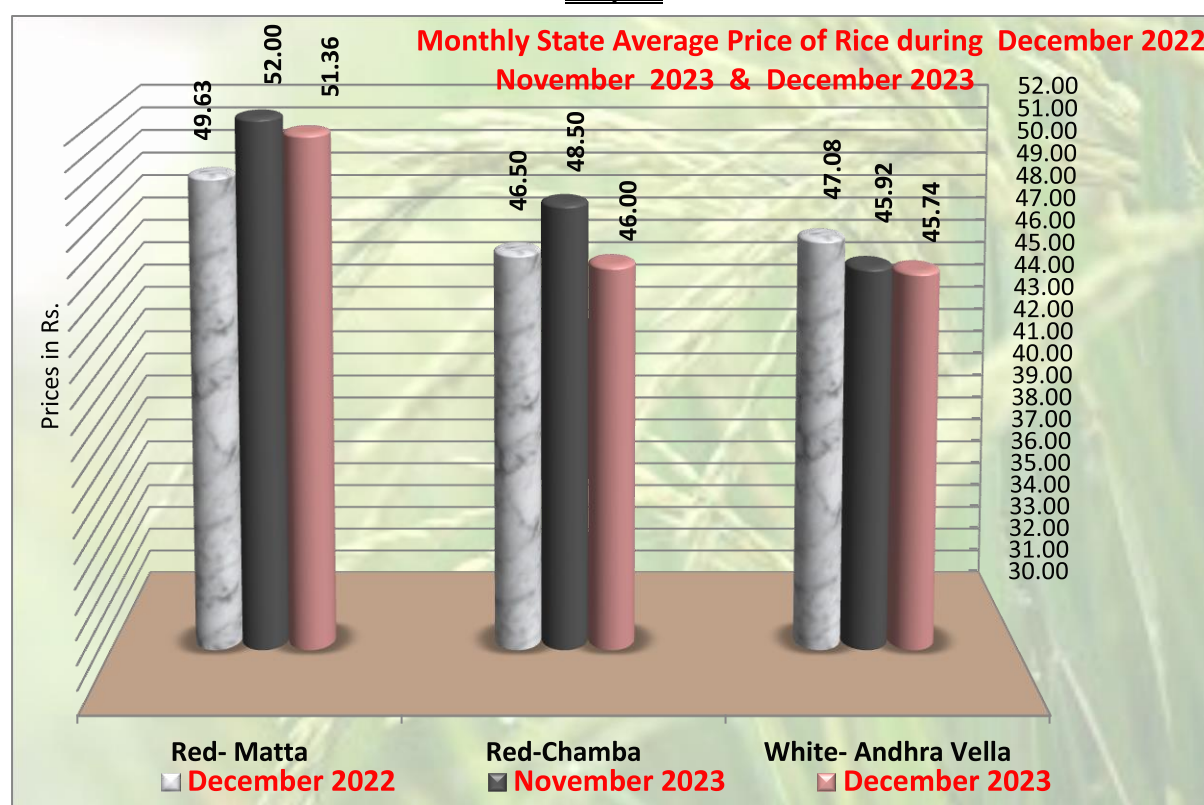
The State Average Retail Price of Red- Chamba and Red-Matta decreased by 5.15% and 1.23% respectively, but the change in the price of Andra Vella is marginal when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Andra Vella and Red- Chamba decreased by 2.85% and 1.08% respectively while notable increase was seen in the price of Red-Matta (3.49%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	49.63	52	51.36	-1.23	3.49
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	46.5	48.5	46	-5.15	-1.08
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	47.08	45.92	45.74	-0.39	-2.85

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Price of Pulses

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

When compared with the prices of previous month notable increase was seen in the price of Black Gram split without husk (1.84%), Peas Dhall (1.28%) and Black Gram split with husk (1.18%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Red Gram (4.03%) and Dhall (Tur) (2.3%) but all other items have only marginal variations.

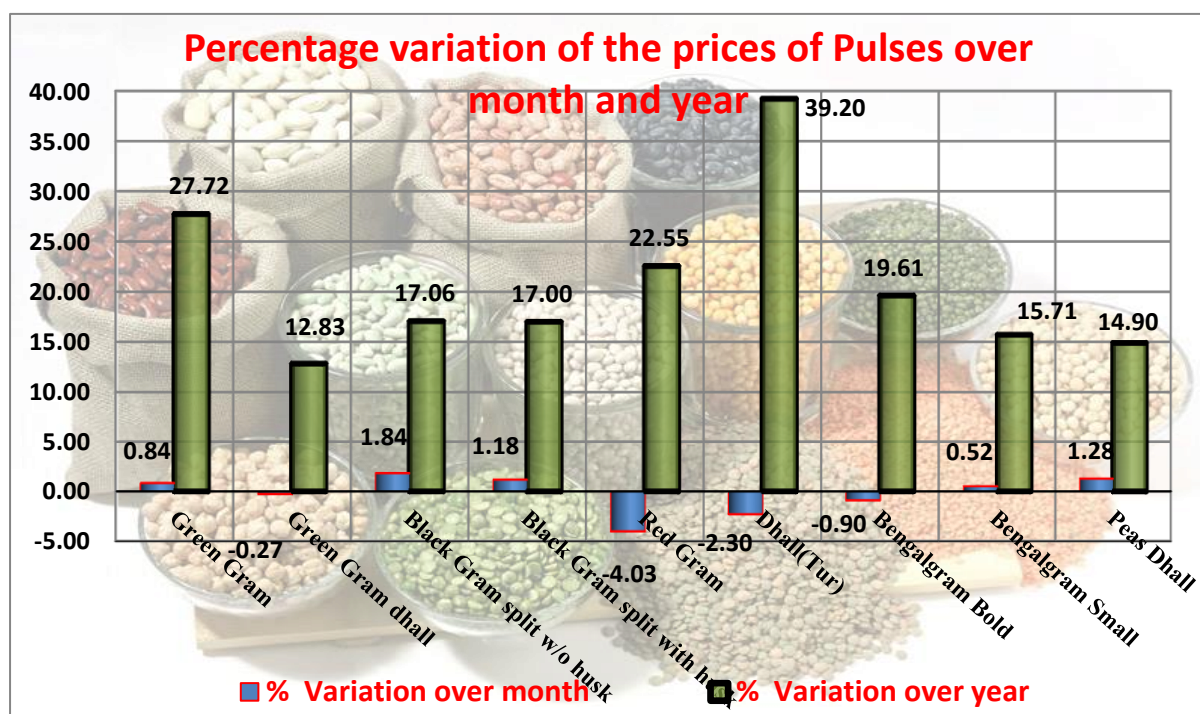
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhall (Tur) (39.2%), Green gram (27.72%), Red Gram (22.55%), Bengal Gram Bold (19.61%), Black Gram split without husk (17.06%), Black Gram split with husk (17%), Bengal Gram small (15.71%), Peas Dhall (14.9%) and Green Gram Dhall (12.83%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	113.14	143.29	144.5	0.84	27.72
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	119.21	134.86	134.5	-0.27	12.83
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	127.8	146.9	149.6	1.84	17.06
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	122.8	142	143.67	1.18	17
5	Redgram	Kg.	99.79	127.43	122.29	-4.03	22.55
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	129	183.79	179.57	-2.3	39.2
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	91.79	110.79	109.79	-0.9	19.61
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	77.55	89.27	89.73	0.52	15.71
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	79.92	90.67	91.83	1.28	14.9

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 lagoon) (5.6%), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (2.87%) and Mutton without bones (1.27%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

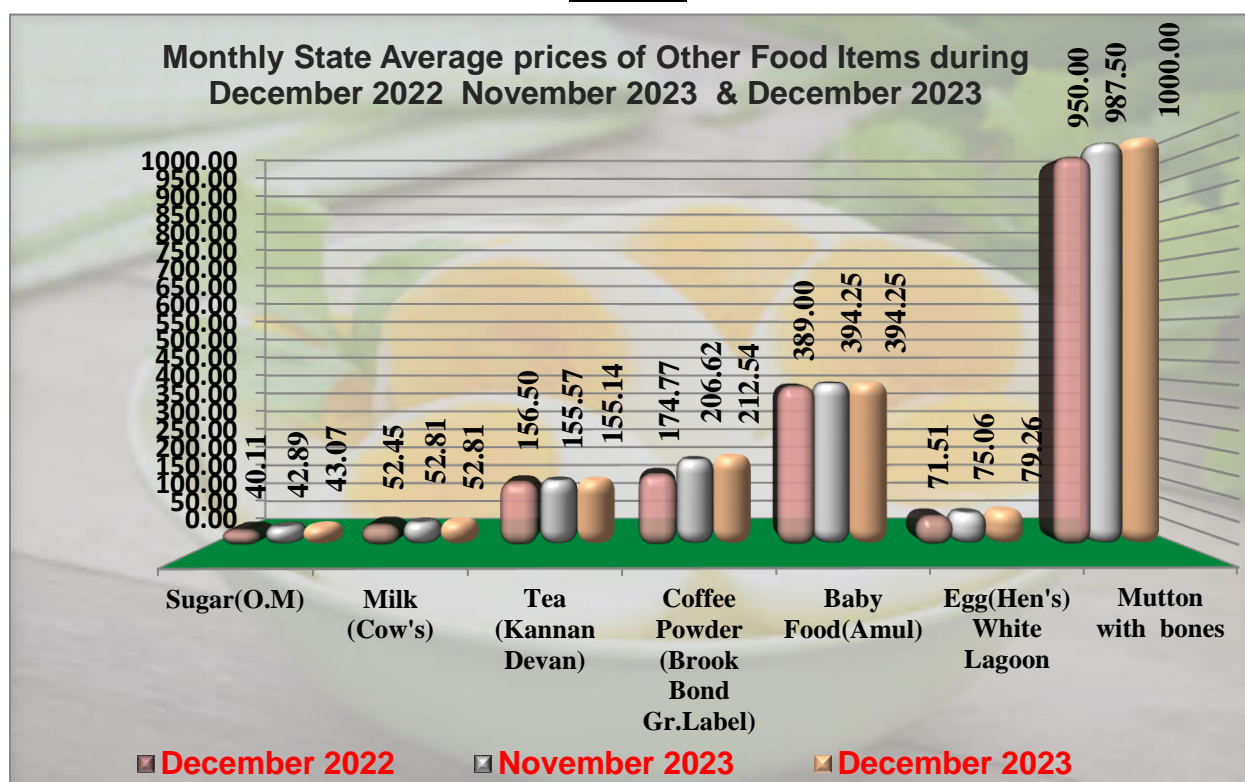
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Other Food items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (21.61%), Egg Hen's (White lagoon) (10.84%), Sugar (O.M) (7.38%), Mutton without bones (5.26%) and Baby Food Amul (1.35%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.11	42.89	43.07	0.42	7.38
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	52.45	52.81	52.81	-	0.69
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	156.5	155.57	155.14	-0.28	-0.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	174.77	206.62	212.54	2.87	21.61
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	389	394.25	394.25	-	1.35
6	Egg Hen's (White lagoon)	Dozen	71.51	75.06	79.26	5.6	10.84
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	950	987.5	1000	1.27	5.26

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 decrease was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (1.27%) only, but all other items have only marginal variations.

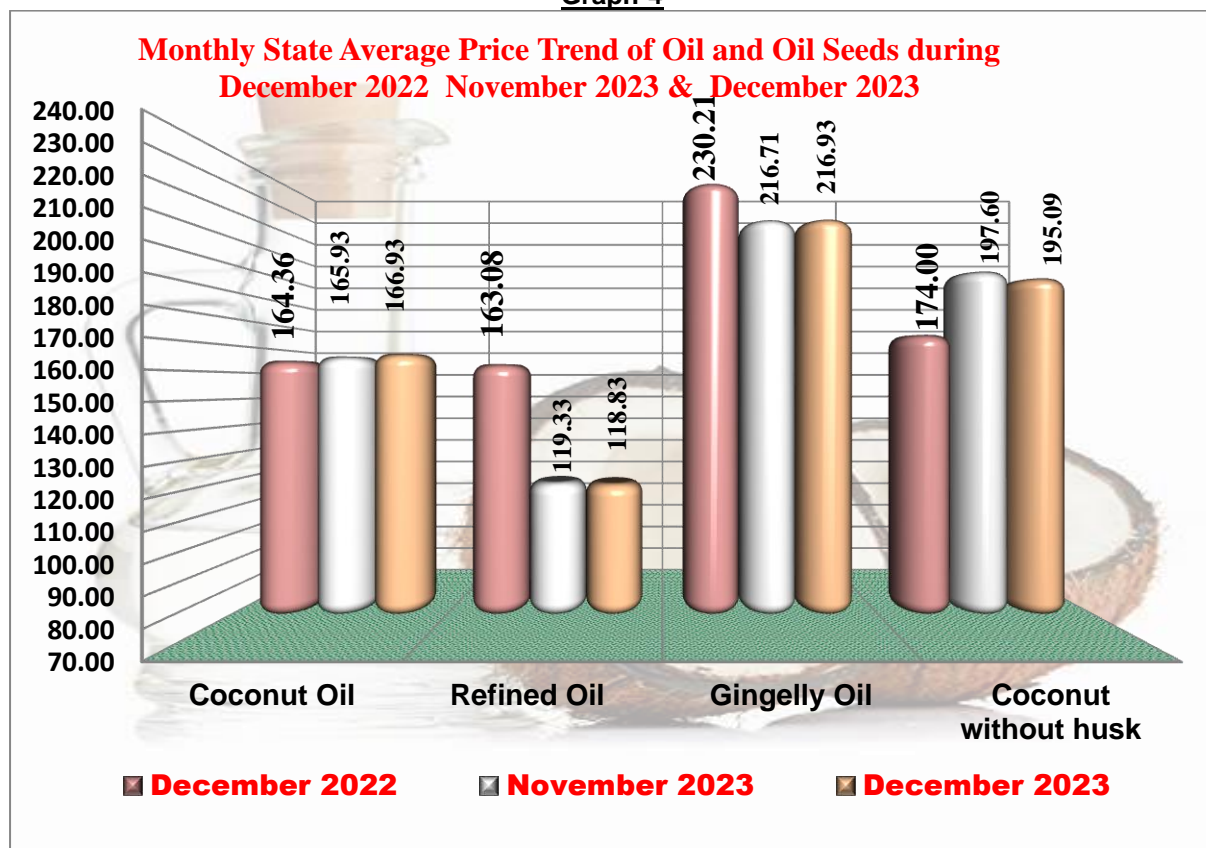
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds also showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (12.12%) and Coconut oil (1.56%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined oil (Postman) (27.13%) and Gingelly oil (5.77%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	164.36	165.93	166.93	0.6	1.56
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	163.08	119.33	118.83	-0.42	-27.13
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	230.21	216.71	216.93	0.1	-5.77
4	Coconut without husk	10 no.s	174	197.6	195.09	-1.27	12.12

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments.

During the month 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.

Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (23.93%), Coriander (1.94%) and Turmeric (1.92%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (23.26%), Cumin seed (5.6%), Chillies dry (2.22%) and Methy (1.04%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

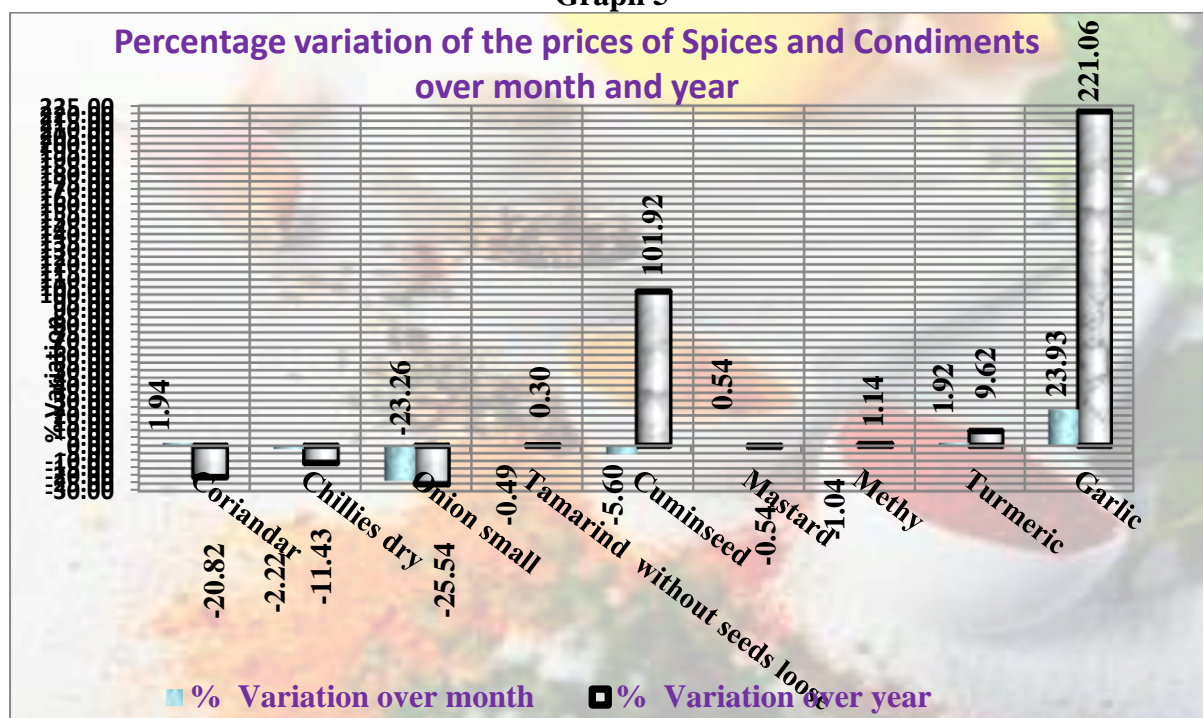
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (221.06%), Cumin seed (101.92%), Turmeric (9.62%) and Methy (1.14%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (25.54%), Coriander (20.82%) and Chillies dry (11.43%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	152	118.07	120.36	1.94	-20.82
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	319.36	289.29	282.86	-2.22	-11.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	103.5	100.43	77.07	-23.26	-25.54
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	145.64	146.79	146.07	-0.49	0.3
5	Cumin seed	100gm	37	79.14	74.71	-5.6	101.92
6	Mustard	100gm	13	12.86	12.93	0.54	-0.54
7	Methy	100gm	13.14	13.43	13.29	-1.04	1.14
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.79	22.36	22.79	1.92	9.62
9	Garlic	100gm	9.21	23.86	29.57	23.93	221.06

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month and showed a mixed trend when compared with the price of corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Chennai and Potato were decreased by 7.5% and 3.46% respectively but all other items have only marginal variations.

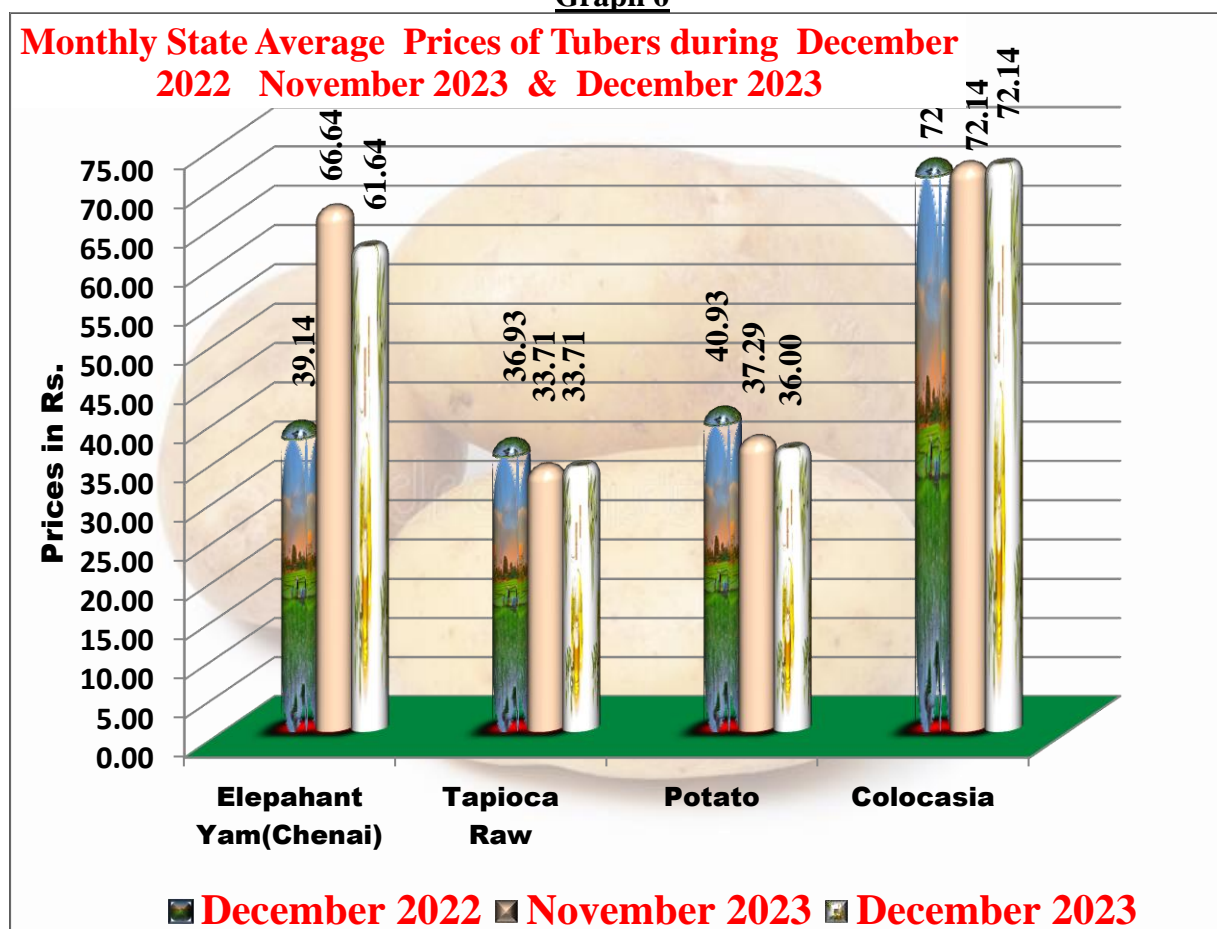
Mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chennai (57.49%) only while Potato and Tapioca Raw were decreased by 12.04% and 8.72% respectively.

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	39.14	66.64	61.64	-7.5	57.49
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	36.93	33.71	33.71	-	-8.72
3	Potato	Kg.	40.93	37.29	36	-3.46	-12.04
4	Colocassia	Kg.	72.5	72.14	72.14	-	-0.5

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.

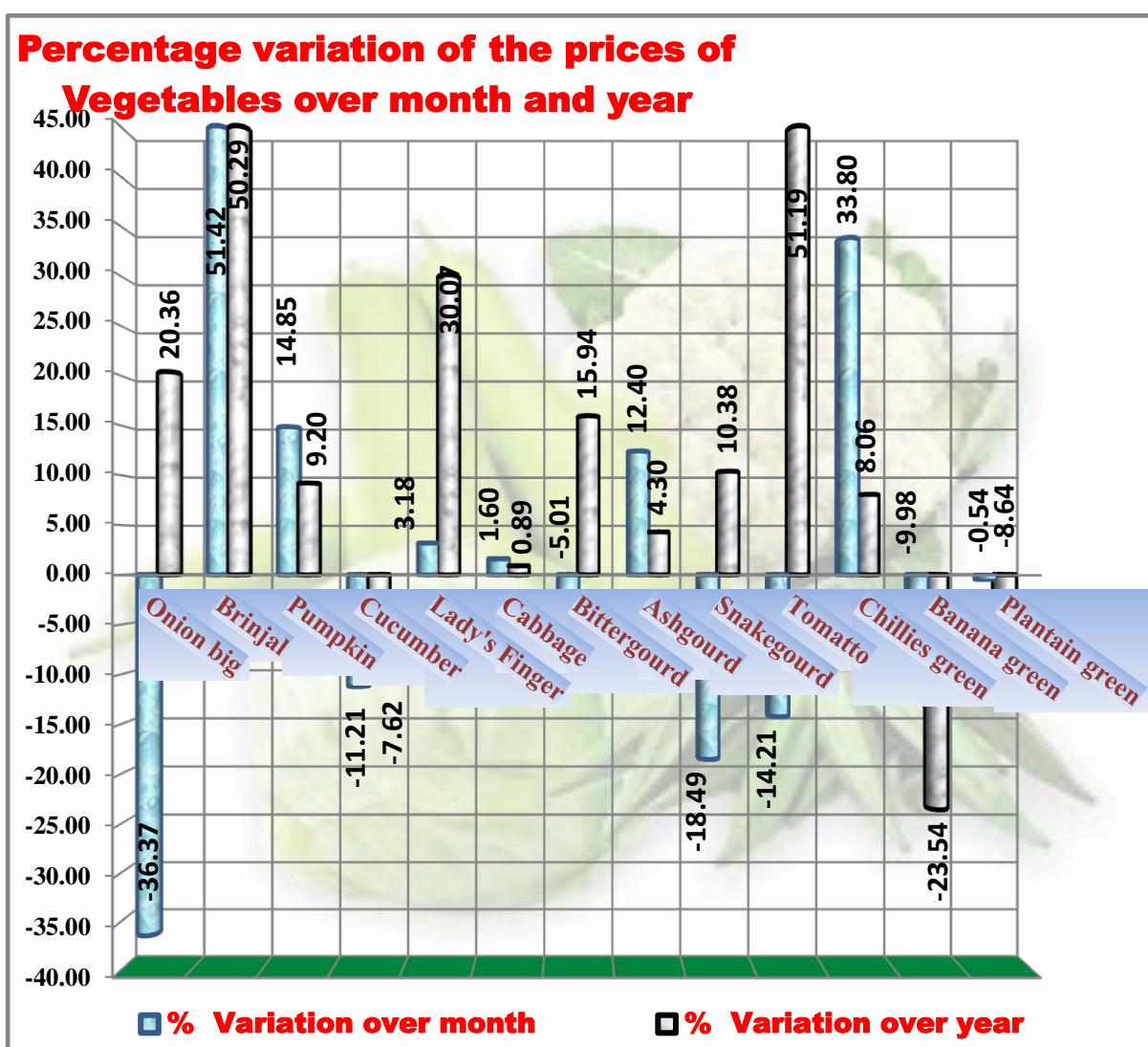
When compared with the prices of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (51.42%), Chilies green (33.8%), Pumpkin (14.85%), Ash gourd (12.4%), Ladies Finger (3.18%) and Cabbage (1.6%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (36.37%), Snake gourd (18.49%), Tomato (14.21%), Cucumber (11.21%), Banana green (9.98%) and Bitter gourd (5.01%) 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 Prices of vegetables showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (51.19%), Brinjal (50.29%), Ladies Finger (30.07%), Onion big (20.36%), Bitter gourd (15.94%), Snake gourd (10.38%), Pumpkin (9.2%), Chilies green (8.06%) and Ash gourd (4.3%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Banana green (23.54%), Plantain green (8.64%) and Cucumber (7.62%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	30.21	57.14	36.36	-36.37	20.36
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.64	37.36	56.57	51.42	50.29
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	24.79	23.57	27.07	14.85	9.2
4	Cucumber	Kg.	33.71	35.07	31.14	-11.21	-7.62
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	39.21	49.43	51	3.18	30.07
6	Cabbage	Kg.	31.43	31.21	31.71	1.6	0.89
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	47.93	58.5	55.57	-5.01	15.94
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.86	23.07	25.93	12.4	4.3
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.5	49.43	40.29	-18.49	10.38
10	Tomato	Kg.	27.64	48.71	41.79	-14.21	51.19
11	Chilies green	100gm	7.07	5.71	7.64	33.8	8.06
12	Banana green	Kg.	48.86	41.5	37.36	-9.98	-23.54
13	Plantain green	Kg.	42.14	38.71	38.5	-0.54	-8.64

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 Torch Battery (Eveready) (3.23%), Tooth paste(Colgate) (1.39%) and Paper (1.33%). Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cement-Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (3.41%) only, but all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

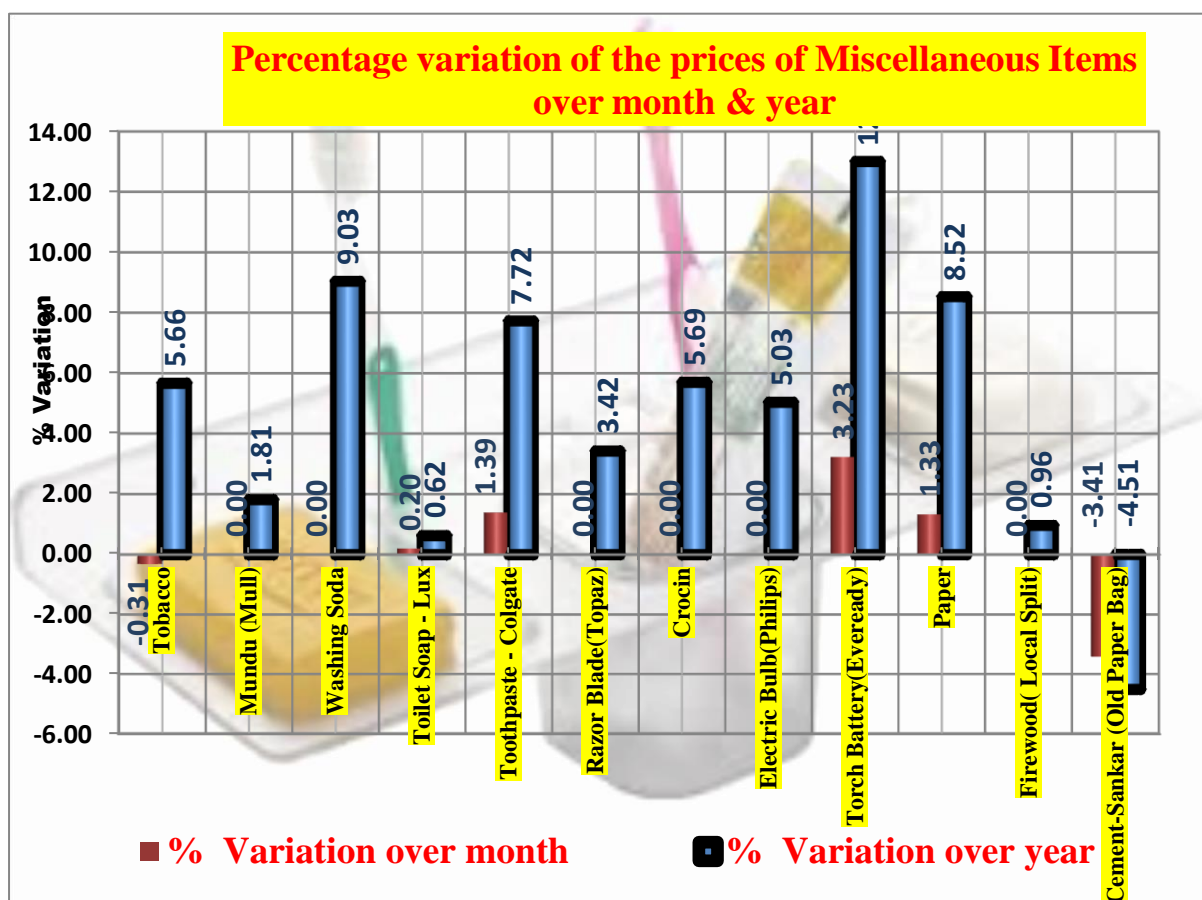
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of this group showed an increasing trend except Cement-Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (4.51%). Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready) (12.99%), Washing Soda (9.03%), Paper (8.52%), Tooth paste(Colgate) (7.72%), Crocin (5.69%), Tobacco (5.66%), Electric Bulb (Philips) (5.03%), Razor Blade (Topaz) (3.42%) and Mundu (Mull) (1.81%).

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	
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	214.64	227.5	226.79	-0.31	5.66
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	138.5	141	141	-	1.81
3	Washing Soda	Kg	63.67	69.42	69.42	-	9.03
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	35.71	35.86	35.93	0.2	0.62
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	62.93	66.86	67.79	1.39	7.72
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.83	11.2	11.2	-	3.42
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.97	2.97	-	5.69
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.92	15.67	15.67	-	5.03
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	28.25	30.92	31.92	3.23	12.99
11	Paper	24 sheets	21.12	22.62	22.92	1.33	8.52
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	521.67	526.67	526.67	-	0.96
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag)	Each	426.11	421.25	406.88	-3.41	-4.51

Graph -8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of December 2023							
Sl.no.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average			Percentage	Percentage
			State Average On			% Var. over month	% Var. over year
			December 2022	November 2023	December 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	49.63	52	51.36	-1.23	3.49
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	46.5	48.5	46	-5.15	-1.08
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B	PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	113.14	143.29	144.5	0.84	27.72
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4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	122.8	142	143.67	1.18	17
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6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	129	183.79	179.57	-2.3	39.2
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	91.79	110.79	109.79	-0.9	19.61
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	77.55	89.27	89.73	0.52	15.71
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	79.92	90.67	91.83	1.28	14.9
C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.11	42.89	43.07	0.42	7.38
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	52.45	52.81	52.81	-	0.69
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	156.5	155.57	155.14	-0.28	-0.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	174.77	206.62	212.54	2.87	21.61
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D	OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Kg	164.36	165.93	166.93	0.6	1.56
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	-	-	-	-	-
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	163.08	119.33	118.83	-0.42	-27.13
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	230.21	216.71	216.93	0.1	-5.77
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1	Coriandar	Kg.	152	118.07	120.36	1.94	-20.82
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	319.36	289.29	282.86	-2.22	-11.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	103.5	100.43	77.07	-23.26	-25.54
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	145.64	146.79	146.07	-0.49	0.3
5	Cuminseed	100gm	37	79.14	74.71	-5.6	101.92
6	Mustard	100gm	13	12.86	12.93	0.54	-0.54
7	Methy	100gm	13.14	13.43	13.29	-1.04	1.14

8	Turmeric	100gm	20.79	22.36	22.79	1.92	9.62
9	Garlic	100gm	9.21	23.86	29.57	23.93	221.06
F	TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	39.14	66.64	61.64	-7.5	57.49
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	36.93	33.71	33.71	-	-8.72
3	Potato	Kg.	40.93	37.29	36	-3.46	-12.04
4	Colocassia	Kg.	72.5	72.14	72.14	-	-0.5
G	VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	30.21	57.14	36.36	-36.37	20.36
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.64	37.36	56.57	51.42	50.29
3	Pumpkin	Kg	24.79	23.57	27.07	14.85	9.2
4	Cucumber	Kg.	33.71	35.07	31.14	-11.21	-7.62
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	39.21	49.43	51	3.18	30.07
6	Cabbage	Kg	31.43	31.21	31.71	1.6	0.89
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	47.93	58.5	55.57	-5.01	15.94
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.86	23.07	25.93	12.4	4.3
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.5	49.43	40.29	-18.49	10.38
10	Tomato	Kg.	27.64	48.71	41.79	-14.21	51.19
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.07	5.71	7.64	33.8	8.06
12	Banana green	Kg.	48.86	41.5	37.36	-9.98	-23.54
13	Plantain green	Kg.	42.14	38.71	38.5	-0.54	-8.64
H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	214.64	227.5	226.79	-0.31	5.66
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	138.5	141	141	-	1.81
3	Washing Soda	Kg	63.67	69.42	69.42	-	9.03
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	35.71	35.86	35.93	0.2	0.62
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	62.93	66.86	67.79	1.39	7.72
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.83	11.2	11.2	-	3.42
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.97	2.97	-	5.69
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40 Wt)	14.92	15.67	15.67	-	5.03
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	28.25	30.92	31.92	3.23	12.99
11	Paper	24 sheets	21.12	22.62	22.92	1.33	8.52
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	521.67	526.67	526.67	-	0.96
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag)	Each	426.11	421.25	406.88	-3.41	-4.51