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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2021

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2021. 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 March of the previous year 2020, previous month February 2021 and current month of March 2021 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current 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 prices of different varieties of Rice

The downward trend continued in the state average retail price of Rice except Red Champa 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 and White Andhra Vella decreased by 0.08 %, 0.03% respectively, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

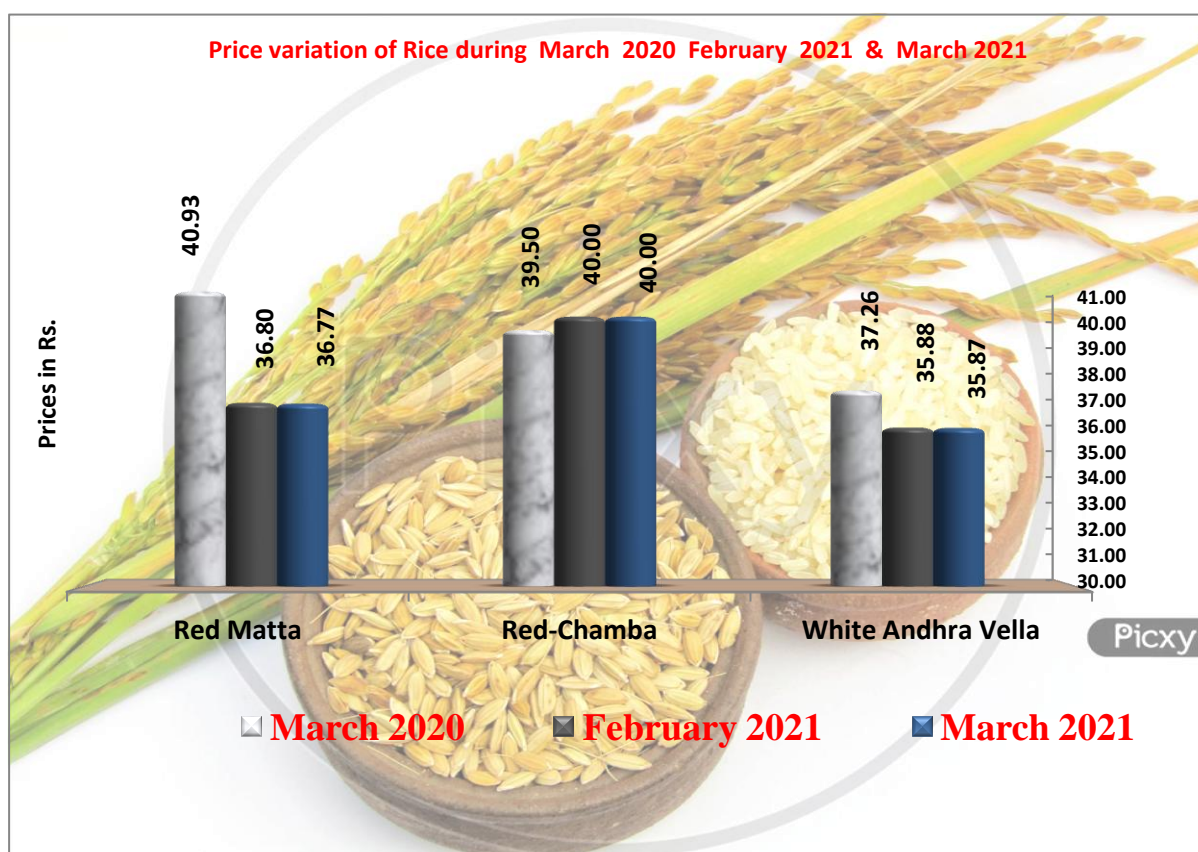
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 10.16 % and 3.73%, while that of Red Chamba increased marginally.

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.93	36.80	36.77	-0.08	-10.16
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	37.26	35.88	35.87	-0.03	-3.73

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices 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, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail price of all items of Pulses showed an upward trend up to 2.03% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Bengalgram bold, Black gram split w/o husk and Black gram split with husk.

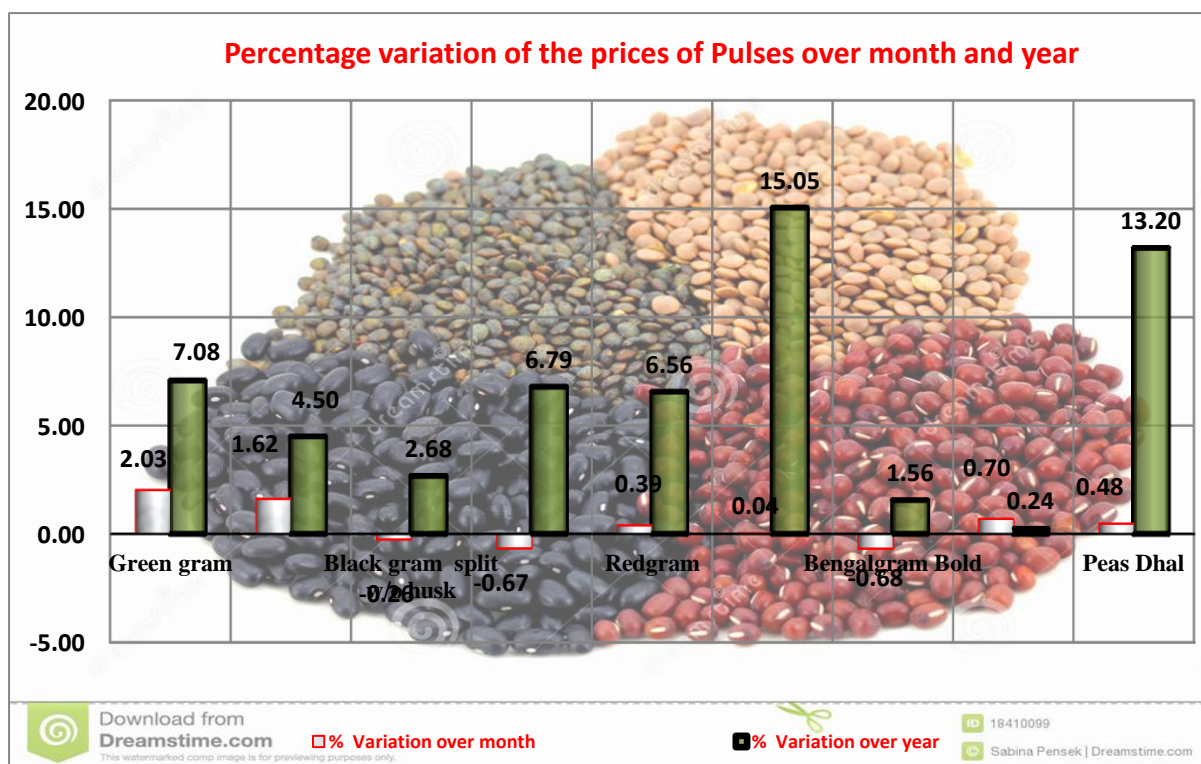
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 15.05%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhal Tur(15.05%), Peas dhal (13.20%), Greengram (7.08%) and Black gram split with husk (6.79%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage variation of Pulses over month and year.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	108.52	113.89	116.20	2.03	7.08
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	116.01	119.30	121.23	1.62	4.50
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	121.48	125.05	124.73	-0.26	2.68
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	113.25	121.75	120.94	-0.67	6.79
5	Redgram	Kg	76.83	81.55	81.87	0.39	6.56
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	97.48	112.11	112.15	0.04	15.05
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.85	80.63	80.08	-0.68	1.56
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.52	70.20	70.69	0.70	0.24
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	76.24	85.89	86.30	0.48	13.20

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During the month a mixed 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 the prices of Egg (White Lagoon) decreased by 6.04% while all the remaining items in this group showed a marginal increase except baby food (amul).

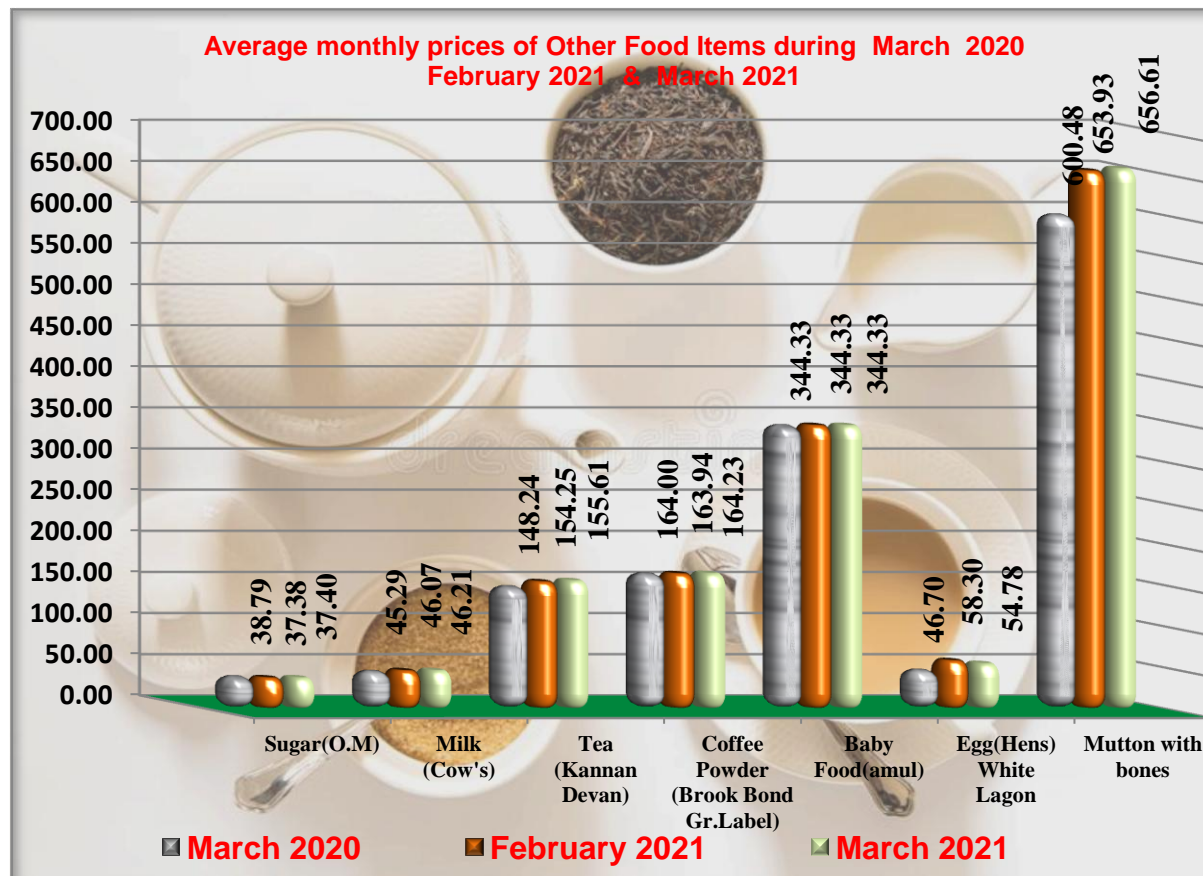
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Egg(Hens)White Lagoon increased by 17.30% and Mutton with bones increased by 9.35% while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations.

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.79	37.38	37.40	0.05	-3.58
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.29	46.07	46.21	0.30	2.03
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.24	154.25	155.61	0.88	4.97
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	164.00	163.94	164.23	0.18	0.14
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	344.33	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	46.70	58.30	54.78	-6.04	17.30
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	600.48	653.93	656.61	0.41	9.35

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds 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 showed an increasing trend up to 8.87% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Groundnut Oil.

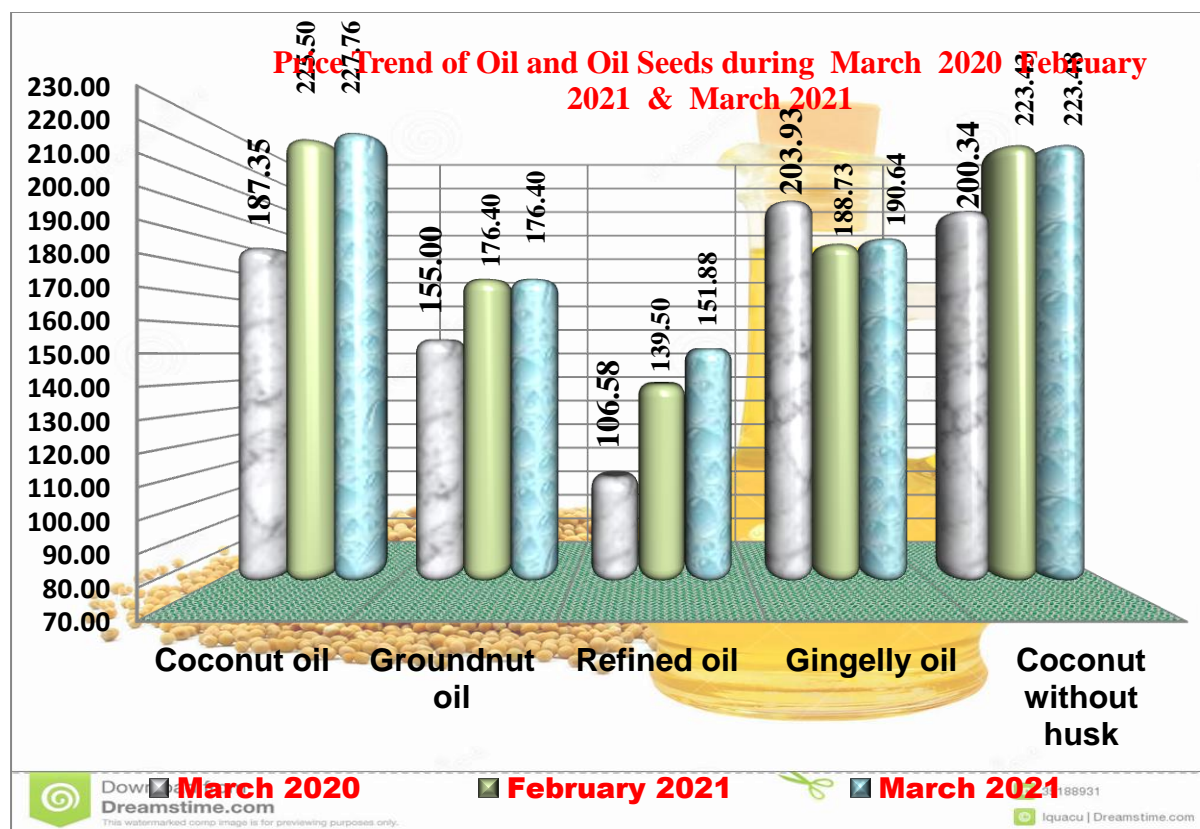
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut Oil, Groundnut Oil and Coconut without husk increased by 42.50 %, 21.57 %, 13.81 % and 11.55 % respectively while the price of Gingelly oil Decreased by 6.52%.

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	187.35	225.50	227.76	1.00	21.57
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	155.00	176.40	176.40	0.00	13.81
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	106.58	139.50	151.88	8.87	42.50
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	203.93	188.73	190.64	1.01	-6.52
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	200.34	223.43	223.48	0.02	11.55

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

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 with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The state average retail price of all items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 41.06% when compared with the price of the previous month except Coriander and Mustard.

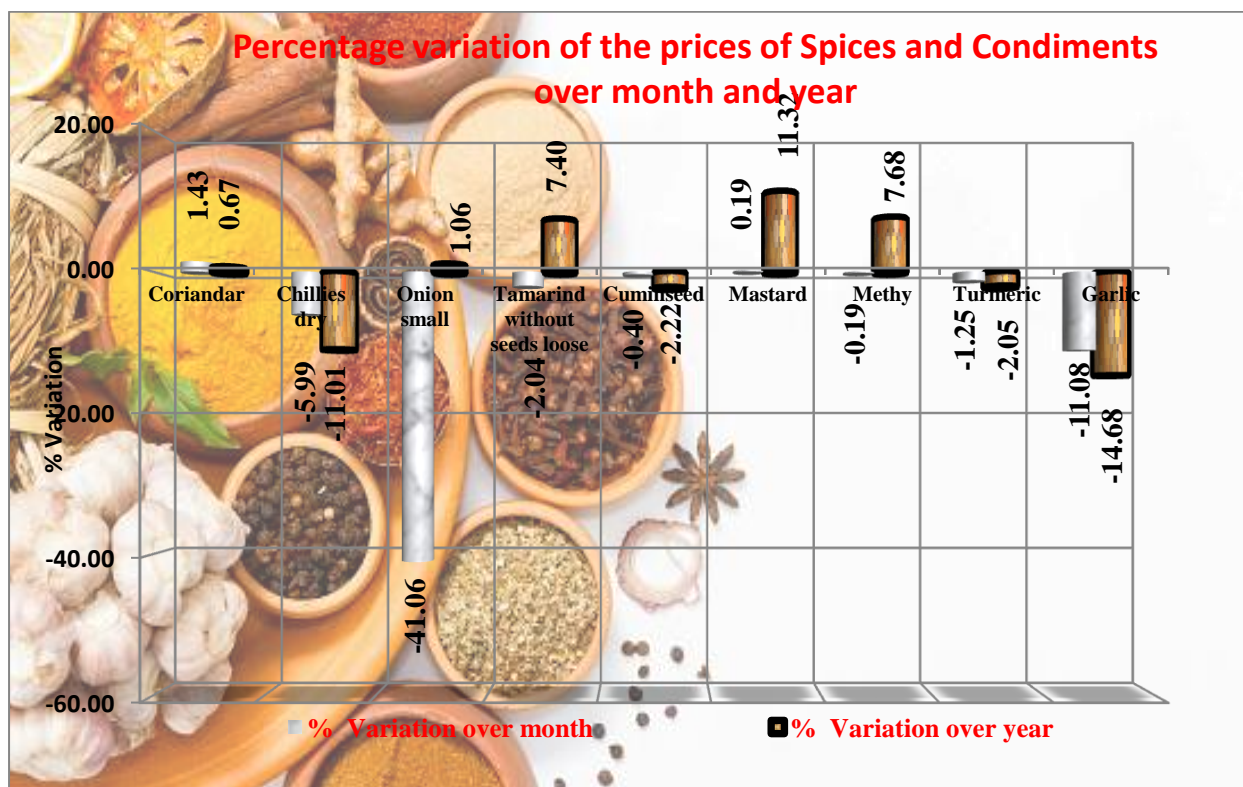
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, Notable increase was seen in the price of Mustard(11.32 %),Methy(7.68%), Tamarind without seed Loose (7.40%), while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (14.68%) and chillies dry (11.01%). All the remaining showed a slight variations.

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.11	97.38	98.77	1.43	0.67
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	190.11	179.94	169.17	-5.99	-11.01
3	Onion small	Kg.	70.12	120.23	70.86	-41.06	1.06
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	150.61	165.13	161.76	-2.04	7.40
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.19	29.64	29.52	-0.40	-2.22
6	Mustard	100gm	9.45	10.50	10.52	0.19	11.32
7	Methy	100gm	9.77	10.54	10.52	-0.19	7.68
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.58	18.43	18.20	-1.25	-2.05
9	Garlic	100gm	15.33	14.71	13.08	-11.08	-14.68

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

The downward trend continued 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 prices of Potato and Tapioca raw decreased 13.15 %, 1.68% While all the remaining items showed a marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

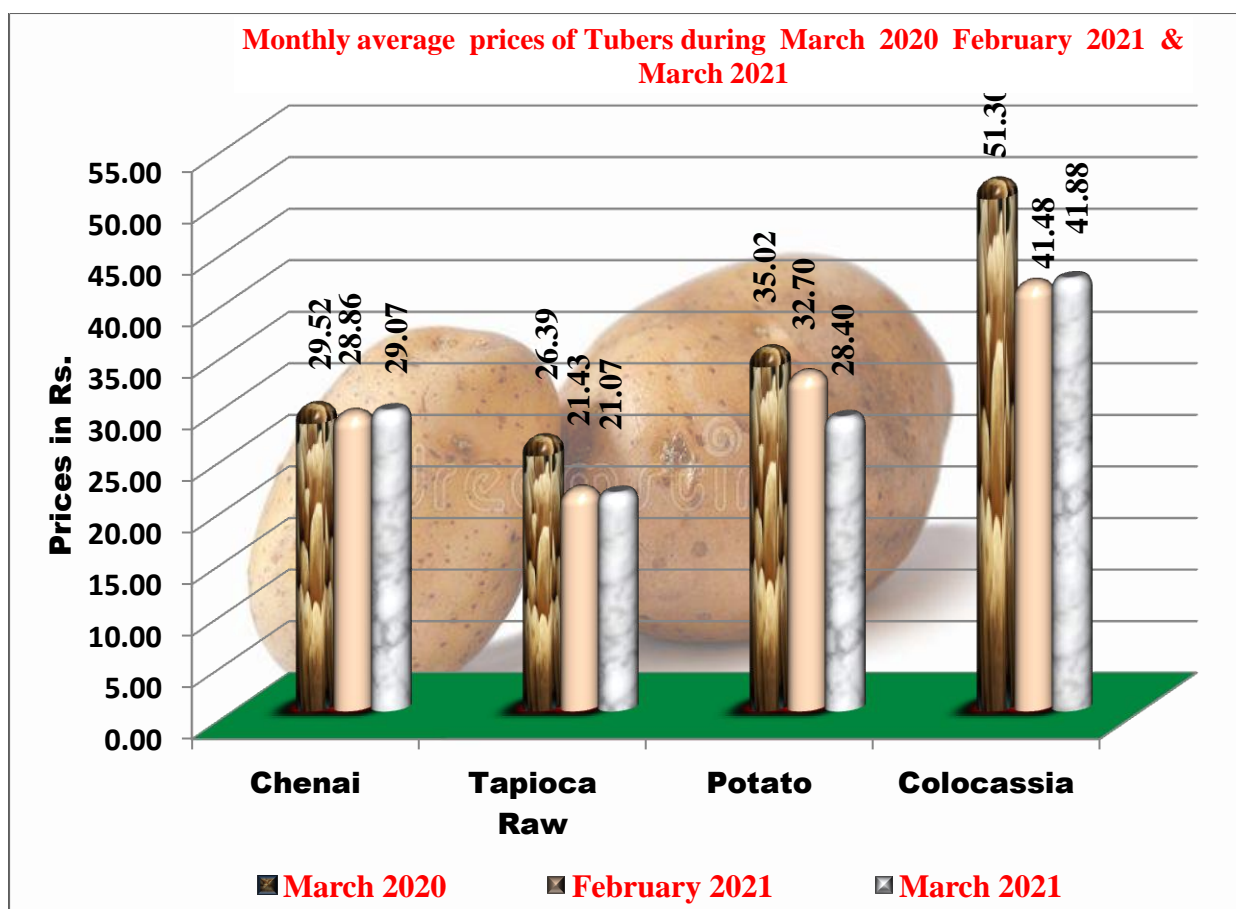
Decreasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tapioca raw (20.16 %), Potato (18.90%) and Colocassia (18.36%) .

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	29.52	28.86	29.07	0.73	-1.52
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.39	21.43	21.07	-1.68	-20.16
3	Potato	Kg.	35.02	32.70	28.40	-13.15	-18.90
4	Colocassia	Kg.	51.30	41.48	41.88	0.96	-18.36

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

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 price of all items of vegetables except Banana green, Plantain green, Pumpkin and Bittergourd showed a downward trend up to 40.06%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Big (40.06%), Lady's finger (33.68%), Cucumber (19.98%).

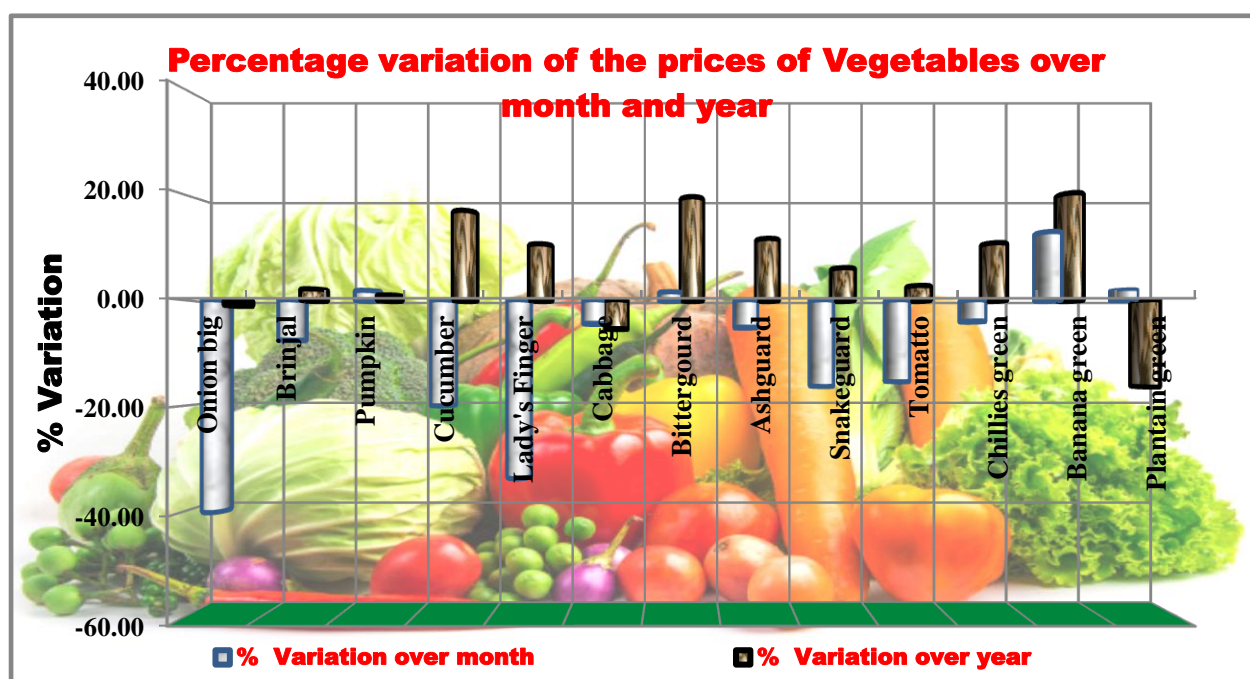
When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of vegetables except Plantain Green, cabbage and Onion big showed an upward trend up to 20.13%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (20.13%), Bitter gourd (19.37%), Cucumber (16.81%) and Ashguard (11.54%), while that of notable decrease was seen in the price Plantain Green (16.42%).

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	32.43	53.59	32.12	-40.06	-0.96
2	Brinjal	Kg.	32.81	36.23	33.48	-7.59	2.04
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.20	21.02	21.39	1.76	0.90
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.64	30.13	24.11	-19.98	16.81
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.84	59.73	39.61	-33.68	10.52
6	Cabbage	Kg	26.99	26.71	25.52	-4.46	-5.45
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	42.18	49.61	50.35	1.49	19.37
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.71	26.71	25.33	-5.17	11.54
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.55	38.71	32.39	-16.33	6.02
10	Tomatto	Kg.	26.09	31.68	26.79	-15.44	2.68
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.75	5.48	5.26	-4.01	10.74
12	Banana green	Kg.	28.16	29.98	33.83	12.84	20.13
13	Plantain green	Kg.	35.44	29.04	29.62	2.00	-16.42

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of miscellaneous 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 the previous month, the state average retail prices of Cement (Sankar) and Razor blade (Topaz) increased 3.68% and 2.73% respectively while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations.

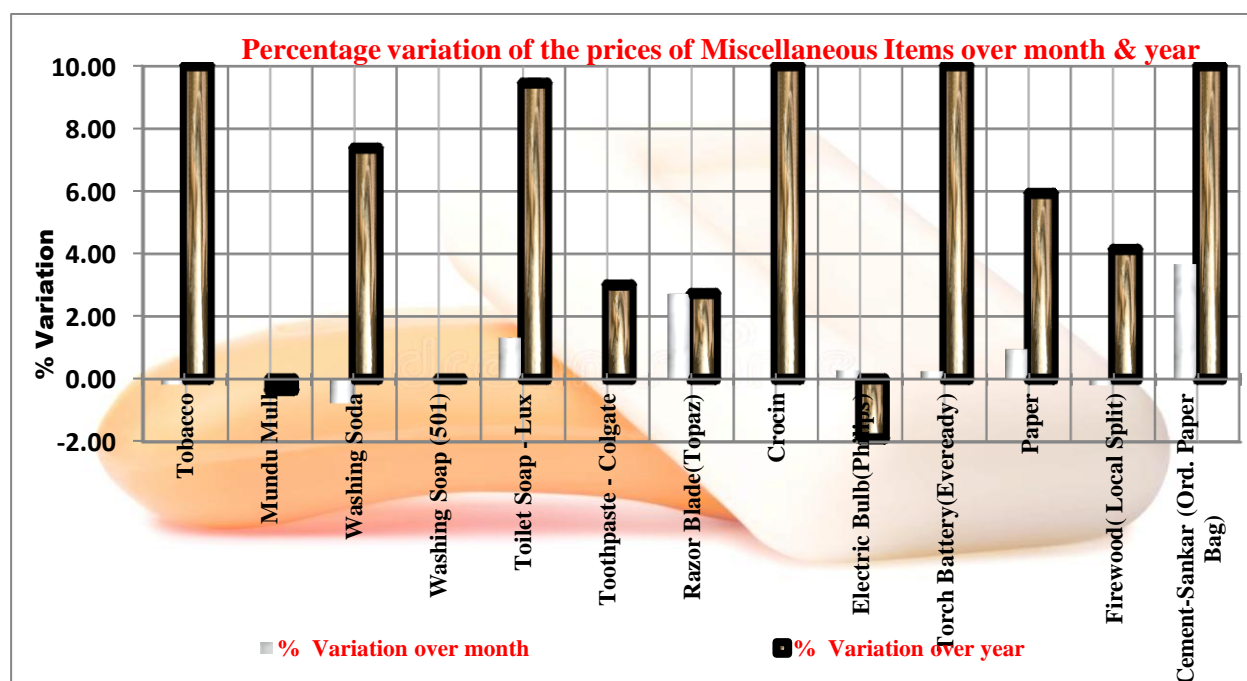
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous Year the state average retail price of all items except electric bulb (Philips) and mundu mull showed an upward trend up to 25%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Crocin (25%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (14.54%), Tobacco (13.15%), and Cement-Sankar (10.69%).

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	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	185.27	210.00	209.64	-0.17	13.15
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.42	138.92	138.92	0.00	-0.36
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.75	49.50	49.12	-0.77	7.37
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.82	25.73	26.07	1.32	9.45
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.50	51.50	0.00	3.00
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	9.17	9.17	9.42	2.73	2.73
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	25.00
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.71	14.39	14.43	0.28	-1.90
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	20.50	23.42	23.48	0.26	14.54
11	Paper	24 Sheet	16.88	17.71	17.88	0.96	5.92
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	491.67	513.00	512.00	-0.19	4.13
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	386.12	412.25	427.41	3.68	10.69

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2021							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.93	36.80	36.77	-0.08	-10.16
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	37.26	35.88	35.87	-0.03	-3.73
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	108.52	113.89	116.20	2.03	7.08
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4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	113.25	121.75	120.94	-0.67	6.79
5	Red gram	Kg	76.83	81.55	81.87	0.39	6.56
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	97.48	112.11	112.15	0.04	15.05
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.85	80.63	80.08	-0.68	1.56
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.52	70.20	70.69	0.70	0.24
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	76.24	85.89	86.30	0.48	13.20
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.79	37.38	37.40	0.05	-3.58
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.29	46.07	46.21	0.30	2.03
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4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	203.93	188.73	190.64	1.01	-6.52
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	200.34	223.43	223.48	0.02	11.55
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.11	97.38	98.77	1.43	0.67
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	190.11	179.94	169.17	-5.99	-11.01
3	Onion small	Kg.	70.12	120.23	70.86	-41.06	1.06
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	150.61	165.13	161.76	-2.04	7.40
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.19	29.64	29.52	-0.40	-2.22
6	Mustard	100gm	9.45	10.50	10.52	0.19	11.32
7	Methy	100gm	9.77	10.54	10.52	-0.19	7.68
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.58	18.43	18.20	-1.25	-2.05
9	Garlic	100gm	15.33	14.71	13.08	-11.08	-14.68

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1	Onion big	Kg.	32.43	53.59	32.12	-40.06	-0.96
2	Brinjal	Kg.	32.81	36.23	33.48	-7.59	2.04
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.20	21.02	21.39	1.76	0.90
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.64	30.13	24.11	-19.98	16.81
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.84	59.73	39.61	-33.68	10.52
6	Cabbage	Kg	26.99	26.71	25.52	-4.46	-5.45
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	42.18	49.61	50.35	1.49	19.37
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.71	26.71	25.33	-5.17	11.54
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.55	38.71	32.39	-16.33	6.02
10	Tomato	Kg.	26.09	31.68	26.79	-15.44	2.68
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.75	5.48	5.26	-4.01	10.74
12	Banana green	Kg.	28.16	29.98	33.83	12.84	20.13
13	Plantain green	Kg.	35.44	29.04	29.62	2.00	-16.42
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	185.27	210.00	209.64	-0.17	13.15
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.42	138.92	138.92	0.00	-0.36
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.75	49.50	49.12	-0.77	7.37
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.82	25.73	26.07	1.32	9.45
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.50	51.50	0.00	3.00
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.17	9.17	9.42	2.73	2.73
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	25.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.71	14.39	14.43	0.28	-1.90
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	20.50	23.42	23.48	0.26	14.54
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.88	17.71	17.88	0.96	5.92
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	491.67	513.00	512.00	-0.19	4.13
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	386.12	412.25	427.41	3.68	10.69