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PREFACE

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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 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 February of the previous year 2020, previous month January 2021 and current month of February 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

During the month a marginal mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice varieties 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 Red Matta decreased by 0.16%, White Andhra Vella increased by 0.28% while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

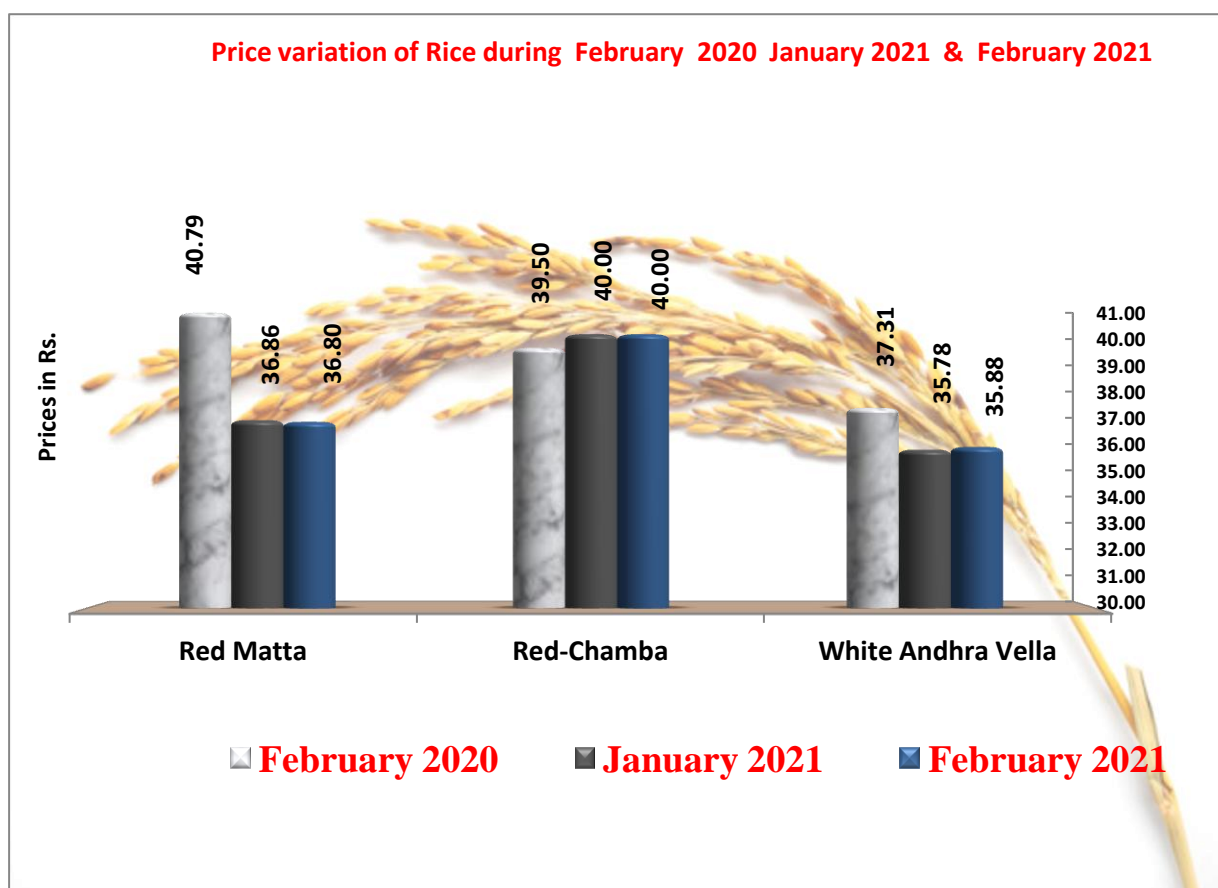
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andra Vella decreased by 9.78 % and 3.83 % , while that of Red Chamba increased by 1.27% .

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 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.79	36.86	36.80	-0.16	-9.78
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	37.31	35.78	35.88	0.28	-3.83

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 3.63% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Bengalgram bold, Bengalgram small and Peas Dhall.

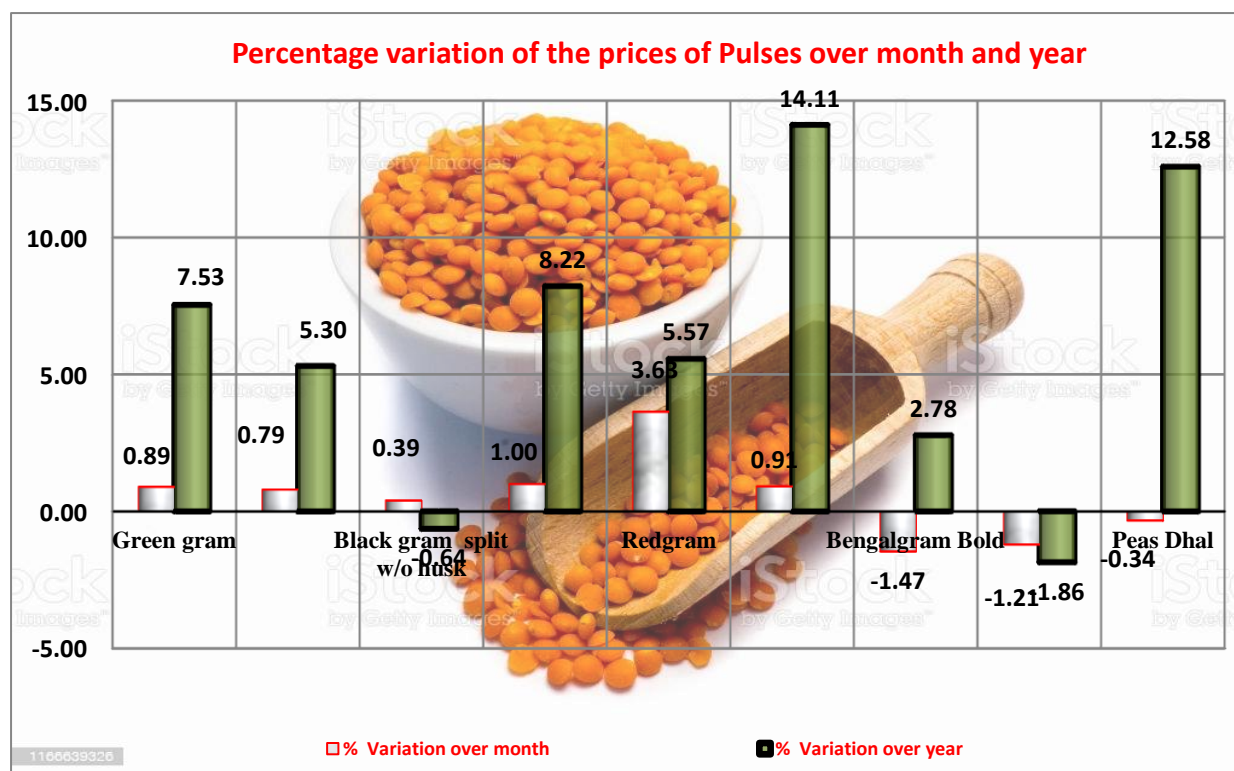
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses except Black gram split w/o husk and Bengalgram small showed an upward trend up to 14.11%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhal Tur(14.11%) , Peas dhal (12.58%), Blackgram split with husk (8.22%), Greengram (7.53%) 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 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	105.91	112.88	113.89	0.89	7.53
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	113.29	118.36	119.30	0.79	5.30
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	125.85	124.56	125.05	0.39	-0.64
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	112.50	120.55	121.75	1.00	8.22
5	Redgram	Kg	77.25	78.69	81.55	3.63	5.57
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	98.25	111.10	112.11	0.91	14.11
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.45	81.83	80.63	-1.47	2.78
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	71.53	71.06	70.20	-1.21	-1.86
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	76.29	86.18	85.89	-0.34	12.58

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 Lagon) decreased by 3.72% while all the remaining item in this group showed a marginal variation.

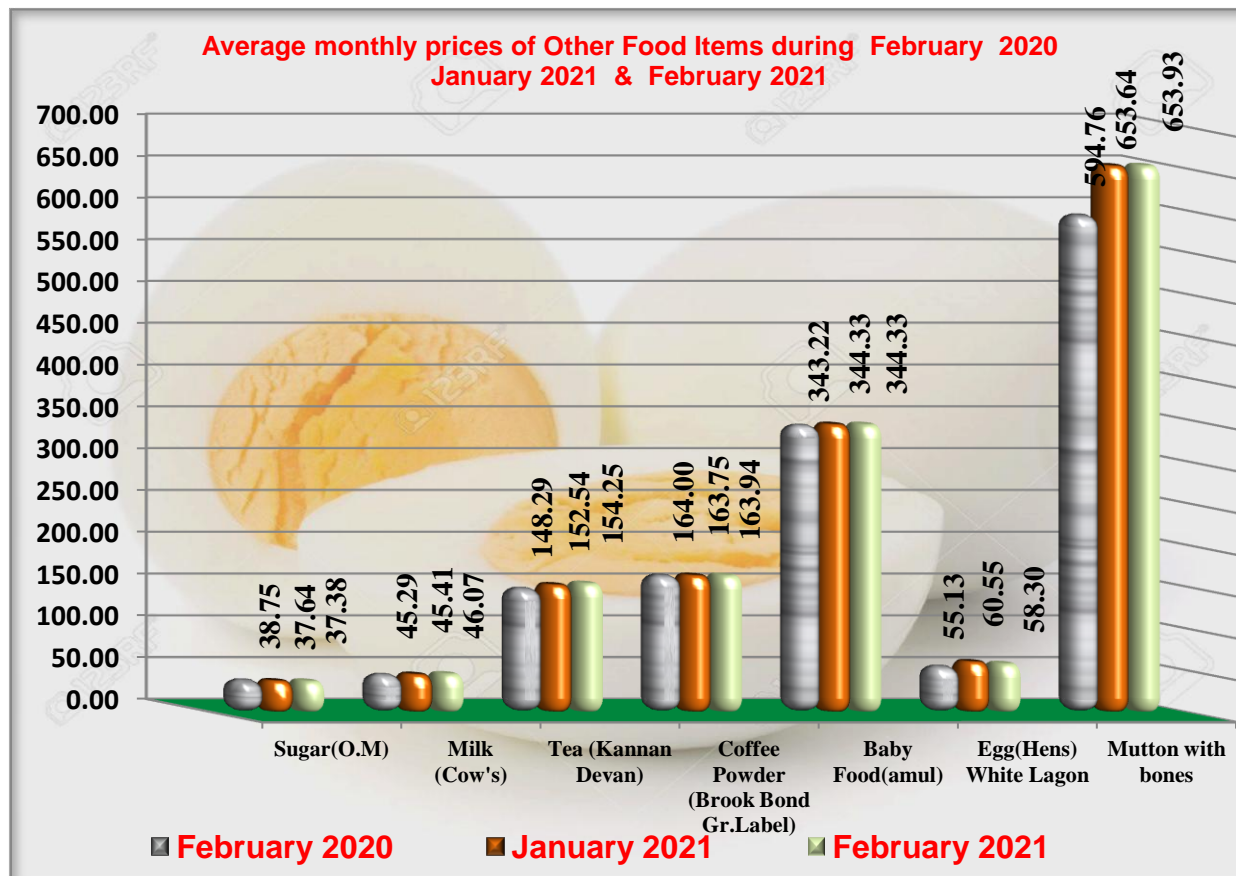
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Mutton with bones increased by 9.95% and Egg(Hens)White Lagon 5.75% while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations .

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	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.75	37.64	37.38	-0.69	-3.54
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.29	45.41	46.07	1.45	1.72
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.29	152.54	154.25	1.12	4.02
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	164.00	163.75	163.94	0.12	-0.04
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	343.22	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.32
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	55.13	60.55	58.30	-3.72	5.75
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	594.76	653.64	653.93	0.04	9.95

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 Oil seeds except the prices of Gingelly Oil and Coconut without Husk when compared with the price of the previous month

The State average retail price of all items of Oil and Oil seeds showed a increasing trend up to 3.41% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Gingelly Oil and Coconut without Husk.

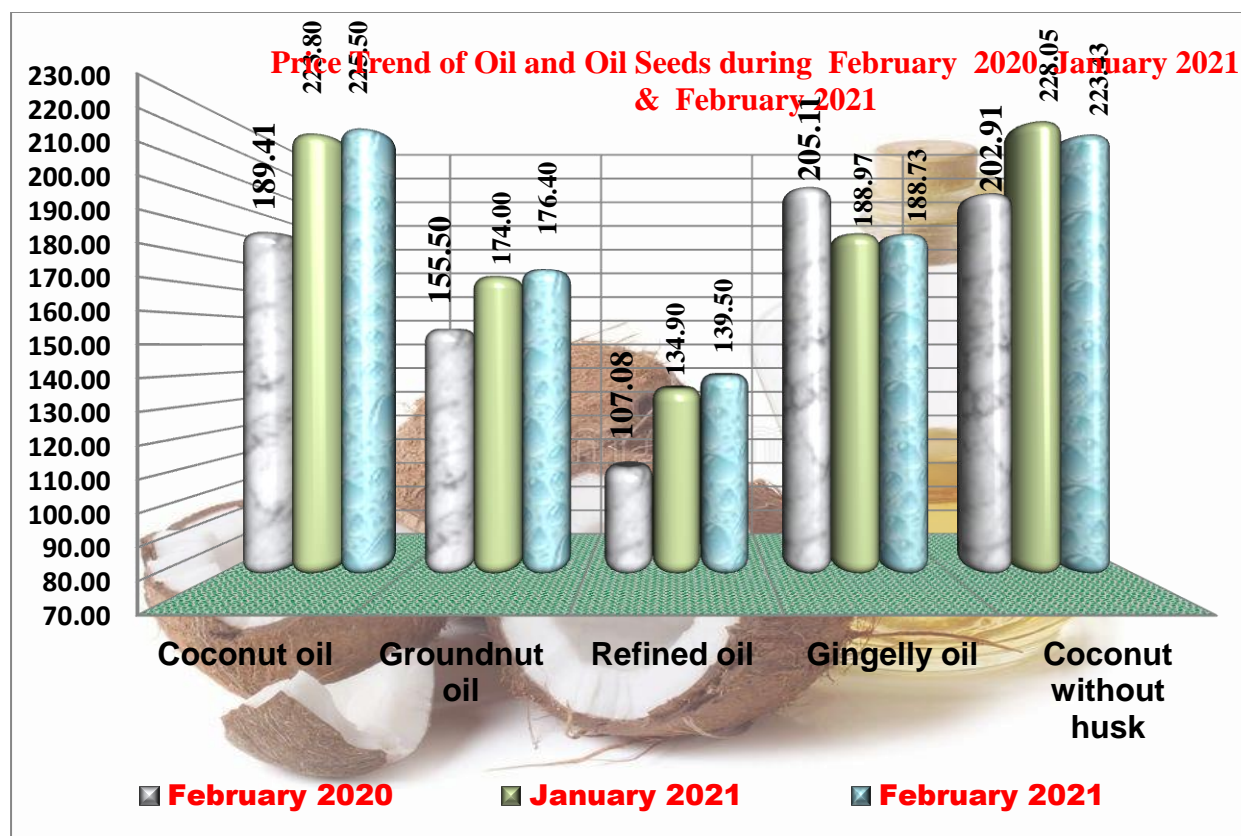
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut Oil, Groundnut Oil and Coconut without husk increased by 30.28 %,19.05 %, 13.44 % and 10.11 % respectively while the price of Gingelly oil Decreased by 7.99%,

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and oil seeds.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	189.41	223.80	225.50	0.76	19.05
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	155.50	174.00	176.40	1.38	13.44
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	107.08	134.90	139.50	3.41	30.28
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	205.11	188.97	188.73	-0.13	-7.99
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	202.91	228.05	223.43	-2.03	10.11

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 price of Onion Small showed a huge increase, increased by 46.60% when compared with the price of the previous month. Prices of all the remaining items showed a slight variations.

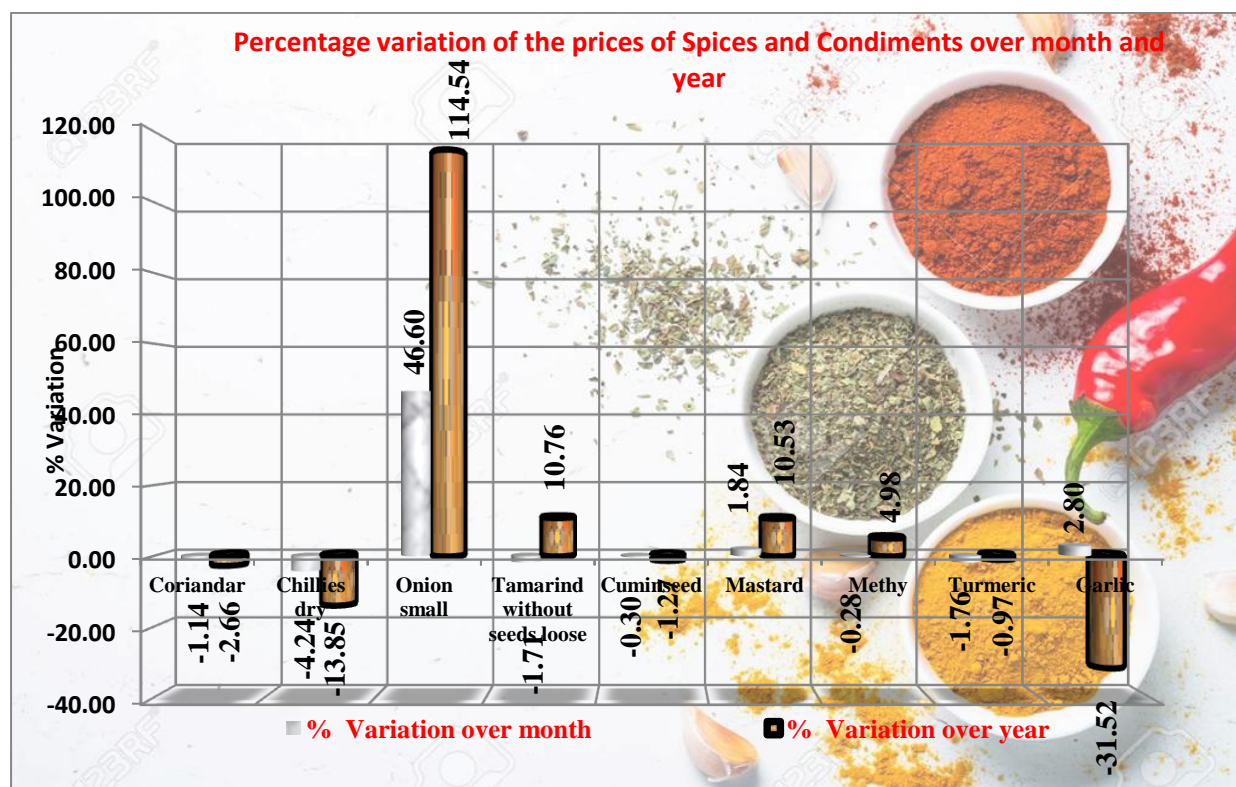
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Small (114.54%), Tamarind without seed Loose (10.76%), and Mustard (10.53%), while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (31.52%) and chillies dry (13.85%). prices of all the remaining items 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	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	100.04	98.50	97.38	-1.14	-2.66
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	208.88	187.91	179.94	-4.24	-13.85
3	Onion small	Kg.	56.04	82.01	120.23	46.60	114.54
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	149.09	168.01	165.13	-1.71	10.76
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.02	29.73	29.64	-0.30	-1.27
6	Mustard	100gm	9.50	10.31	10.50	1.84	10.53
7	Methy	100gm	10.04	10.57	10.54	-0.28	4.98
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.61	18.76	18.43	-1.76	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	21.48	14.31	14.71	2.80	-31.52

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 as well as the Corresponding month of the previous year.

The prices of Potato, Colocassia, Tapioca raw and Elephant Yam, decreased 15.02 %, 4.93%, 3.08 % and 2.47 % respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

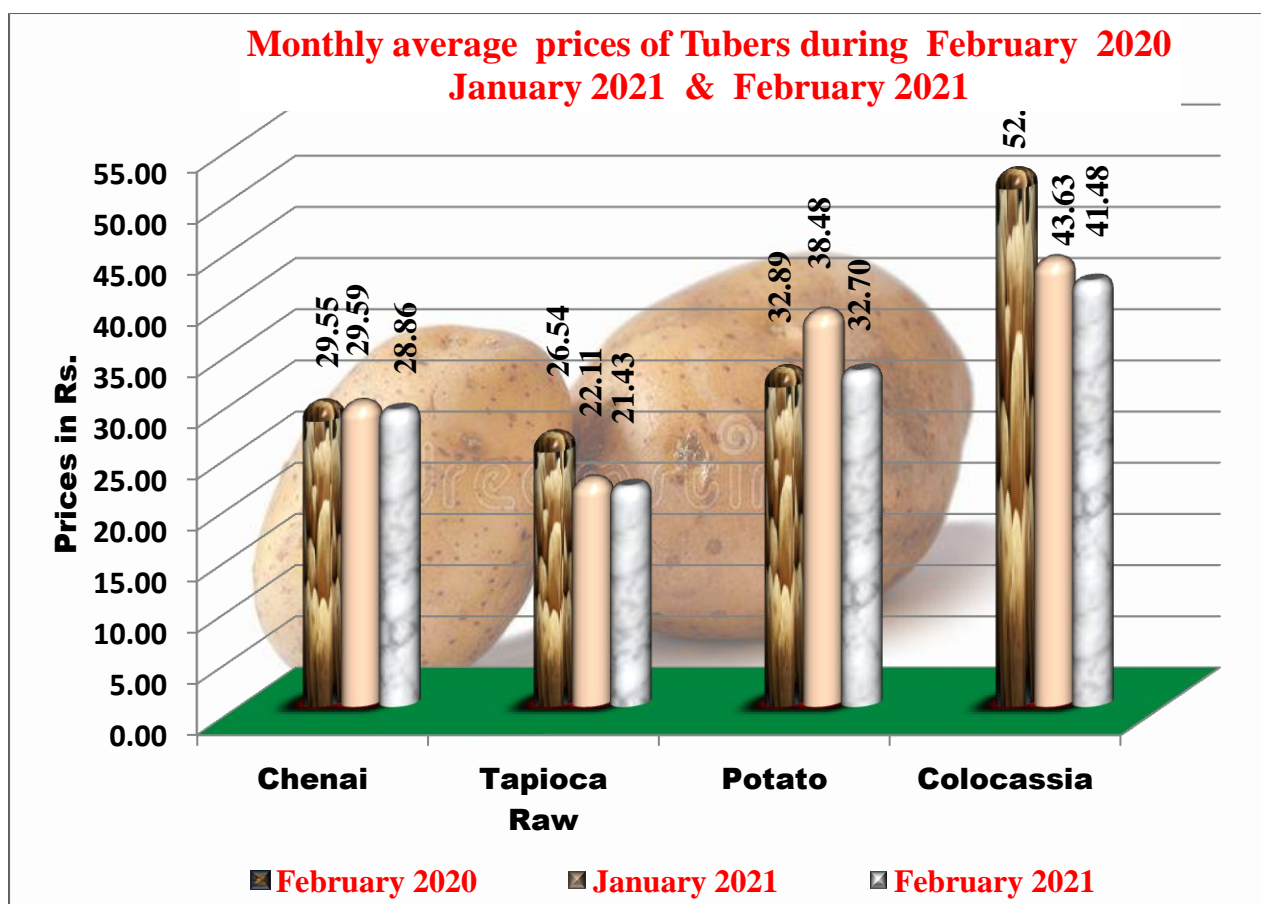
Decreasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Colocassia (20.58 %) and Tapioca raw (19.25 %).

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	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	29.55	29.59	28.86	-2.47	-2.34
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.54	22.11	21.43	-3.08	-19.25
3	Potato	Kg.	32.89	38.48	32.70	-15.02	-0.58
4	Colocassia	Kg.	52.23	43.63	41.48	-4.93	-20.58

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 that of the previous month, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

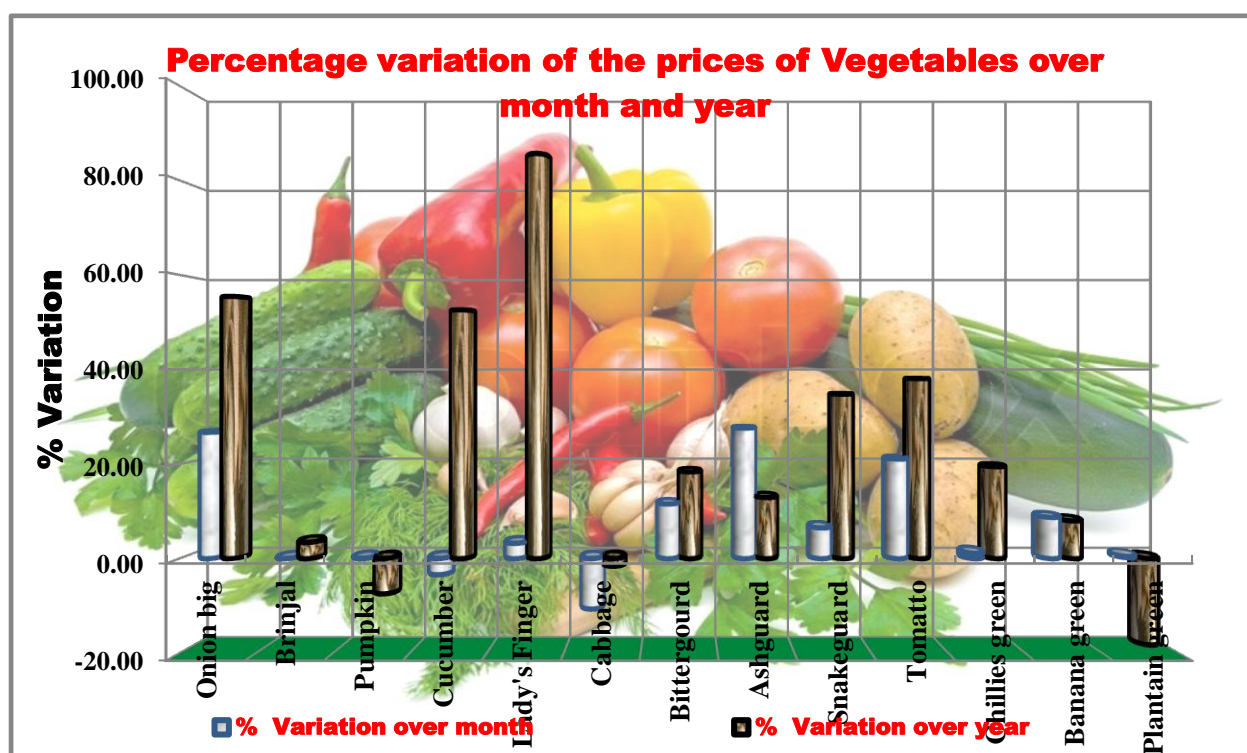
When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail price of all items of vegetables except cabbage, Cucumber and Brinjal showed an upward trend up to 27.55%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Ash gourd (27.55%), Onion Big (26.66%), Tomato (21.01%).

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of vegetables except cabbage, Pumpkin and Plantain Green showed an upward trend up to 85.61%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Lady's Finger (85.61%), Onion Big (55.42%), Cucumber (52.56%) and Tomato (38.04%), while that of notable decrease was seen in the price Plantain Green (18.24%).

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	34.48	42.31	53.59	26.66	55.42
2	Brinjal	Kg.	35.04	36.24	36.23	-0.03	3.40
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.71	21.01	21.02	0.05	-7.44
4	Cucumber	Kg.	19.75	31.19	30.13	-3.40	52.56
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	32.18	57.87	59.73	3.21	85.61
6	Cabbage	Kg.	27.14	29.89	26.71	-10.64	-1.58
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.93	44.48	49.61	11.53	18.32
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	23.66	20.94	26.71	27.55	12.89
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.73	36.35	38.71	6.49	34.74
10	Tomatto	Kg.	22.95	26.18	31.68	21.01	38.04
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.59	5.42	5.48	1.11	19.39
12	Banana green	Kg.	27.77	27.58	29.98	8.70	7.96
13	Plantain green	Kg.	35.52	28.86	29.04	0.62	-18.24

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 that 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 Crocin increased 9.65%, while the state average retail prices of Cement (Sankar) decreased 2.65%, while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations.

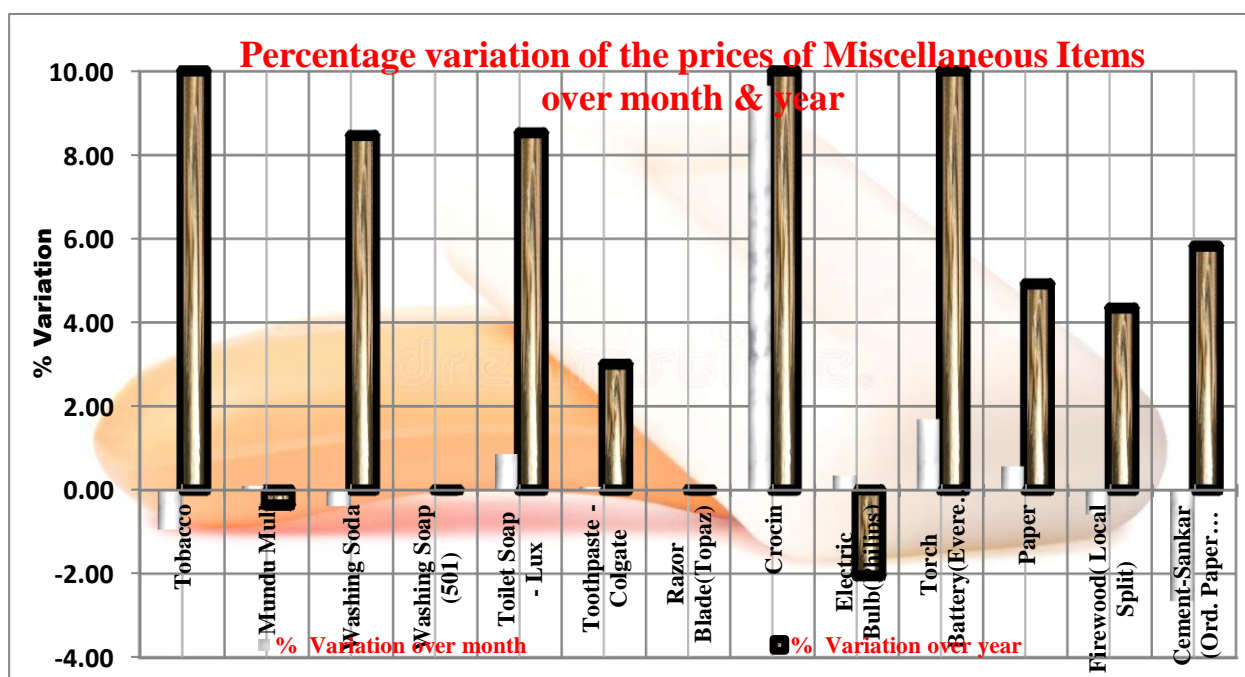
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous Year the state average retail price of all items except electric bulb (Philips) and mundu mull showed an upward trend up to 25%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Crocin (25%), Torch Battery (Eveready)(14.24 %), Tobacco(12.56%), Toilet Soap- Lux(8.52%).

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	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	186.57	212.00	210.00	-0.94	12.56
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.42	138.78	138.92	0.10	-0.36
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.64	49.69	49.50	-0.38	8.46
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.71	25.51	25.73	0.86	8.52
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.46	51.50	0.08	3.00
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	9.17	9.17	9.17	0.00	0.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.28	2.50	9.65	25.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.69	14.34	14.39	0.35	-2.04
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	20.50	23.03	23.42	1.69	14.24
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.88	17.61	17.71	0.57	4.92
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	491.67	516.00	513.00	-0.58	4.34
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	389.59	423.46	412.25	-2.65	5.82

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of February 2020							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	40.79	36.86	36.80	-0.16	-9.78
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	B. PULSES						
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5	Red gram	Kg	77.25	78.69	81.55	3.63	5.57
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	98.25	111.10	112.11	0.91	14.11
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.45	81.83	80.63	-1.47	2.78
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	71.53	71.06	70.20	-1.21	-1.86
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	76.29	86.18	85.89	-0.34	12.58
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.75	37.64	37.38	-0.69	-3.54
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.29	45.41	46.07	1.45	1.72
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5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	343.22	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.32
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2	Chilies dry	Kg.	208.88	187.91	179.94	-4.24	-13.85
3	Onion small	Kg.	56.04	82.01	120.23	46.60	114.54
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	149.09	168.01	165.13	-1.71	10.76
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.02	29.73	29.64	-0.30	-1.27
6	Mustard	100gm	9.50	10.31	10.50	1.84	10.53
7	Methy	100gm	10.04	10.57	10.54	-0.28	4.98
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.61	18.76	18.43	-1.76	-0.97
9	Garlic	100gm	21.48	14.31	14.71	2.80	-31.52

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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.71	21.01	21.02	0.05	-7.44
4	Cucumber	Kg.	19.75	31.19	30.13	-3.40	52.56
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	32.18	57.87	59.73	3.21	85.61
6	Cabbage	Kg	27.14	29.89	26.71	-10.64	-1.58
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.93	44.48	49.61	11.53	18.32
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	23.66	20.94	26.71	27.55	12.89
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.73	36.35	38.71	6.49	34.74
10	Tomato	Kg.	22.95	26.18	31.68	21.01	38.04
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.59	5.42	5.48	1.11	19.39
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3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.64	49.69	49.50	-0.38	8.46
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.71	25.51	25.73	0.86	8.52
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.00	51.46	51.50	0.08	3.00
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.17	9.17	9.17	0.00	0.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.28	2.50	9.65	25.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.69	14.34	14.39	0.35	-2.04
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	20.50	23.03	23.42	1.69	14.24
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.88	17.61	17.71	0.57	4.92
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	491.67	516.00	513.00	-0.58	4.34
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	389.59	423.46	412.25	-2.65	5.82