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

**JUNE 2020**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of June 2020. 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 June of the previous year 2019, previous month May 2020 and current month of June 2020 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

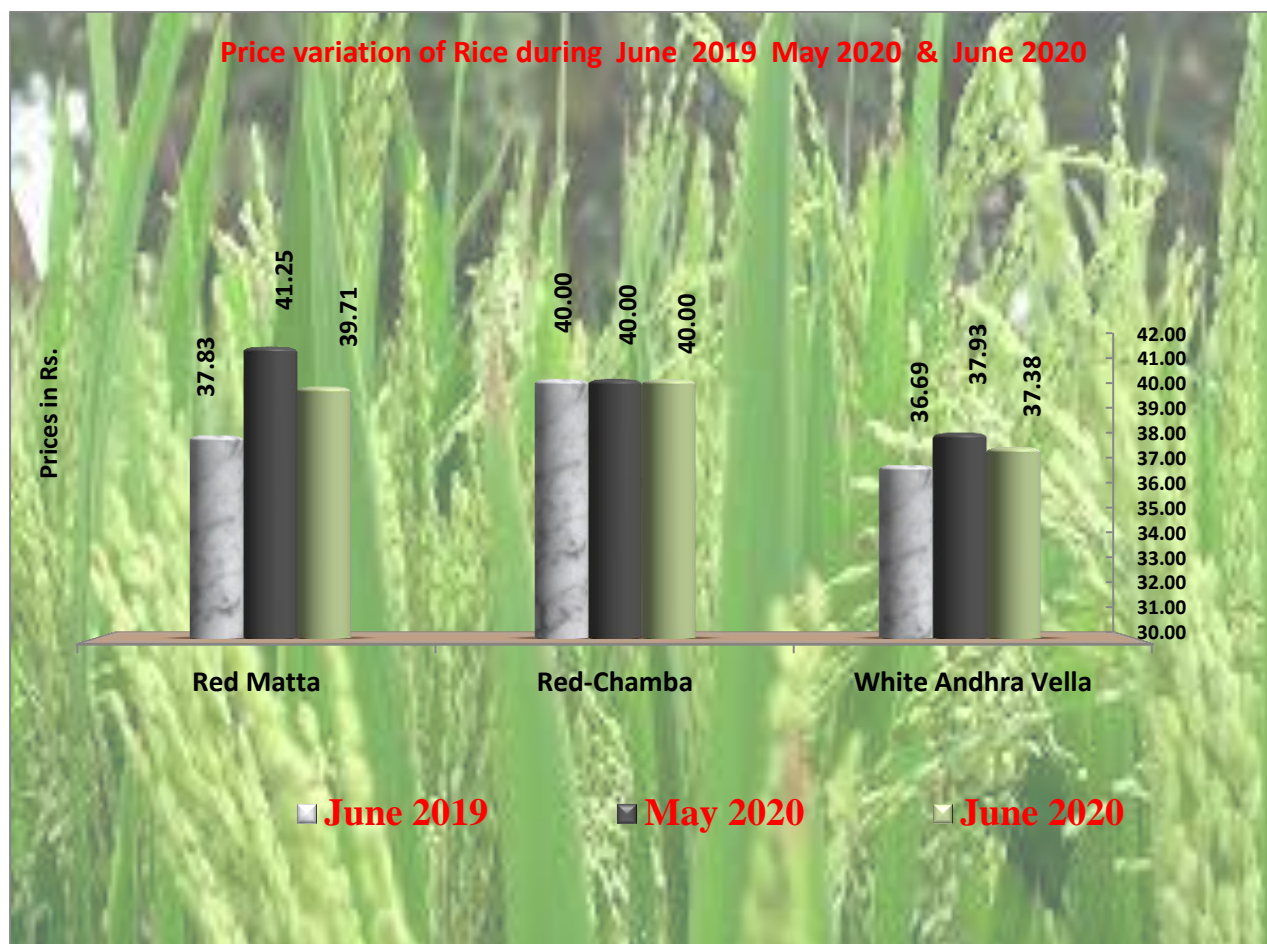
During the month a decreasing trend was observed in average retail price of Rice varieties except Red Chamba when compared with the prices of the previous month, while an increasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice varieties except Red Chamba when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 3.73%, 1.45% 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 increased by 4.97% and 1.88%, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged. 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	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.83	41.25	39.71	-3.73	4.97
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.69	37.93	37.38	-1.45	1.88

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## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

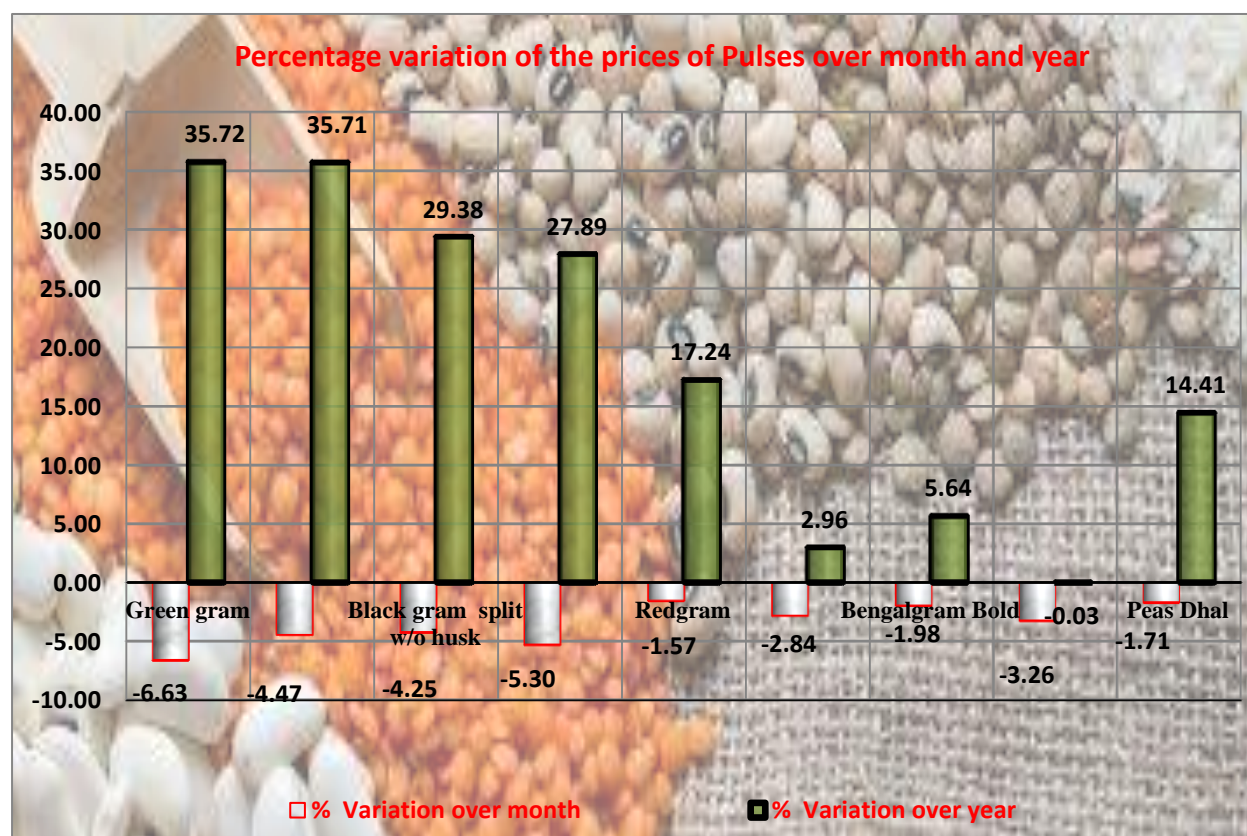
During the month a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month and an upward trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year except that of bengalgram small. The State average retail price of all items of Pulses showed a downward trend 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 35.72%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Greengram (35.72%),Greengram dhal (35.71%). Blackgram split w/o husk (29.38%) ,Blackgram split with husk (27.89%) 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	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	93.31	135.63	126.64	-6.63	35.72
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	95.98	136.34	130.25	-4.47	35.71
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	95.00	128.36	122.91	-4.25	29.38
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	91.63	123.75	117.19	-5.30	27.89
5	Redgram	Kg	71.07	84.65	83.32	-1.57	17.24
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	97.86	103.70	100.76	-2.84	2.96
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	76.00	81.91	80.29	-1.98	5.64
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	72.22	74.63	72.20	-3.26	-0.03
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	68.34	79.55	78.19	-1.71	14.41

Graph – 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

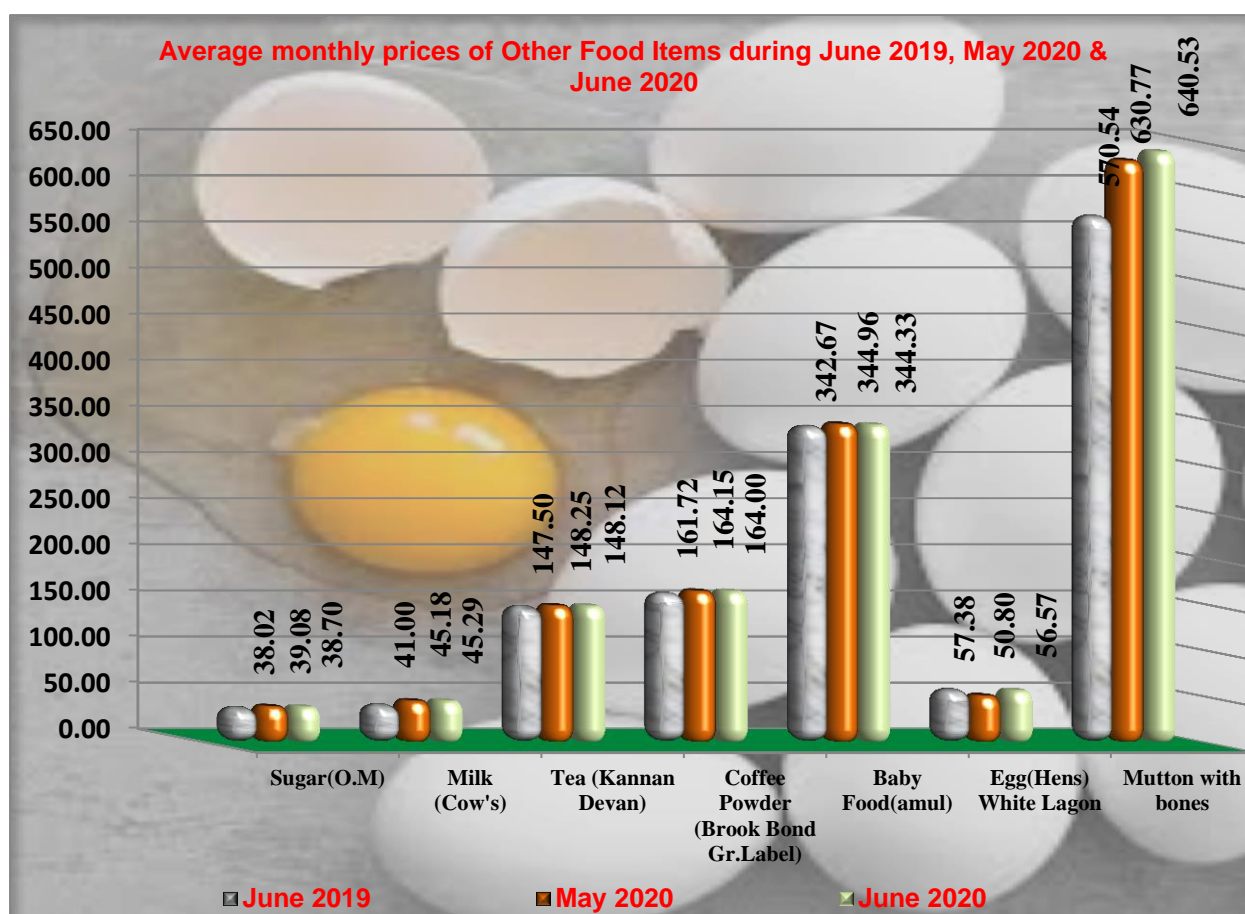
During the month a Mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month and an upward trend was observed in almost all the items except Egg(Hens)white Lagoon when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of white lagoon increased by 11.36% when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Egg(Hens)White Lagoon decreased by 1.41% while, the prices of all other items of other food items increased up to 12.27% . 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	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.02	39.08	38.70	-0.97	1.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	41.00	45.18	45.29	0.24	10.46
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.50	148.25	148.12	-0.09	0.42
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.72	164.15	164.00	-0.09	1.41
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	344.96	344.33	-0.18	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	57.38	50.80	56.57	11.36	-1.41
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	570.54	630.77	640.53	1.55	12.27

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

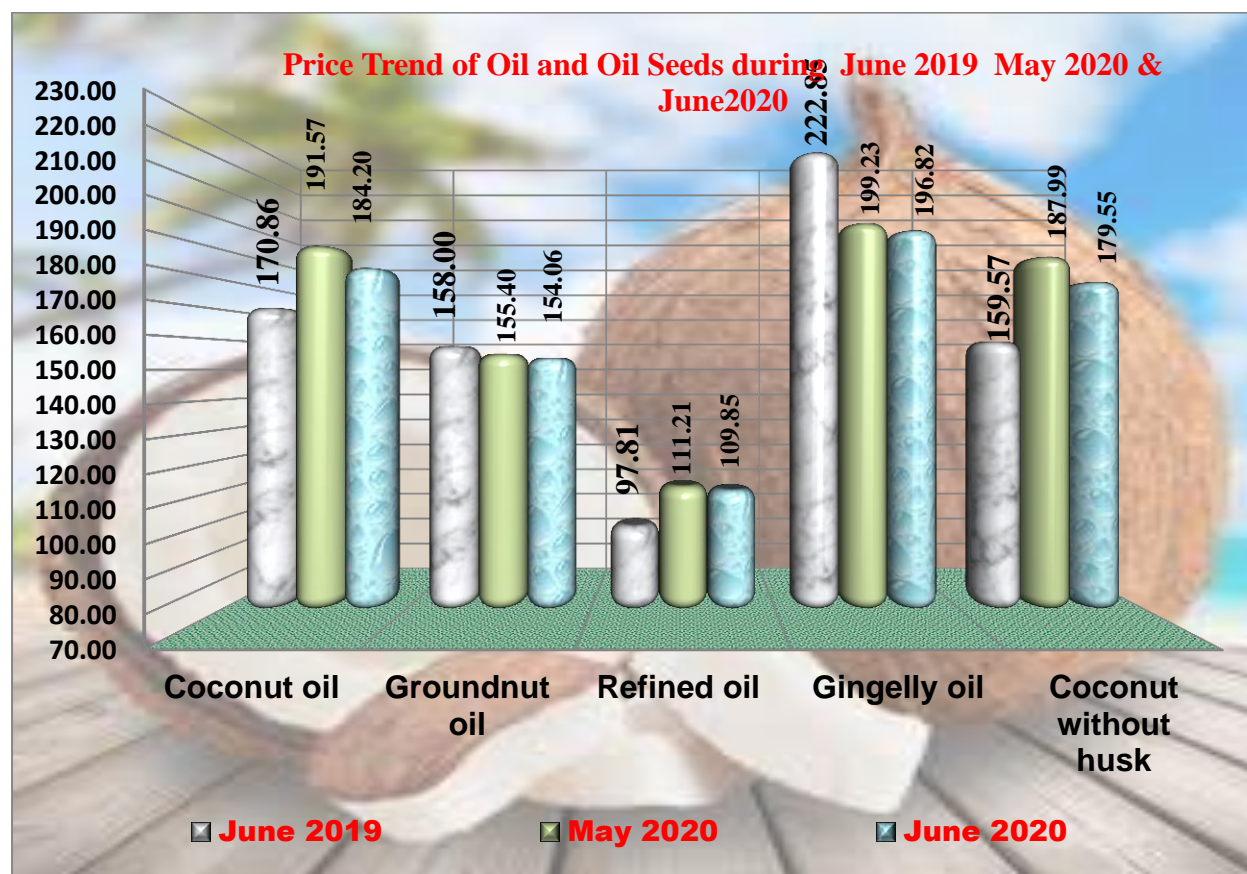
During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month while, a mixed trend was observed, when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Oil and Oil seeds decreased upto 4.49% 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 coconut without husk , Refined Oil and Coconut Oil increased by 12.52%,12.31%, and 7.81% ,where as Gingelly oil and groundnut oil Decreased by 11.68%,2.49% respectively, when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. 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	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	170.86	191.57	184.20	-3.85	7.81
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	158.00	155.40	154.06	-0.86	-2.49
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	97.81	111.21	109.85	-1.22	12.31
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	222.85	199.23	196.82	-1.21	-11.68
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	159.57	187.99	179.55	-4.49	12.52

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

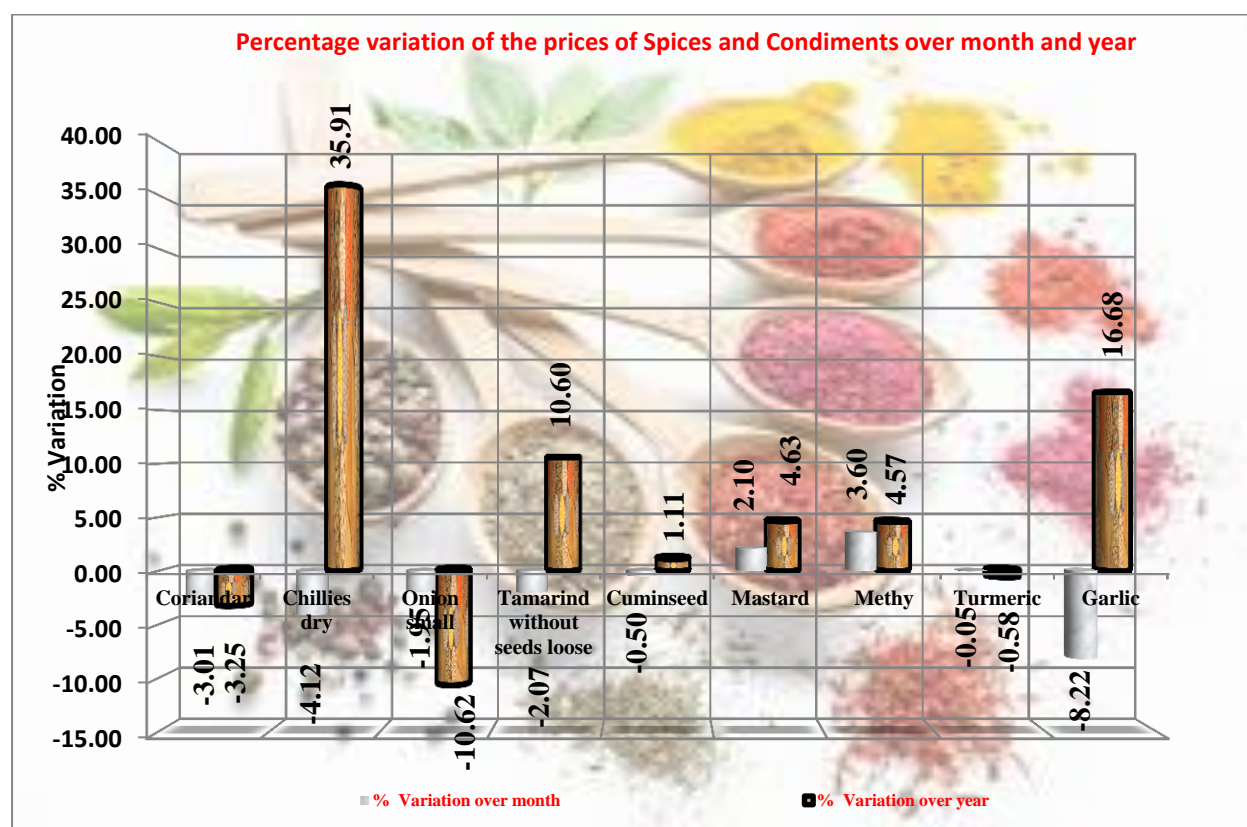
During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as with the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Methy and Mustard showed an upward trend while that of all other items showed a downward trend, when compared with the price 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 Onion Small, Coriander and turmeric increased upto 35.91%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (35.91%), Garlic (16.68%) 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 Spices and Condiments.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.57	101.32	98.27	-3.01	-3.25
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	130.55	185.05	177.43	-4.12	35.91
3	Onion small	Kg.	61.95	56.47	55.37	-1.95	-10.62
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	143.55	162.12	158.77	-2.07	10.60
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.82	30.30	30.15	-0.50	1.11
6	Mustard	100gm	9.29	9.52	9.72	2.10	4.63
7	Methy	100gm	9.62	9.71	10.06	3.60	4.57
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.86	18.85	-0.05	-0.58
9	Garlic	100gm	11.87	15.09	13.85	-8.22	16.68

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

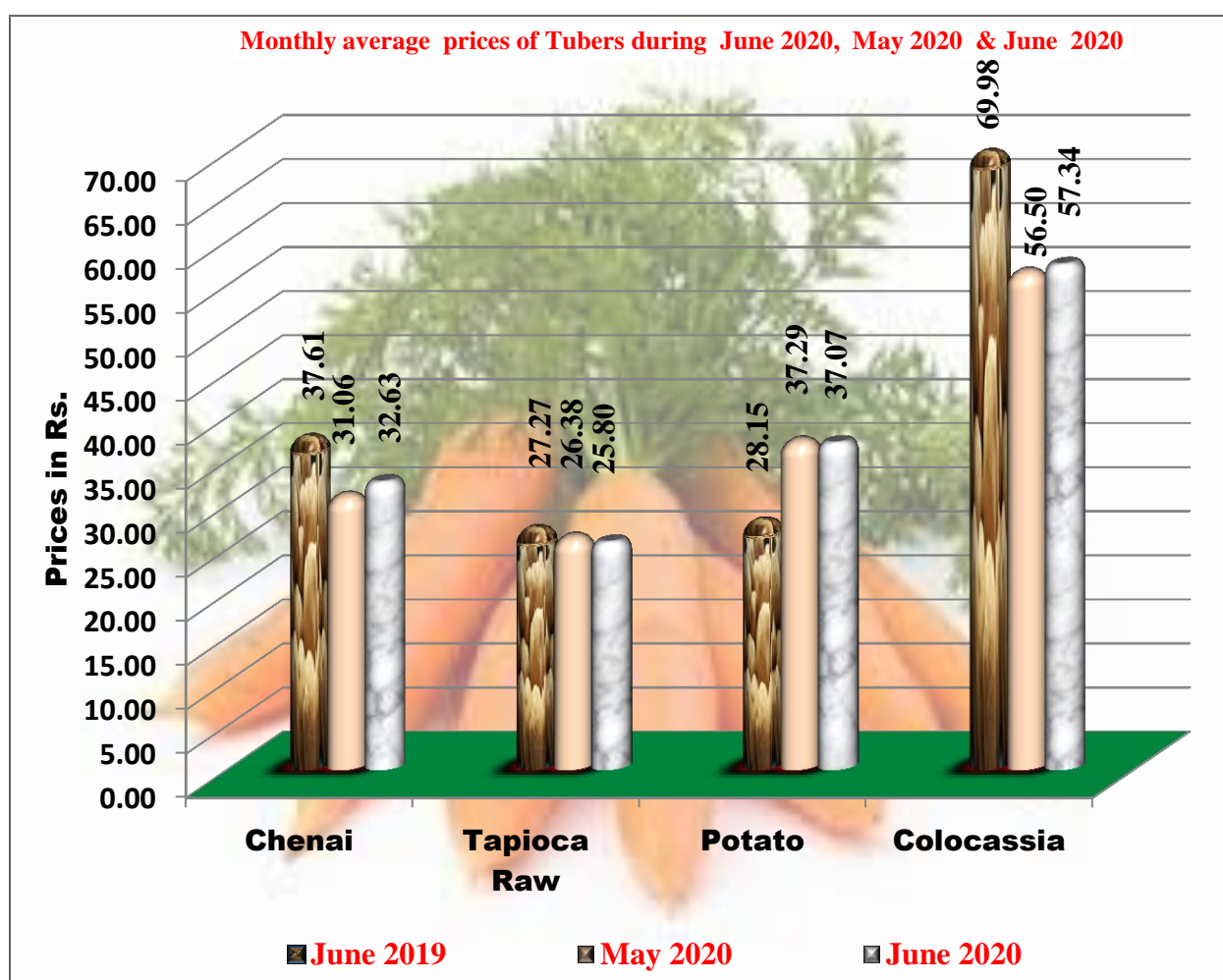
During the month a Mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the Corresponding month of the previous year . The state average retail prices of Chennai and Colocassia increased 5.05% and 1.49% while the prices of other items showed a decreasing trend 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 Potato increased by 31.69% ,while that of all other items decreased upto18.06%. 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	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	37.61	31.06	32.63	5.05	-13.24
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.27	26.38	25.80	-2.20	-5.39
3	Potato	Kg.	28.15	37.29	37.07	-0.59	31.69
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.98	56.50	57.34	1.49	-18.06

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

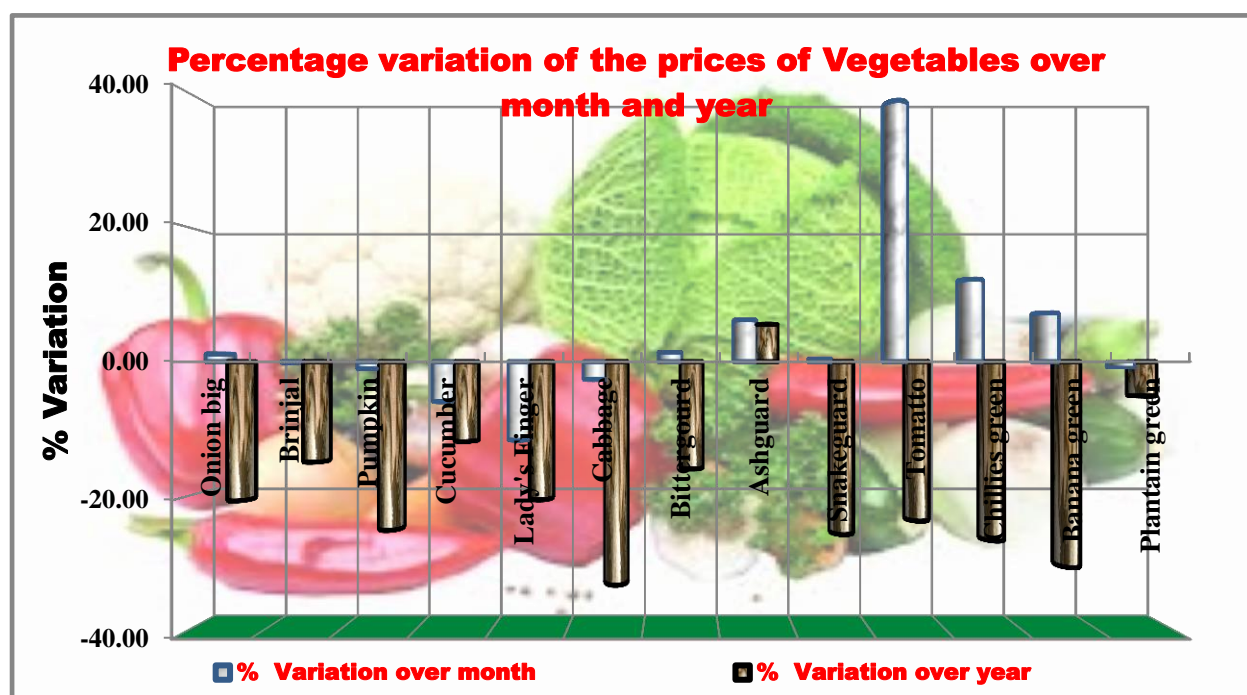
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month while a decreasing trend observed in almost all the items except Ashgourd when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except Lady'sfinger, Cucumber, Cabbage, Pumpkin, Plantain green and Brinjal increased up to 38.58% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (38.58%), and Chillies green(12.18%) when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The state average retail price of almost all the vegetables except Ashgourd decreased upto 33.09% while that of Ashgourd increased by 5.53%, when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was showed in the prices of Cabbage (33.09%), Banana green (30.50%), chillies green(26.55%) and Snake guard(25.60%) when compared with the Prices of the corresponding month of the Previous Year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.48	19.21	19.43	1.15	-20.63
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.43	31.89	31.85	-0.13	-14.91
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	28.25	21.41	21.19	-1.03	-24.99
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.27	22.75	21.40	-5.93	-11.83
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.93	35.95	31.76	-11.66	-20.46
6	Cabbage	Kg	39.77	27.33	26.61	-2.63	-33.09
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	58.70	48.69	49.37	1.40	-15.89
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.04	23.89	25.37	6.20	5.53
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.36	30.66	30.77	0.36	-25.60
10	Tomatto	Kg.	39.73	21.90	30.35	38.58	-23.61
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.27	4.76	5.34	12.18	-26.55
12	Banana green	Kg.	56.20	36.43	39.06	7.22	-30.50
13	Plantain green	Kg.	32.79	31.39	31.12	-0.86	-5.09

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

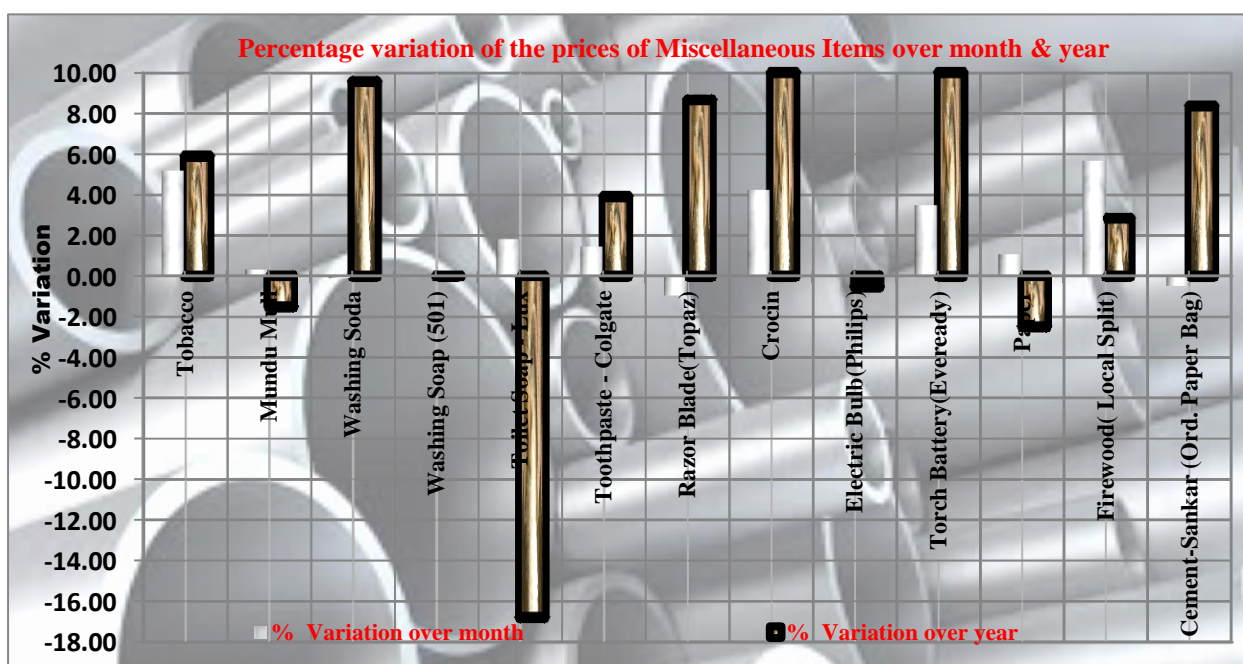
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of firewood(split),Tobacco,Crocin, Torch battery(Eveready) Toilet soap Lux, Toothpaste – Colgate ,Paper,Mundu mull increased upto 5.17%, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed a slight decrease up to 0.97% 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 Mundu mull, Toilet Soap and Electric Bulb(Philips) was decreased upto 16.80%. all other items showed an increasing trend up to 11.93%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Toilet soap-Lux (16.80% ),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 Miscellaneous Items.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.61	197.95	208.18	5.17	5.88
2	Mundu Mull	Each	143.34	140.73	141.18	0.32	-1.51
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.80	49.14	49.08	-0.12	9.55
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	29.77	24.33	24.77	1.81	-16.80
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.95	50.13	50.86	1.46	3.90
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.44	9.26	9.17	-0.97	8.65
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.01	2.13	2.22	4.23	10.45
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.76	14.75	-0.07	-0.54
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	19.11	20.67	21.39	3.48	11.93
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.65	17.03	17.21	1.06	-2.49
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	481.67	509.00	5.67	2.83
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	402.68	438.43	436.31	-0.48	8.35

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of June 2020							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.83	41.25	39.71	-3.73	4.97
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.69	37.93	37.38	-1.45	1.88
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	93.31	135.63	126.64	-6.63	35.72
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4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	91.63	123.75	117.19	-5.30	27.89
5	Redgram	Kg	71.07	84.65	83.32	-1.57	17.24
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	97.86	103.70	100.76	-2.84	2.96
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	76.00	81.91	80.29	-1.98	5.64
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	72.22	74.63	72.20	-3.26	-0.03
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	68.34	79.55	78.19	-1.71	14.41
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.02	39.08	38.70	-0.97	1.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	41.00	45.18	45.29	0.24	10.46
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.50	148.25	148.12	-0.09	0.42
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.72	164.15	164.00	-0.09	1.41
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	344.96	344.33	-0.18	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	57.38	50.80	56.57	11.36	-1.41
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	97.81	111.21	109.85	-1.22	12.31
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	222.85	199.23	196.82	-1.21	-11.68
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	159.57	187.99	179.55	-4.49	12.52
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.57	101.32	98.27	-3.01	-3.25
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	130.55	185.05	177.43	-4.12	35.91
3	Onion small	Kg.	61.95	56.47	55.37	-1.95	-10.62
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	143.55	162.12	158.77	-2.07	10.60
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.82	30.30	30.15	-0.50	1.11
6	Mustard	100gm	9.29	9.52	9.72	2.10	4.63
7	Methy	100gm	9.62	9.71	10.06	3.60	4.57
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.86	18.85	-0.05	-0.58
9	Garlic	100gm	11.87	15.09	13.85	-8.22	16.68

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3	Potato	Kg.	28.15	37.29	37.07	-0.59	31.69
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.98	56.50	57.34	1.49	-18.06
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.48	19.21	19.43	1.15	-20.63
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	28.25	21.41	21.19	-1.03	-24.99
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.27	22.75	21.40	-5.93	-11.83
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.93	35.95	31.76	-11.66	-20.46
6	Cabbage	Kg.	39.77	27.33	26.61	-2.63	-33.09
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	58.70	48.69	49.37	1.40	-15.89
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.04	23.89	25.37	6.20	5.53
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.36	30.66	30.77	0.36	-25.60
10	Tomato	Kg.	39.73	21.90	30.35	38.58	-23.61
11	Chilies green	100gm	7.27	4.76	5.34	12.18	-26.55
12	Banana green	Kg.	56.20	36.43	39.06	7.22	-30.50
13	Plantain green	Kg.	32.79	31.39	31.12	-0.86	-5.09
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.61	197.95	208.18	5.17	5.88
2	Mundu Mull	Each	143.34	140.73	141.18	0.32	-1.51
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.80	49.14	49.08	-0.12	9.55
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	29.77	24.33	24.77	1.81	-16.80
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.95	50.13	50.86	1.46	3.90
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.44	9.26	9.17	-0.97	8.65
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.01	2.13	2.22	4.23	10.45
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.76	14.75	-0.07	-0.54
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	19.11	20.67	21.39	3.48	11.93
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.65	17.03	17.21	1.06	-2.49
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	481.67	509.00	5.67	2.83
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	402.68	438.43	436.31	-0.48	8.35