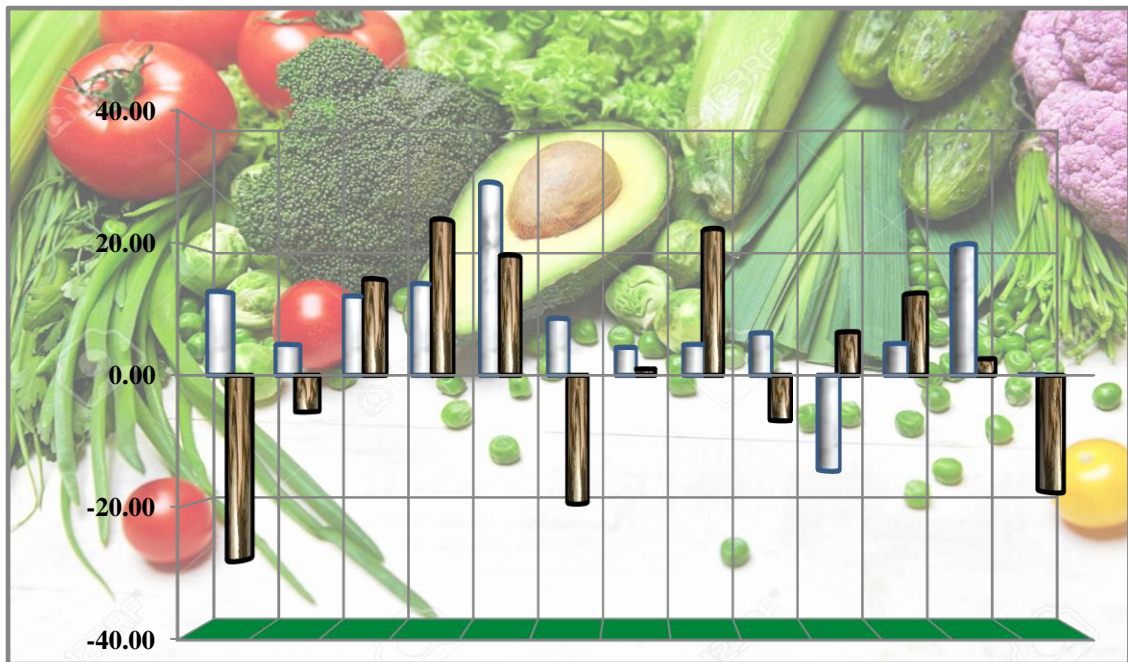




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PREFACE

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From January 2004 onwards a publication titled "PRICE BULLETIN" is being prepared and published monthly incorporating the Retail prices of main essential commodities under 8 major groups. Group wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

AUGUST 2020

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of August 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 August of the previous year 2019, previous month July 2020 and current month of August 2020 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are attached. Group Wise 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 the state 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 Matta when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 1.08 %, 0.38% respectively, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

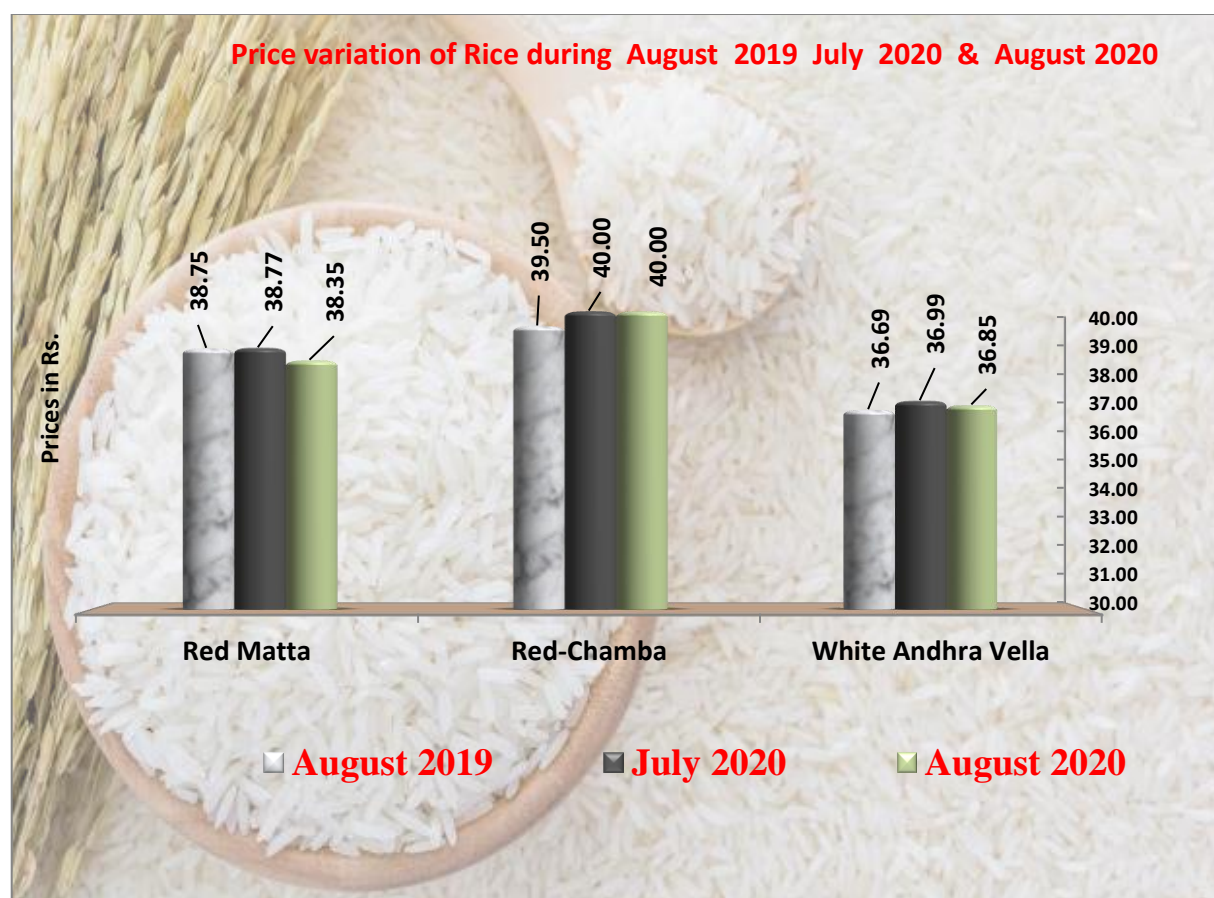
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra Vella increased slightly by 1.27 % and 0.44 % respectively while that of Andhra Vella decreased by 1.03%.

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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	38.75	38.77	38.35	-1.08	-1.03
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.69	36.99	36.85	-0.38	0.44

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 notable decrease was seen in the price of Green gram (4.07%), Red gram (4.04%), Green gram dhal (3.23%) and a slight increase was seen in the price of Bengalgram small (0.95%), Dhal(Tur)(0.84%), and Bengal gram (Bold)(0.29%) when compared with the prices of the previous month.

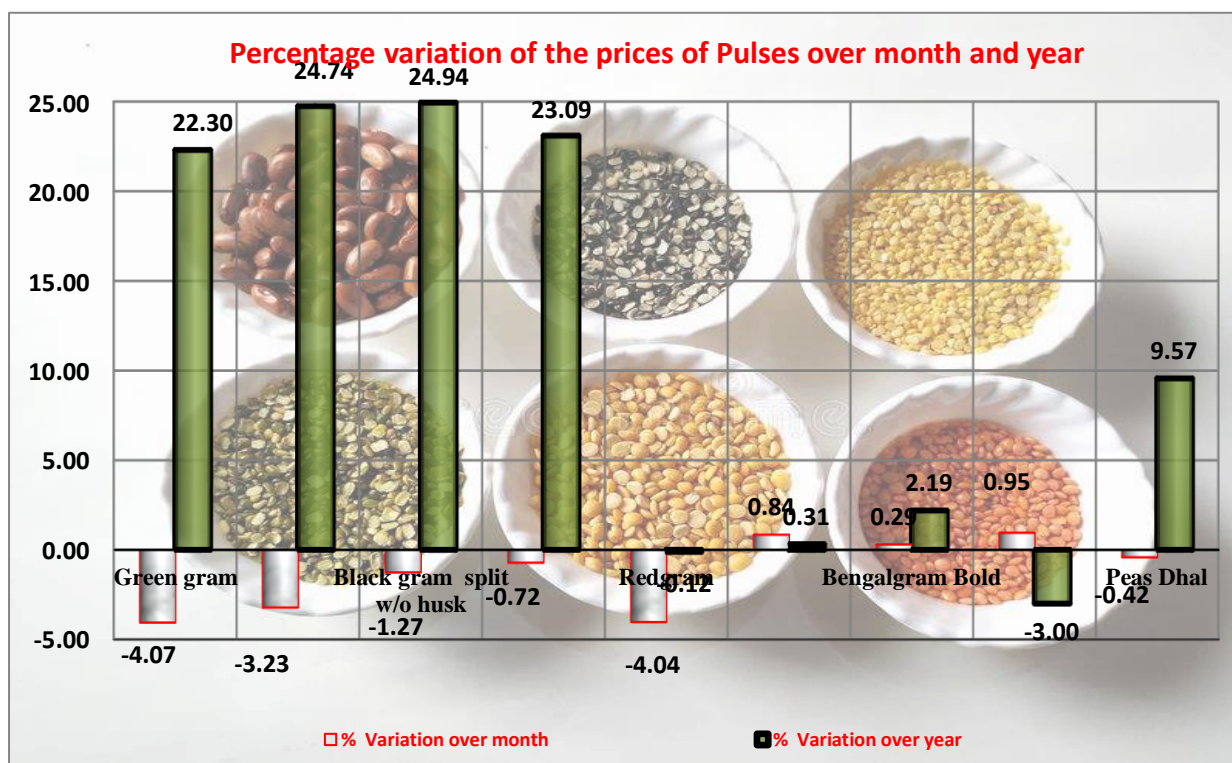
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses except Bengalgram small and Red Gram showed an upward trend up to 24.94%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (24.94%), Greengram dhal (24.74%), Blackgram split with husk (23.09%), Greengram (22.30%), 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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	95.43	121.66	116.71	-4.07	22.30
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	97.61	125.82	121.76	-3.23	24.74
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	94.95	120.15	118.63	-1.27	24.94
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.75	115.00	114.17	-0.72	23.09
5	Redgram	Kg	77.57	80.74	77.48	-4.04	-0.12
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	99.52	99.00	99.83	0.84	0.31
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	77.14	78.60	78.83	0.29	2.19
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	73.59	70.71	71.38	0.95	-3.00
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	69.31	76.26	75.94	-0.42	9.57

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 increasing trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Only slight variations are seen except the price of white lagoon when compared with the price of previous month .The price of Egg white lagoon increased by about 9.78%.

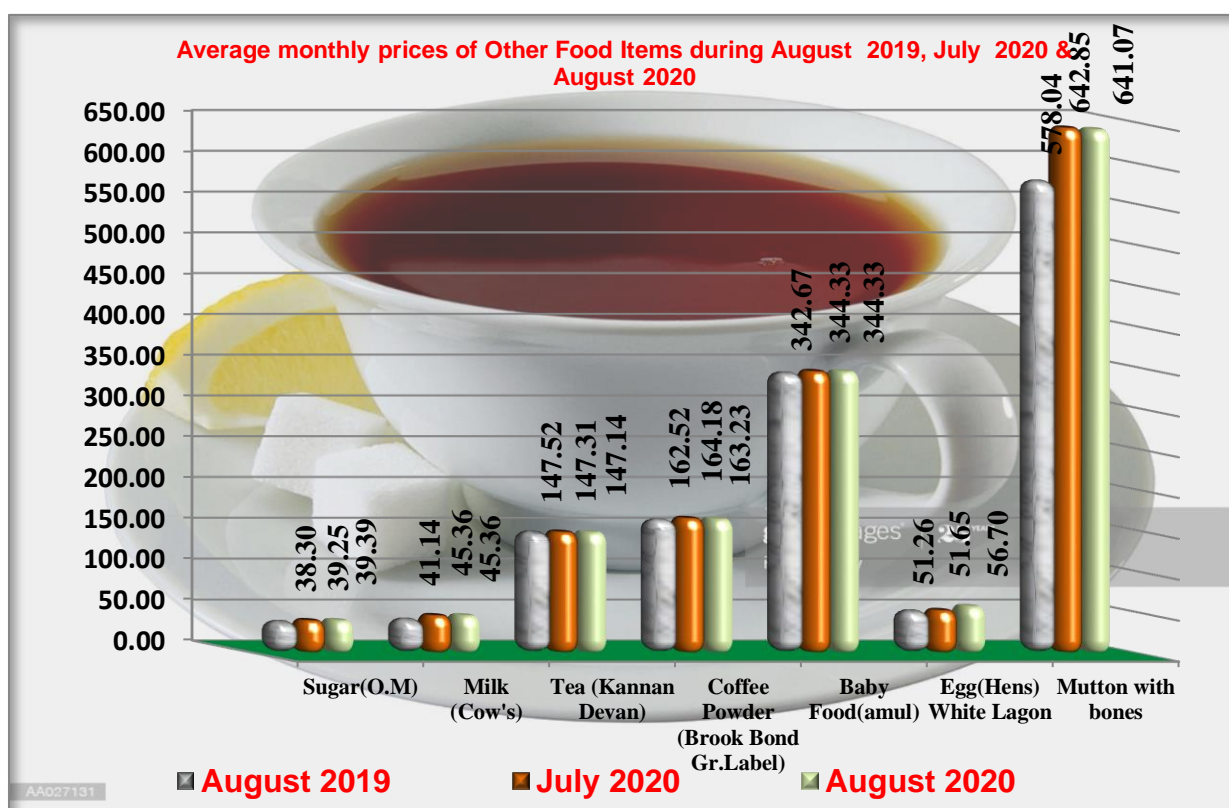
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year an increasing trend was observed except the price of Tea Kannan Devan. Notable increase was seen in the price of Mutton with bones (10.90%), Egg Hen while lagoon (10.61%) Milk (Cows), (10.26%) while only slight decrease was seen in the price of Tea Kannan Devan.

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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.30	39.25	39.39	0.36	2.85
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	41.14	45.36	45.36	0.00	10.26
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.52	147.31	147.14	-0.12	-0.26
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	162.52	164.18	163.23	-0.58	0.44
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	51.26	51.65	56.70	9.78	10.61
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	578.04	642.85	641.07	-0.28	10.90

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During the month a mixed trend was observed 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.

The prices of Coconut without Husk and Coconut Oil increased by 5.20% and 2.28% respectively and the remaining items showed only slight variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

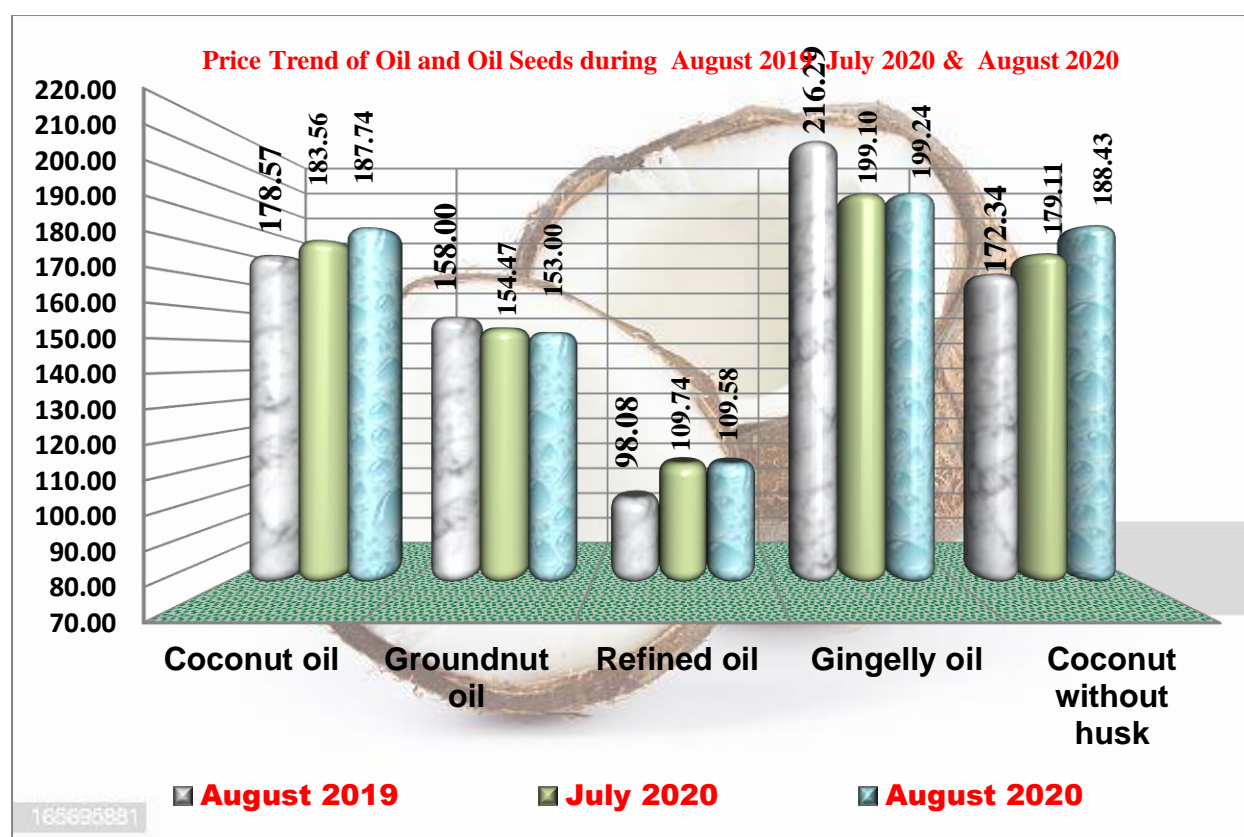
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut without husk, and Coconut Oil increased by 11.73%, 9.34%, and 5.14% respectively, whereas Gingelly oil and groundnut oil Decreased by 7.88% and 3.16% respectively, when 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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	178.57	183.56	187.74	2.28	5.14
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	158.00	154.47	153.00	-0.95	-3.16
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	98.08	109.74	109.58	-0.15	11.73
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	216.29	199.10	199.24	0.07	-7.88
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	172.34	179.11	188.43	5.20	9.34

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 decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (11.10%) and Chilies Dry (2.79%) and the remaining items showed only marginal variations when compared with the price of the previous month.

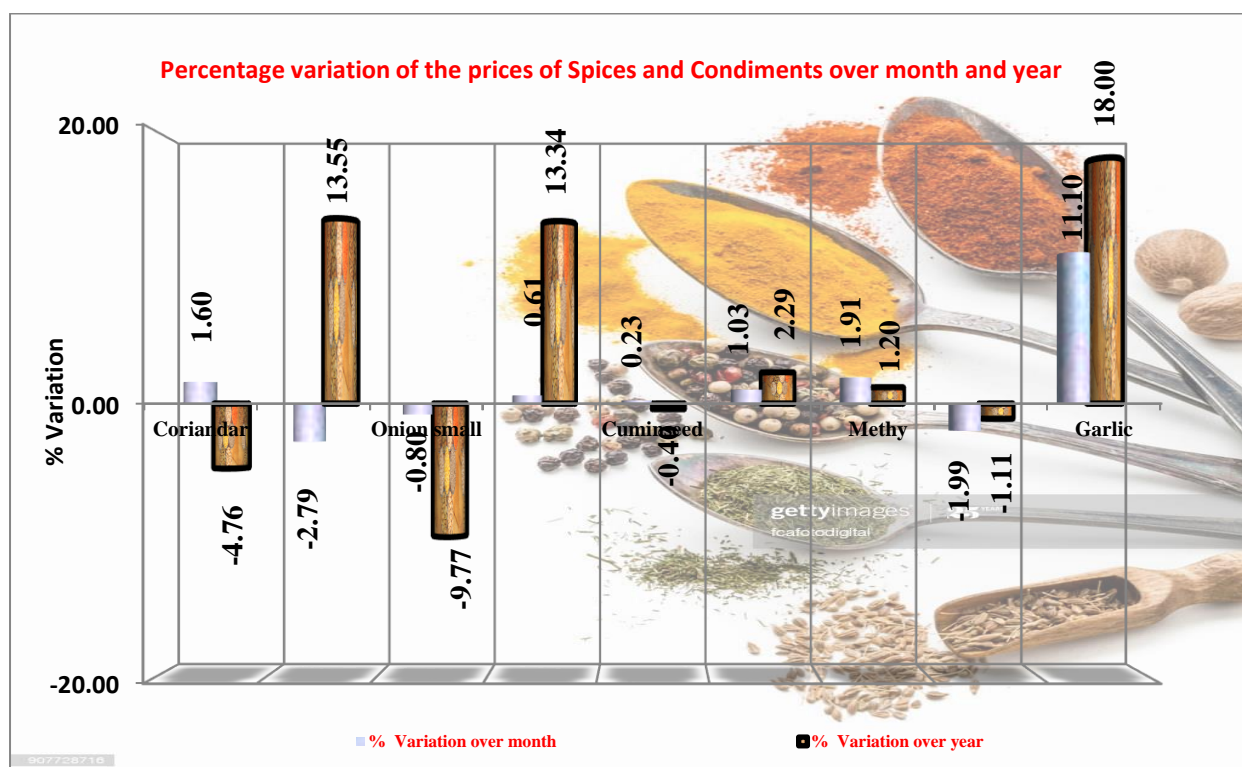
A mixed trend was observed when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the Price of Garlic (18.00%) Chilies Dry (13.55%), Tamarind without seed loose (13.34%) and the price of Onion small decreased by 9.77% when compared with the prices 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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.82	96.39	97.93	1.60	-4.76
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	143.38	167.49	162.81	-2.79	13.55
3	Onion small	Kg.	60.61	55.13	54.69	-0.80	-9.77
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	140.43	158.21	159.17	0.61	13.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.02	29.83	29.90	0.23	-0.40
6	Mustard	100gm	9.59	9.71	9.81	1.03	2.29
7	Methy	100gm	10.00	9.93	10.12	1.91	1.20
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.88	19.05	18.67	-1.99	-1.11
9	Garlic	100gm	12.89	13.69	15.21	11.10	18.00

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers except the price of Tapioca raw when compared with the prices of the previous month and a decreasing trend was seen except the price of Potato when compared with the prices of the Corresponding month of the previous year.

The state average retail prices of Potato, Chenai and Colocassia increased by 7.36 %,4.36%, and 3.51% respectively while the prices of Tapioca raw decreased by 6.21% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

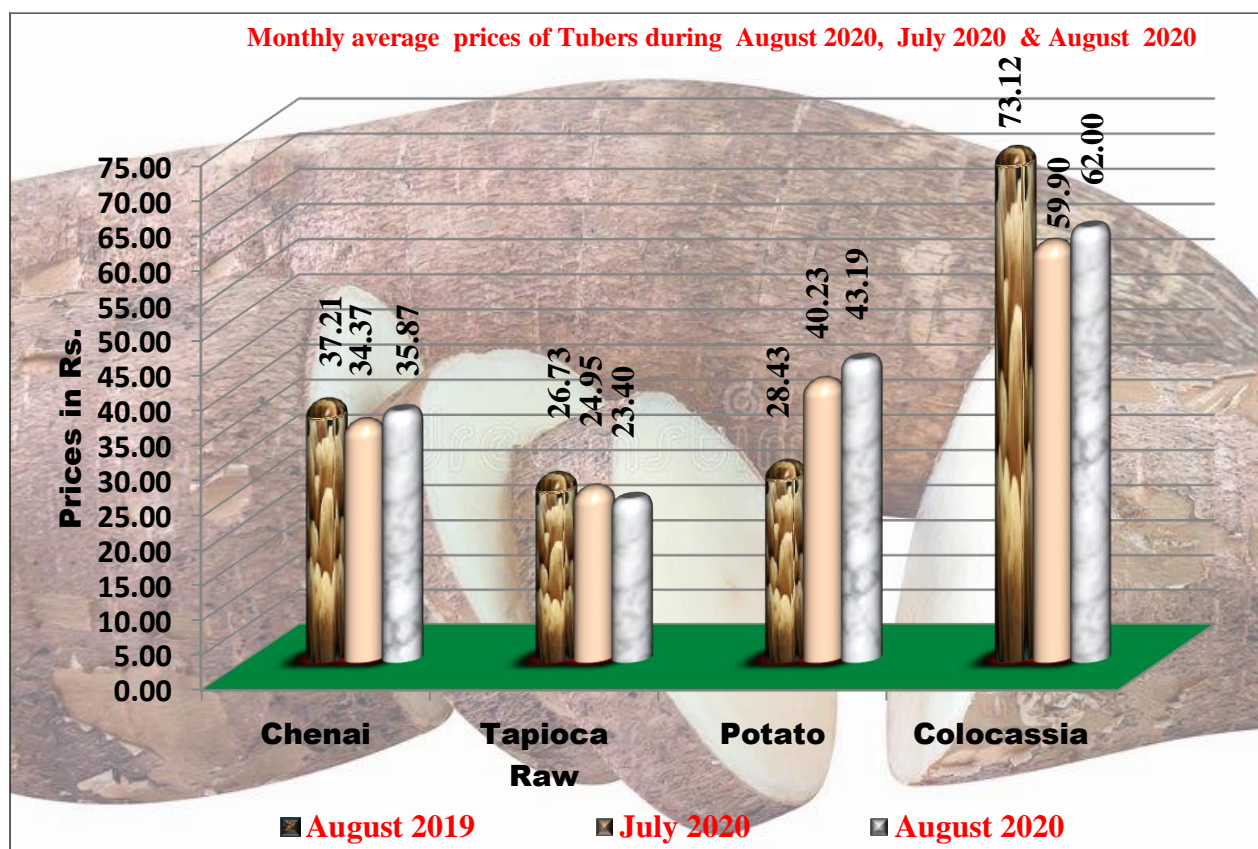
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of Potato increased by 51.92%, while that of all other items decreased upto 15.21%.

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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	37.21	34.37	35.87	4.36	-3.60
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.73	24.95	23.40	-6.21	-12.46
3	Potato	Kg.	28.43	40.23	43.19	7.36	51.92
4	Colocassia	Kg.	73.12	59.90	62.00	3.51	-15.21

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

During the month an Increasing trend was observed in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month while a mixed trend observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

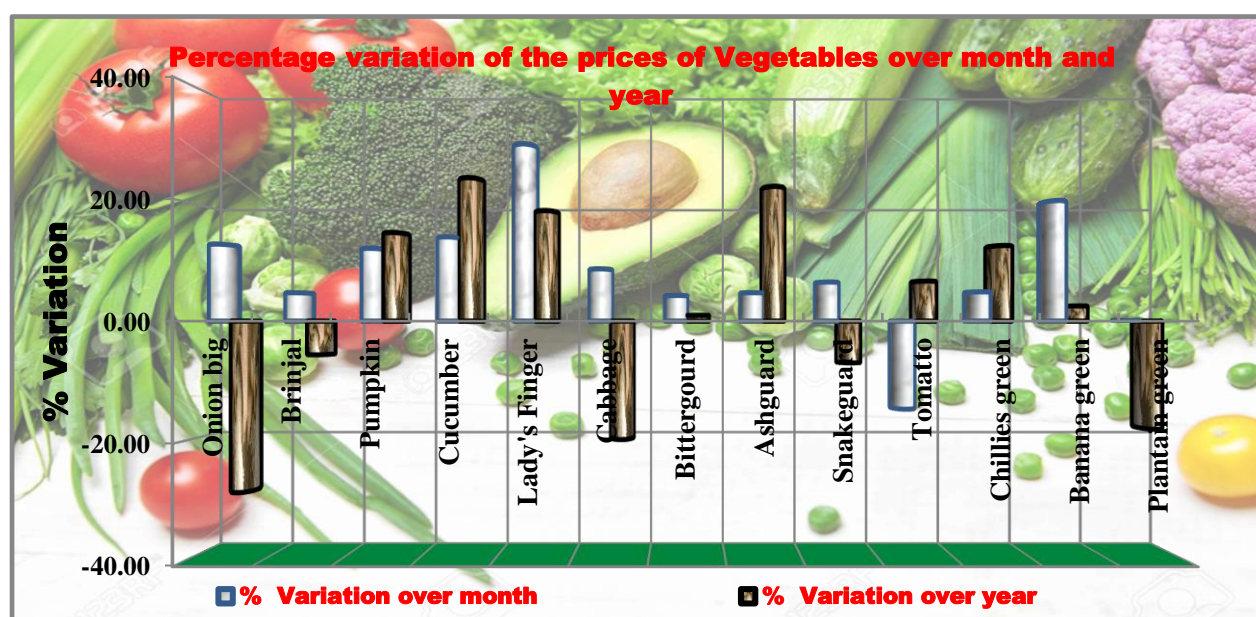
The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except the price of Tomato increased up to 29.84% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of ladies finger (29.84%), Banana green (20.30%), Onion Big (12.96%), Cucumber (14.18%) Pumpkin (12.25%), and Cabbage (8.79%) while the prices of Tomato decreased by 14.83% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

A mixed trend was seen in the state average retail price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Cucumber(24.14%),Ash gourd(22.68%), ladies finger(18.60%),Pumpkin(14.91%), Chillies green(12.72%) and Tomato(6.73%) while notable decrease was showed in the prices of Onion Big(28.83%) Cabbage (19.92%), and Plantain green (18.19%) 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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	30.00	18.90	21.35	12.96	-28.83
2	Brinjal	Kg.	34.91	31.43	32.93	4.77	-5.67
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.93	22.45	25.20	12.25	14.91
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.79	23.69	27.05	14.18	24.14
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.11	32.07	41.64	29.84	18.60
6	Cabbage	Kg	37.70	27.75	30.19	8.79	-19.92
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	47.21	45.70	47.67	4.31	0.97
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	21.96	25.71	26.94	4.78	22.68
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.11	31.50	33.57	6.57	-7.03
10	Tomatto	Kg.	31.48	39.45	33.60	-14.83	6.73
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.11	5.49	5.76	4.92	12.72
12	Banana green	Kg.	41.02	34.97	42.07	20.30	2.56
13	Plantain green	Kg.	37.98	30.99	31.07	0.26	-18.19

Graph-7



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 Paper and Tobacco increased by 3.29% and 1.75% respectively while the prices of Firewood Split (Local) decreased by 4.15%. All the other items showed slight variations or remained unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

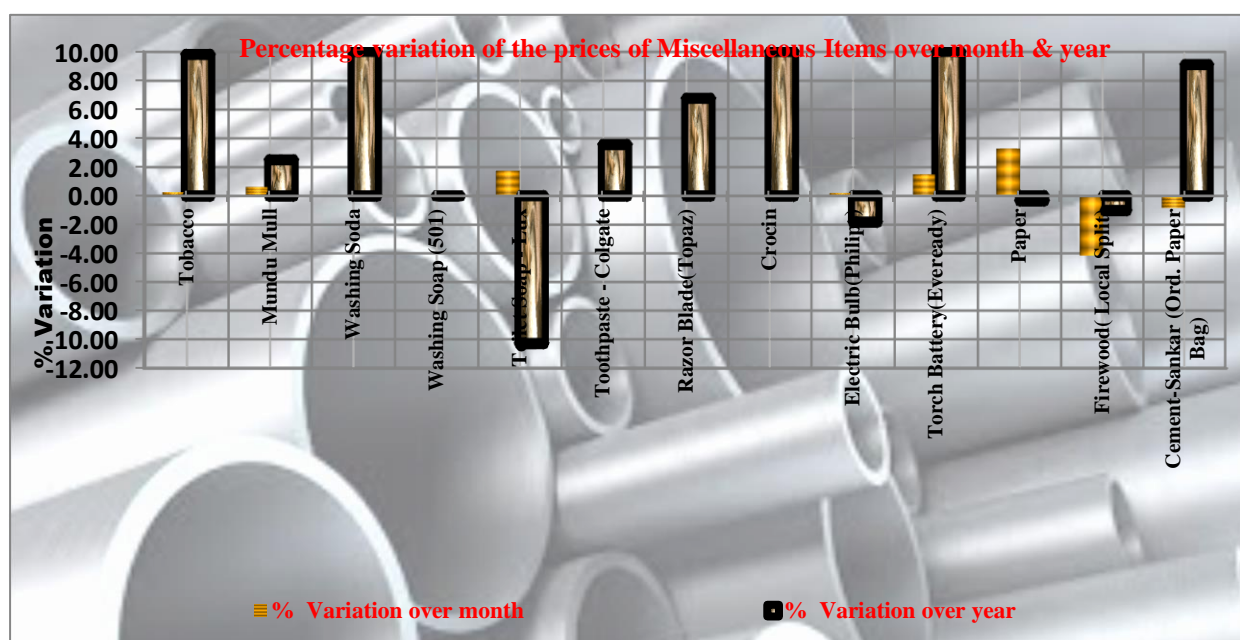
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of Torch battery (Eveready), Crocin, Razor Blade, Tobacco, Washing Soda, Cement (Sankar) and Mundu mull was increased upto 14.93%. While the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up to 10.28%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Toilet soap-Lux (10.28%), 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	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	195.18	213.74	214.29	0.26	9.79
2	Mundu Mull	Each	137.75	140.30	141.18	0.63	2.49
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.08	49.92	49.92	0.00	10.74
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.50	25.13	25.57	1.75	-10.28
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.39	51.14	51.14	0.00	3.54
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.59	9.17	9.17	0.00	6.75
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.22	2.22	0.00	11.00
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.85	14.55	14.58	0.21	-1.82
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	19.36	21.92	22.25	1.51	14.93
11	Paper	24 Sheet	17.65	17.03	17.59	3.29	-0.34
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	511.20	490.00	-4.15	-1.01
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	395.04	434.50	430.94	-0.82	9.09

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of August 2020							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	38.75	38.77	38.35	-1.08	-1.03
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.69	36.99	36.85	-0.38	0.44
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	95.43	121.66	116.71	-4.07	22.30
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	97.61	125.82	121.76	-3.23	24.74
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	94.95	120.15	118.63	-1.27	24.94
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.75	115.00	114.17	-0.72	23.09
5	Redgram	Kg	77.57	80.74	77.48	-4.04	-0.12
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	99.52	99.00	99.83	0.84	0.31
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	77.14	78.60	78.83	0.29	2.19
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	73.59	70.71	71.38	0.95	-3.00
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	69.31	76.26	75.94	-0.42	9.57
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.30	39.25	39.39	0.36	2.85
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	41.14	45.36	45.36	0.00	10.26
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.52	147.31	147.14	-0.12	-0.26
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	162.52	164.18	163.23	-0.58	0.44
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.48
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
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2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	158.00	154.47	153.00	-0.95	-3.16
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5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	172.34	179.11	188.43	5.20	9.34
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.82	96.39	97.93	1.60	-4.76
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	143.38	167.49	162.81	-2.79	13.55
3	Onion small	Kg.	60.61	55.13	54.69	-0.80	-9.77
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	140.43	158.21	159.17	0.61	13.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.02	29.83	29.90	0.23	-0.40
6	Mustard	100gm	9.59	9.71	9.81	1.03	2.29
7	Methy	100gm	10.00	9.93	10.12	1.91	1.20
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.88	19.05	18.67	-1.99	-1.11
9	Garlic	100gm	12.89	13.69	15.21	11.10	18.00

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	37.21	34.37	35.87	4.36	-3.60
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.73	24.95	23.40	-6.21	-12.46
3	Potato	Kg.	28.43	40.23	43.19	7.36	51.92
4	Colocassia	Kg.	73.12	59.90	62.00	3.51	-15.21
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	30.00	18.90	21.35	12.96	-28.83
2	Brinjal	Kg.	34.91	31.43	32.93	4.77	-5.67
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.93	22.45	25.20	12.25	14.91
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.79	23.69	27.05	14.18	24.14
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.11	32.07	41.64	29.84	18.60
6	Cabbage	Kg	37.70	27.75	30.19	8.79	-19.92
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	47.21	45.70	47.67	4.31	0.97
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	21.96	25.71	26.94	4.78	22.68
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.11	31.50	33.57	6.57	-7.03
10	Tomato	Kg.	31.48	39.45	33.60	-14.83	6.73
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.11	5.49	5.76	4.92	12.72
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7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.59	9.17	9.17	0.00	6.75
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.22	2.22	0.00	11.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.85	14.55	14.58	0.21	-1.82
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	19.36	21.92	22.25	1.51	14.93
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.65	17.03	17.59	3.29	-0.34
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