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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 July 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 June 2020 and current month of July 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 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 Andhra Vella when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 2.57 %, 1.79% 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 Red Chamba increased slightly by 1.90 % and 0.63 %, while that of Andhra Vella 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.97	39.71	38.69	-2.57	1.90
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.75	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.63
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.71	37.38	36.71	-1.79	0.00

Graph-1



## 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 Tur Dhal and Bengalgram small. The State average retail price of all items of Pulses showed a downward trend up to 4.15% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

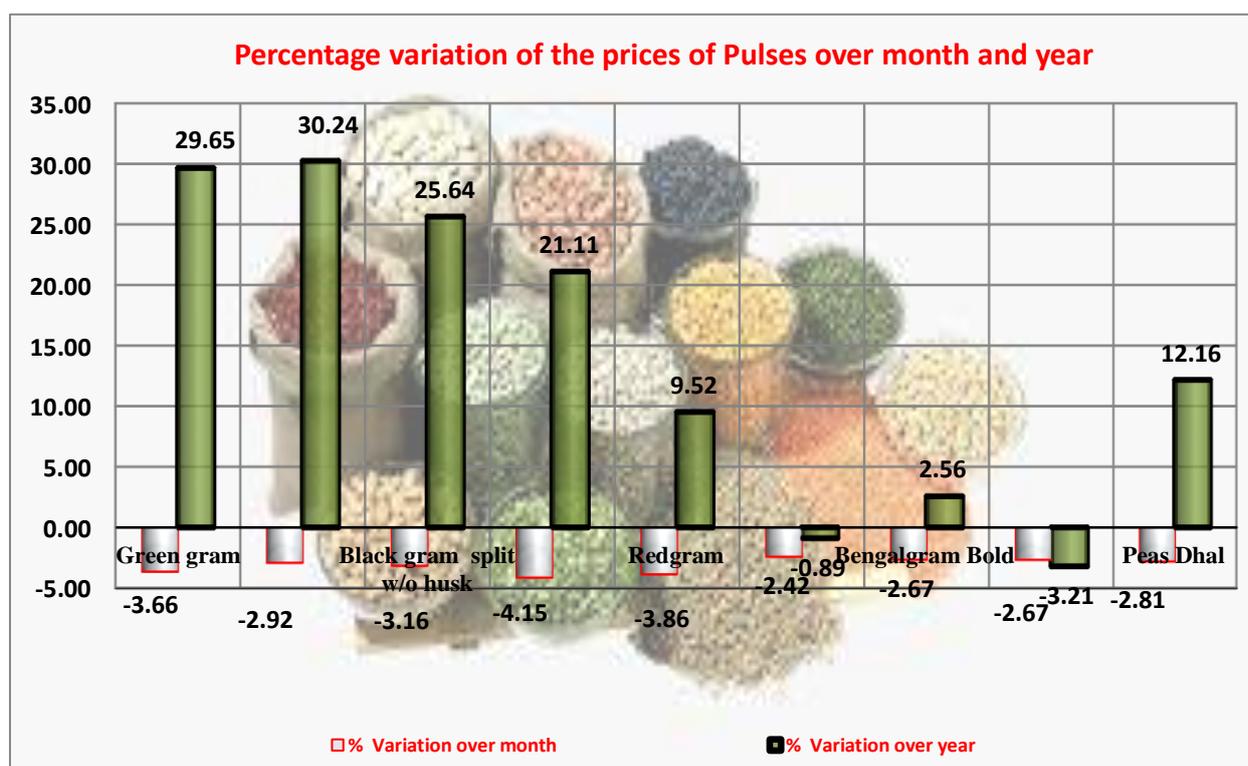
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses except Dhal and Bengalgram small, showed an upward trend up to 30.24%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Greengram dhal (30.24%). Greengram (29.65%), Blackgram split w/o husk (25.64%), Blackgram split with husk (21.11%), Peas Dhal (12.16%) 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	94.11	126.64	122.01	-3.66	29.65
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	97.09	130.25	126.45	-2.92	30.24
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	94.73	122.91	119.02	-3.16	25.64
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.75	117.19	112.33	-4.15	21.11
5	Redgram	Kg	73.14	83.32	80.10	-3.86	9.52
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	99.20	100.76	98.32	-2.42	-0.89
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	76.20	80.29	78.15	-2.67	2.56
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	72.60	72.20	70.27	-2.67	-3.21
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	67.75	78.19	75.99	-2.81	12.16

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. Only a slight variations are seen except the price of Egg white lagoon when compared with the price of previous month .The price of Egg white lagoon decreased by 9.09%.

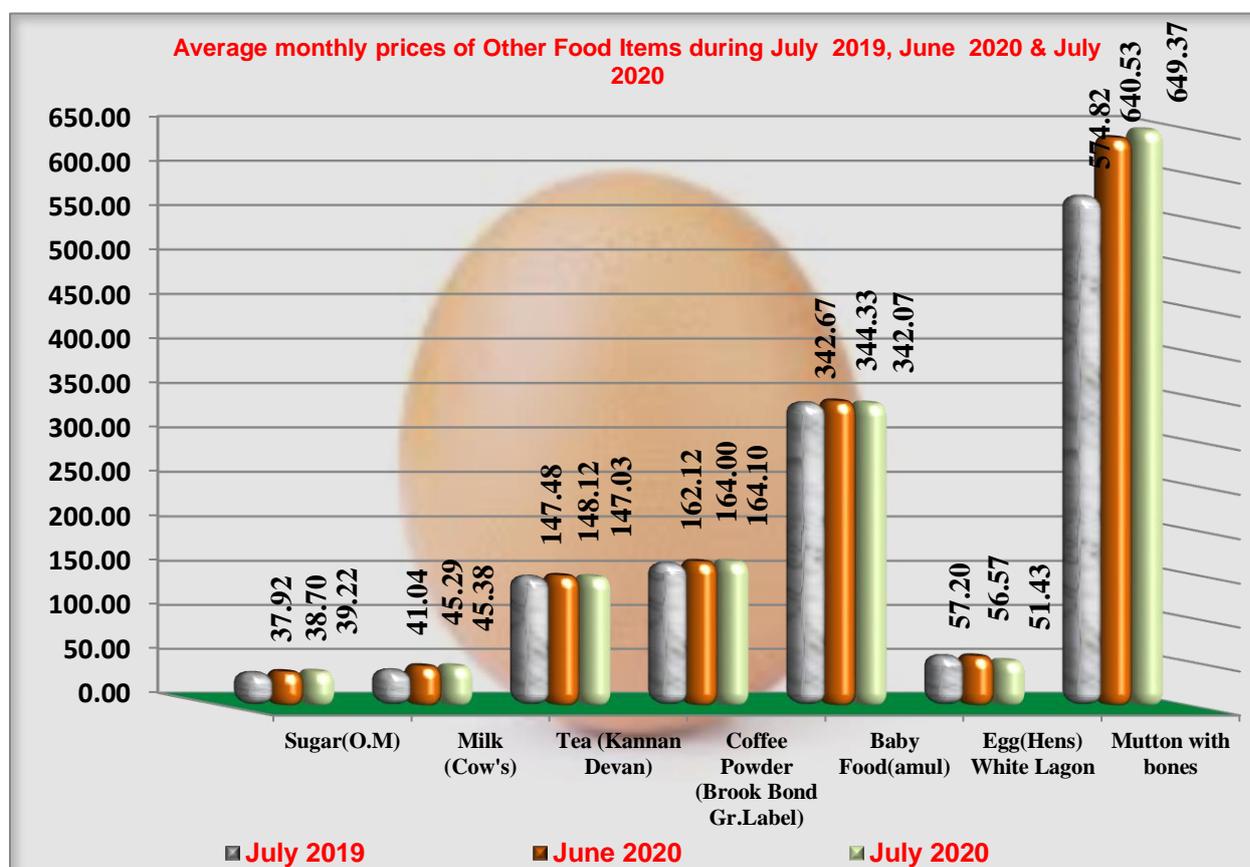
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Mutton with bones, Milk (Cows), Sugar increased by 12.97%,10.58% ,3.43% respectively while the prices of Egg Hen white lagoon decreased by 10.09%

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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	37.92	38.70	39.22	1.34	3.43
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	41.04	45.29	45.38	0.20	10.58
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.48	148.12	147.03	-0.74	-0.31
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	162.12	164.00	164.10	0.06	1.22
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	342.07	-0.66	-0.18
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	57.20	56.57	51.43	-9.09	-10.09
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	574.82	640.53	649.37	1.38	12.97

**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 Other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. Only slight variations are seen when compared with the prices of the previous month.

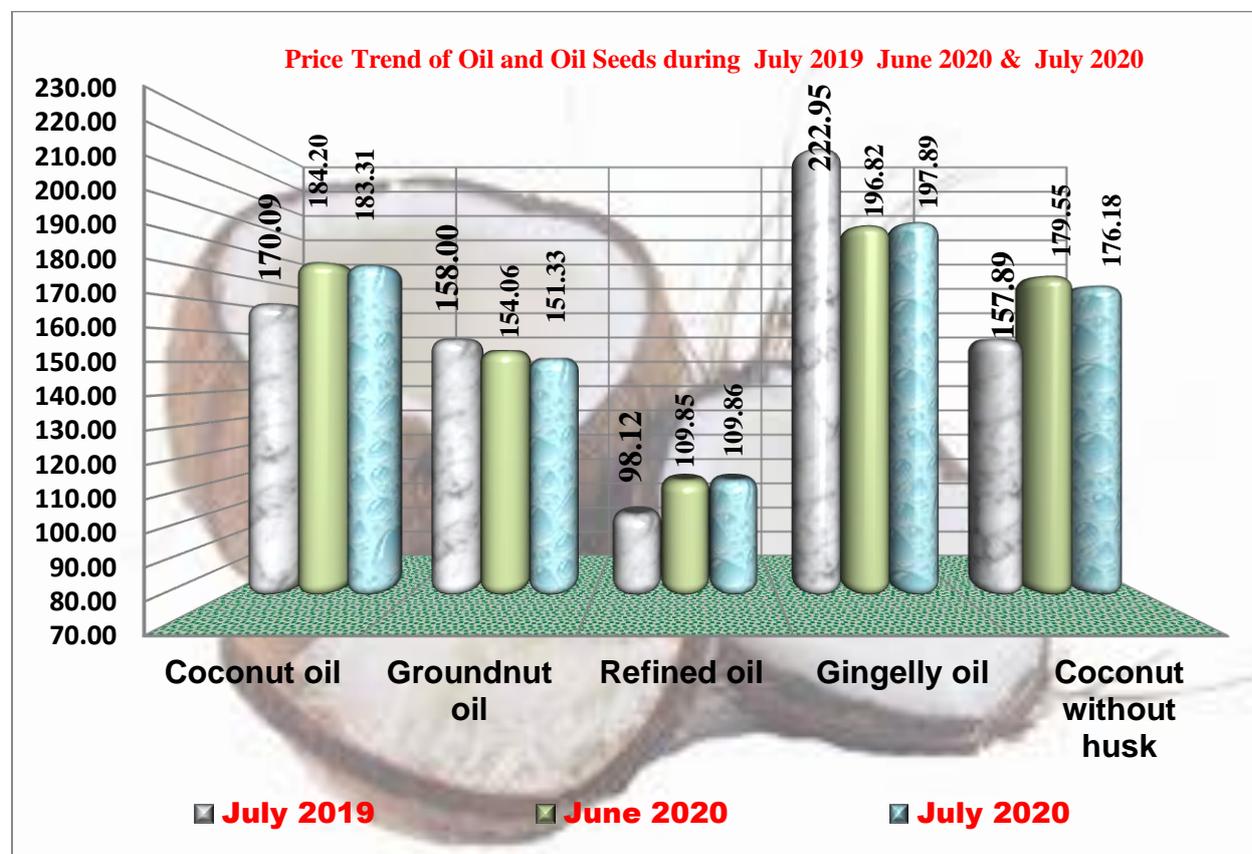
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, coconut without husk and Coconut Oil increased by 11.96%, 11.58%, and 7.77% , whereas Gingelly oil and groundnut oil Decreased by 11.24%, 4.22% respectively when compared with 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	170.09	184.20	183.31	-0.48	7.77
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	158.00	154.06	151.33	-1.77	-4.22
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	98.12	109.85	109.86	0.01	11.96
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	222.95	196.82	197.89	0.54	-11.24
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.89	179.55	176.18	-1.88	11.58

Graph-4



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments except the prices of Turmeric when compared with the price of the previous month while a mixed trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Chilies Green (7.46%) when compared with the price of the previous month.

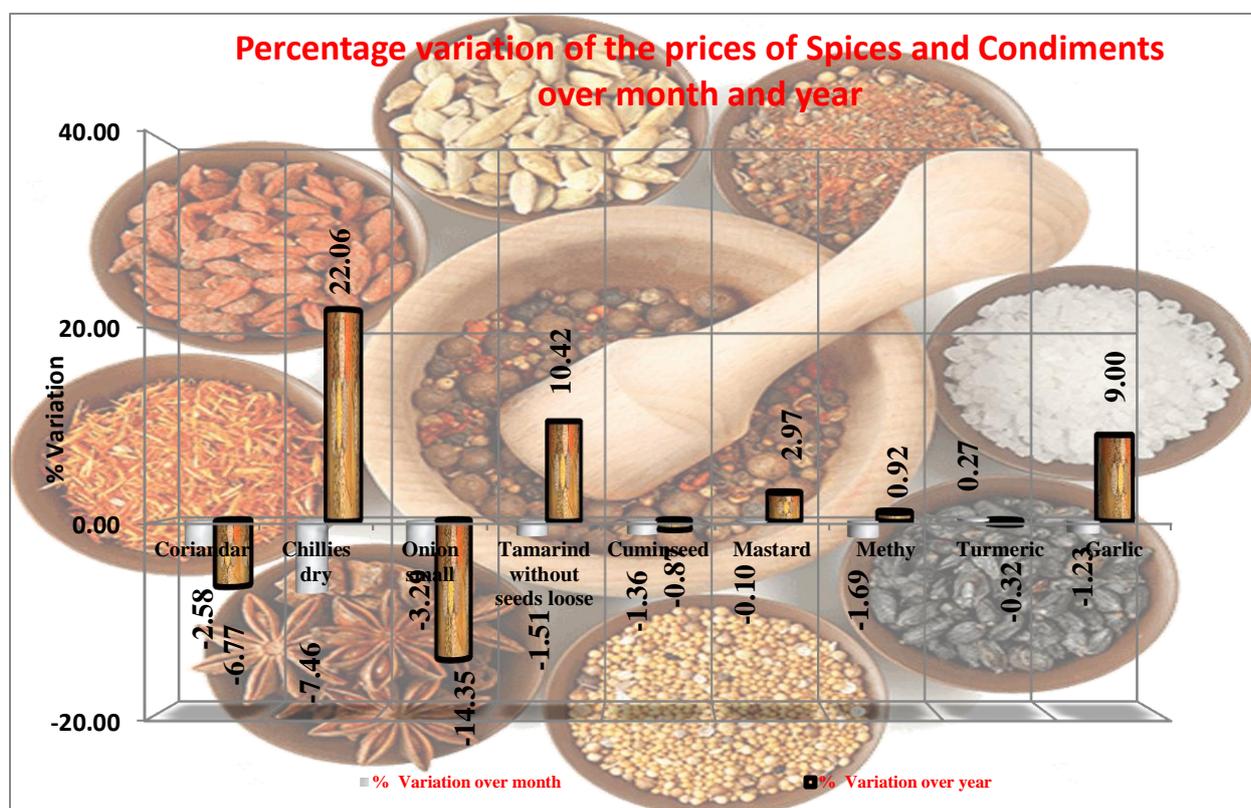
A mixed trend was observed when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the Price of Chilies Dry (22.06%), Tamarind without seed loose (10.42%) and Garlic (9%) while, Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Small (14.35%) when compared 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.68	98.27	95.73	-2.58	-6.77
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	134.52	177.43	164.19	-7.46	22.06
3	Onion small	Kg.	62.52	55.37	53.55	-3.29	-14.35
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	141.61	158.77	156.37	-1.51	10.42
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.00	30.15	29.74	-1.36	-0.87
6	Mustard	100gm	9.43	9.72	9.71	-0.10	2.97
7	Methy	100gm	9.80	10.06	9.89	-1.69	0.92
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.85	18.90	0.27	-0.32
9	Garlic	100gm	12.55	13.85	13.68	-1.23	9.00

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 Potato, Chena and Colocassia increased 9.31%,5.49% and 3.87% while the prices of Tapioca raw decreased by 5.93% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

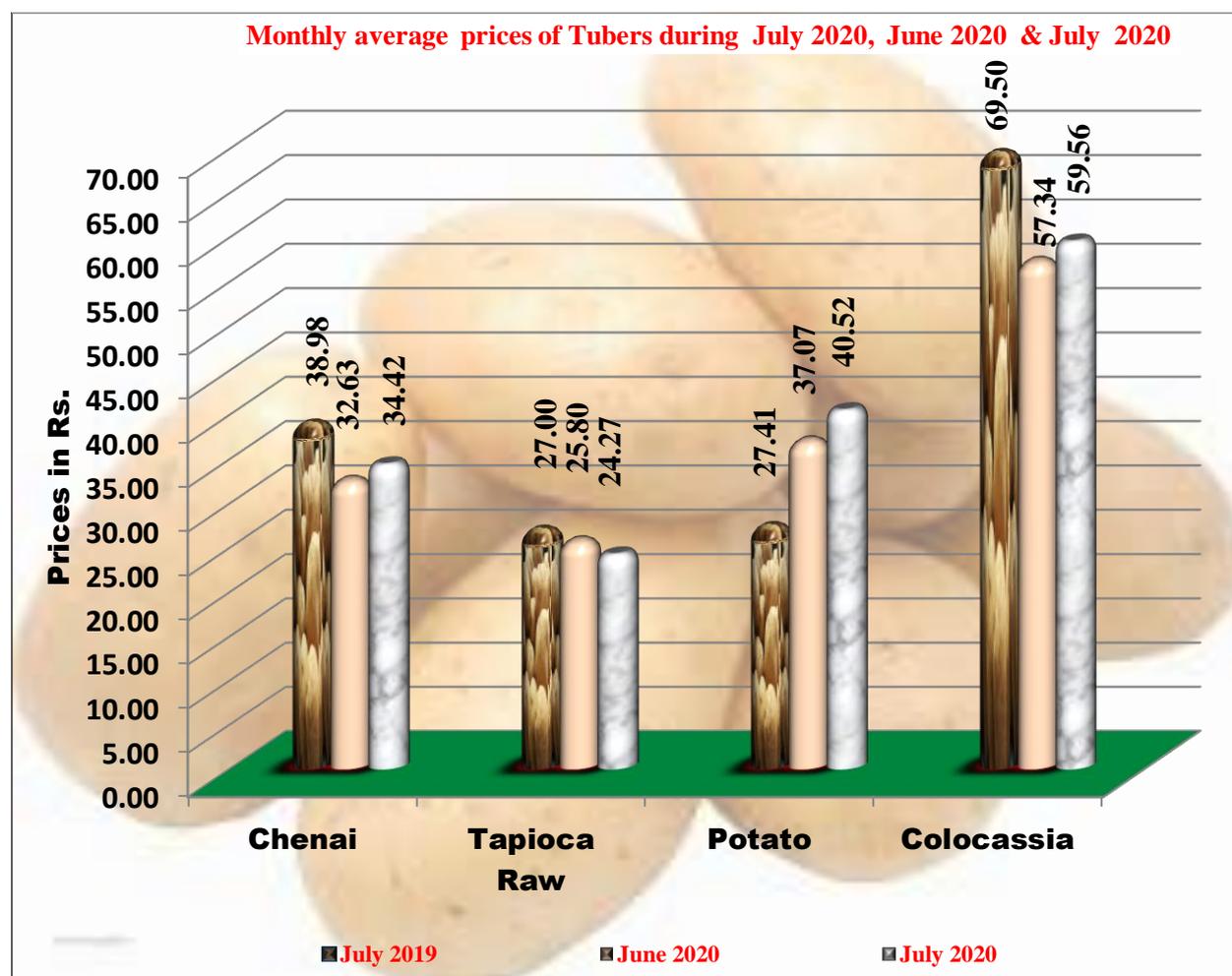
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of Potato increased by 47.83%, while that of all other items decreased upto 14.30 %.

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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	38.98	32.63	34.42	5.49	-11.70
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.00	25.80	24.27	-5.93	-10.11
3	Potato	Kg.	27.41	37.07	40.52	9.31	47.83
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.50	57.34	59.56	3.87	-14.30

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

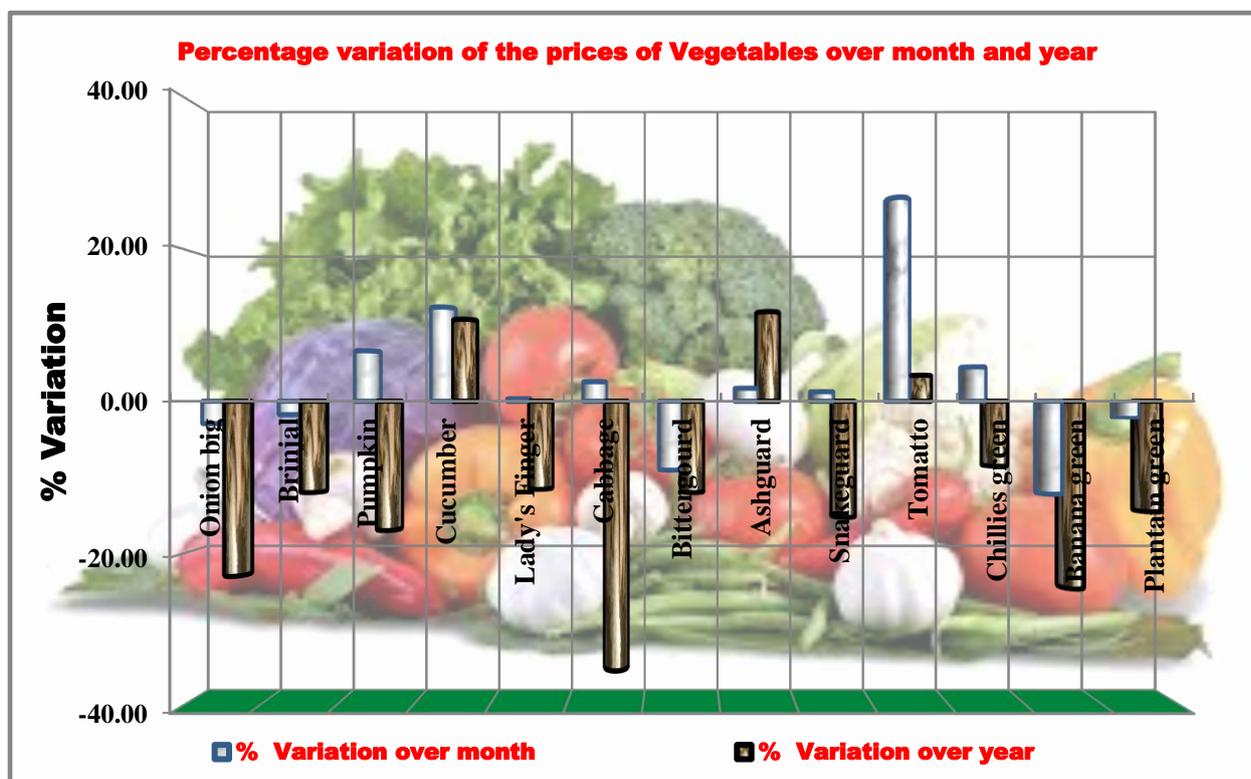
Mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. When compared with the prices of the previous month, notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (26.72%), and Cucumber (12.34%) while notable decrease was seen in the price Banana green (12.19%).

The state average retail price of almost all the vegetables except Ashguard, Cucumber and Tomato decreased upto 35.36% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the prices of Cabbage (35.36%), Banana green (24.62%), Onion Big (22.96%), 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.48	19.43	18.86	-2.93	-22.96
2	Brinjal	Kg.	35.55	31.85	31.29	-1.76	-11.98
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	27.20	21.19	22.59	6.61	-16.95
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.71	21.40	24.04	12.34	10.73
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.02	31.76	31.86	0.31	-11.55
6	Cabbage	Kg.	42.22	26.61	27.29	2.56	-35.36
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.02	49.37	44.91	-9.03	-11.98
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	23.09	25.37	25.80	1.69	11.74
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.75	30.77	31.15	1.23	-15.24
10	Tomatto	Kg.	37.20	30.35	38.46	26.72	3.39
11	Chillies green	100gm	6.10	5.34	5.58	4.49	-8.52
12	Banana green	Kg.	45.50	39.06	34.30	-12.19	-24.62
13	Plantain green	Kg.	35.62	31.12	30.45	-2.15	-14.51

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

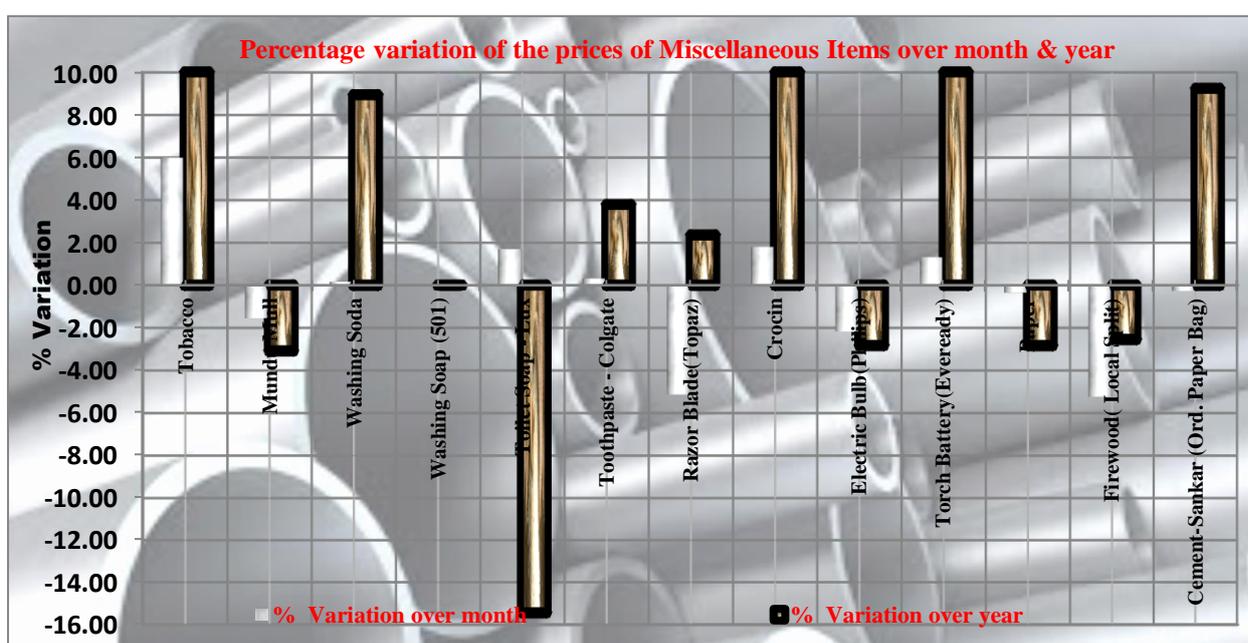
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices Tobacco, Washing Soda, Crocin, Torch battery (Eveready) Toilet soap Lux, increased upto 5.98%, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed a decrease up to 5.23% 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 Tobacco, washing Soda, Crocin, Torch battery (Eveready), and Cement (Sankar) was increased upto 12.22%. While the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up to 15.44%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Toilet soap-Lux (15.44%), 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	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.79	208.18	220.63	5.98	12.11
2	Mundu Mull	Each	143.42	141.18	139.00	-1.54	-3.08
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.13	49.08	49.16	0.16	8.93
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	29.79	24.77	25.19	1.70	-15.44
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.16	50.86	51.02	0.31	3.78
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.50	9.17	8.70	-5.13	2.35
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.01	2.22	2.26	1.80	12.44
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.85	14.75	14.43	-2.17	-2.83
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	19.31	21.39	21.67	1.31	12.22
11	Paper	24 Sheet	17.65	17.21	17.15	-0.35	-2.83
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	509.00	482.40	-5.23	-2.55
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	398.40	436.31	435.17	-0.26	9.23

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of July 2020							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	37.97	39.71	38.69	-2.57	1.90
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.75	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.63
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	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	94.11	126.64	122.01	-3.66	29.65
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5	Redgram	Kg	73.14	83.32	80.10	-3.86	9.52
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9	Peas Dhal	Kg	67.75	78.19	75.99	-2.81	12.16
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	37.92	38.70	39.22	1.34	3.43
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5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.89	179.55	176.18	-1.88	11.58
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.68	98.27	95.73	-2.58	-6.77
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	134.52	177.43	164.19	-7.46	22.06
3	Onion small	Kg.	62.52	55.37	53.55	-3.29	-14.35
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	141.61	158.77	156.37	-1.51	10.42
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.00	30.15	29.74	-1.36	-0.87
6	Mustard	100gm	9.43	9.72	9.71	-0.10	2.97
7	Methy	100gm	9.80	10.06	9.89	-1.69	0.92
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.96	18.85	18.90	0.27	-0.32
9	Garlic	100gm	12.55	13.85	13.68	-1.23	9.00

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3	Potato	Kg.	27.41	37.07	40.52	9.31	47.83
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.50	57.34	59.56	3.87	-14.30
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.48	19.43	18.86	-2.93	-22.96
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	27.20	21.19	22.59	6.61	-16.95
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.71	21.40	24.04	12.34	10.73
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.02	31.76	31.86	0.31	-11.55
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7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.02	49.37	44.91	-9.03	-11.98
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10	Tomato	Kg.	37.20	30.35	38.46	26.72	3.39
11	Chilies green	100gm	6.10	5.34	5.58	4.49	-8.52
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	35.62	31.12	30.45	-2.15	-14.51
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.79	208.18	220.63	5.98	12.11
2	Mundu Mull	Each	143.42	141.18	139.00	-1.54	-3.08
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.13	49.08	49.16	0.16	8.93
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	29.79	24.77	25.19	1.70	-15.44
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.16	50.86	51.02	0.31	3.78
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.50	9.17	8.70	-5.13	2.35
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.01	2.22	2.26	1.80	12.44
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.85	14.75	14.43	-2.17	-2.83
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	19.31	21.39	21.67	1.31	12.22
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.65	17.21	17.15	-0.35	-2.83
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	509.00	482.40	-5.23	-2.55
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	398.40	436.31	435.17	-0.26	9.23