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

### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of September 2020. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices 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 September of the previous year 2019, previous month August 2020 and current month of September 2020 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are Included. 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, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 0.16%, 0.62% respectively, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

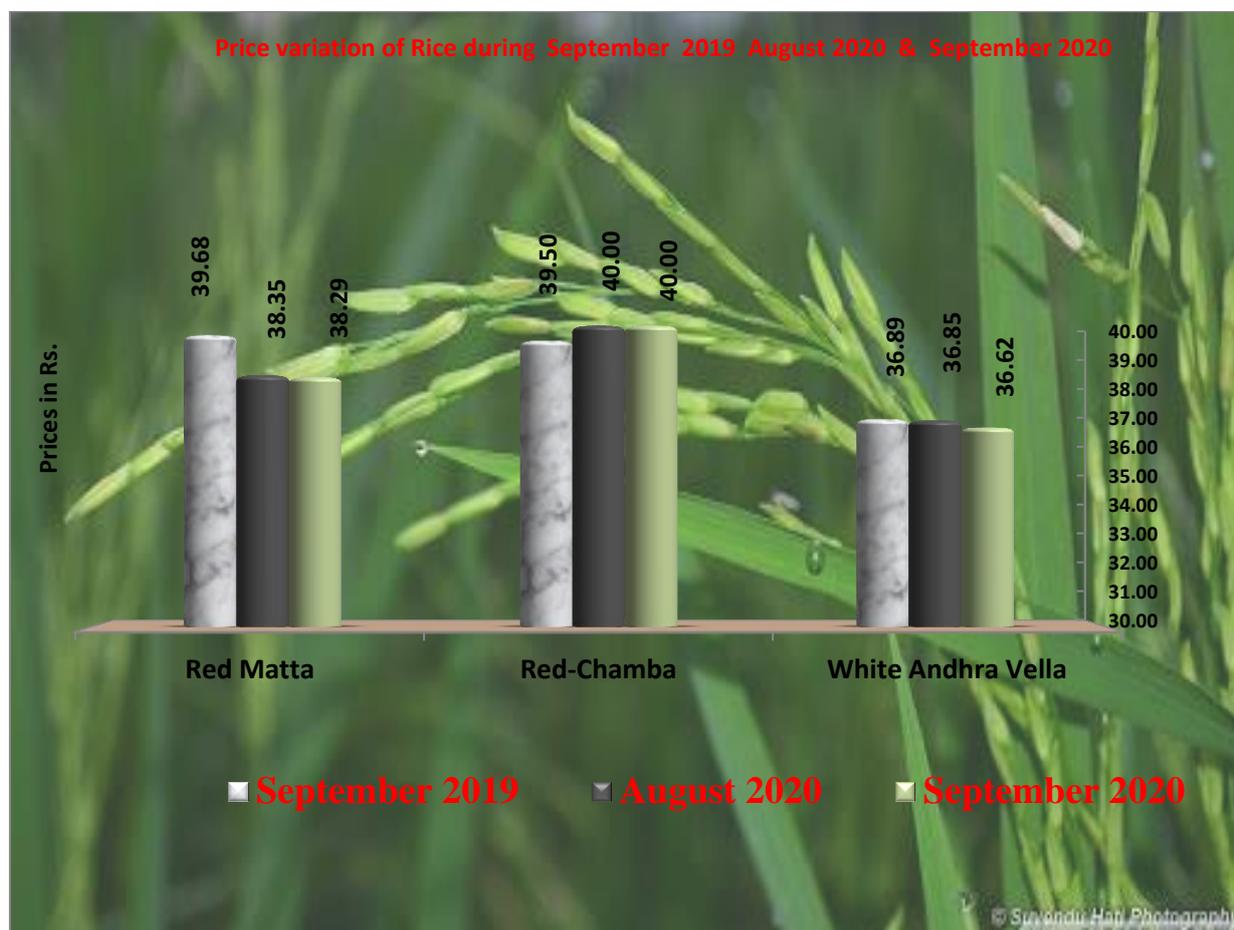
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella decreased by 3.50% and 0.73%, while that of Red Chamba increased by 1.27%.

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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.68	38.35	38.29	-0.16	-3.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.89	36.85	36.62	-0.62	-0.73

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 marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

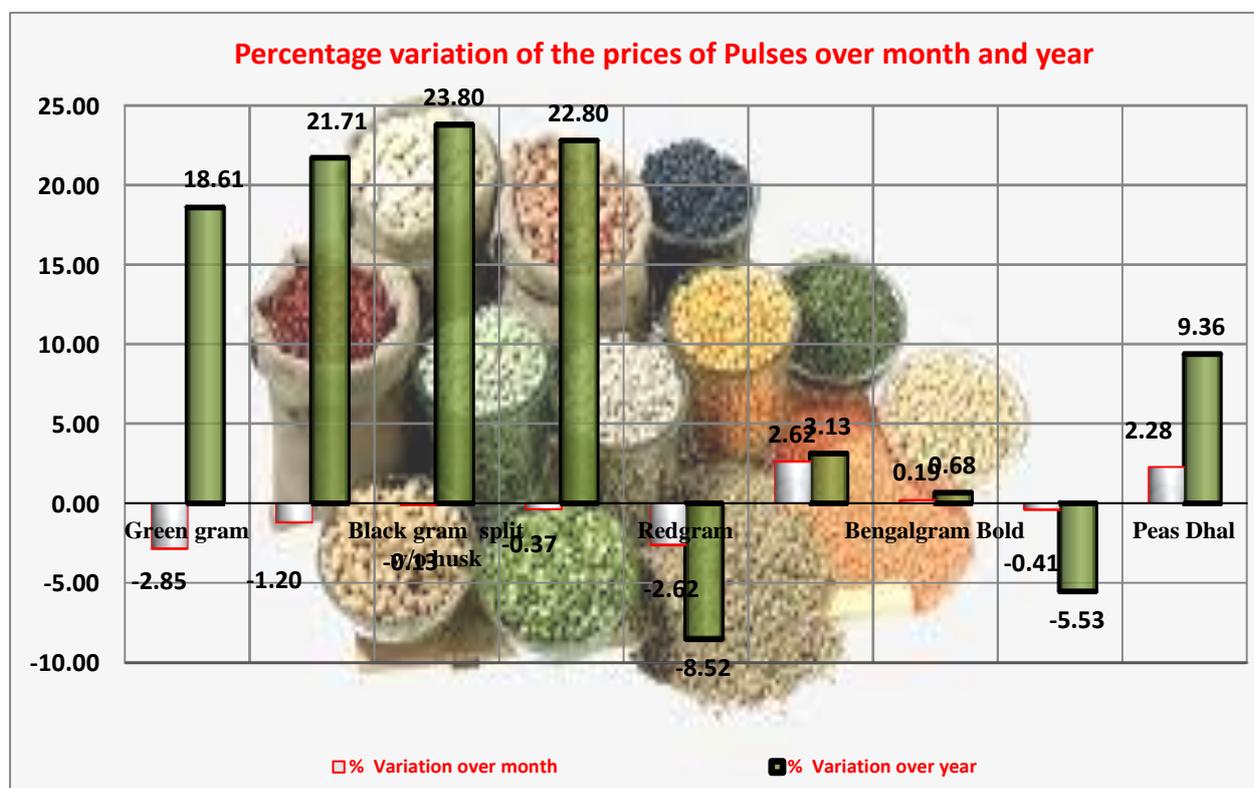
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses showed an upward trend except the price of Red gram and Bengal gram small. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (23.80%) Blackgram split with husk (22.80%) , Greengram dhal (21.71%), Greengram (18.61%), 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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	95.59	116.71	113.38	-2.85	18.61
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	98.84	121.76	120.30	-1.20	21.71
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	95.70	118.63	118.48	-0.13	23.80
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.63	114.17	113.75	-0.37	22.80
5	Redgram	Kg	82.48	77.48	75.45	-2.62	-8.52
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	99.34	99.83	102.45	2.62	3.13
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.45	78.83	78.98	0.19	0.68
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	75.25	71.38	71.09	-0.41	-5.53
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	71.02	75.94	77.67	2.28	9.36

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 marginal variations was seen, except the price of Egg white lagoon, that increased by 8.25% when compared with the price of previous month.

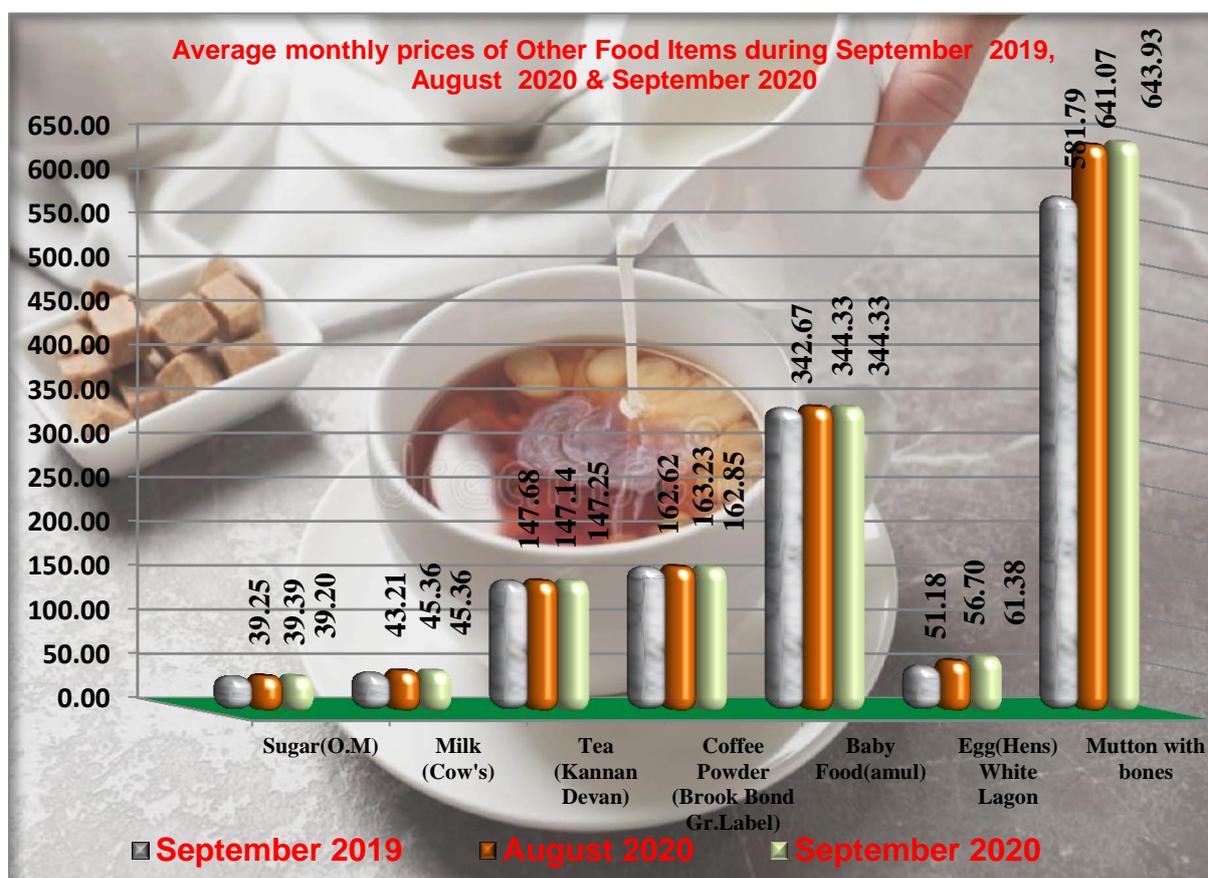
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Egg(Hens)White Lagoon increased by 19.93% and Mutton with bones 10.68% while, the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations .

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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.25	39.39	39.20	-0.48	-0.13
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	43.21	45.36	45.36	0.00	4.98
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.68	147.14	147.25	0.07	-0.29
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	162.62	163.23	162.85	-0.23	0.14
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	51.18	56.70	61.38	8.25	19.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	581.79	641.07	643.93	0.45	10.68

**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 price of Gingelly oil, 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 Oil and Oil seeds increased upto 6.66% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

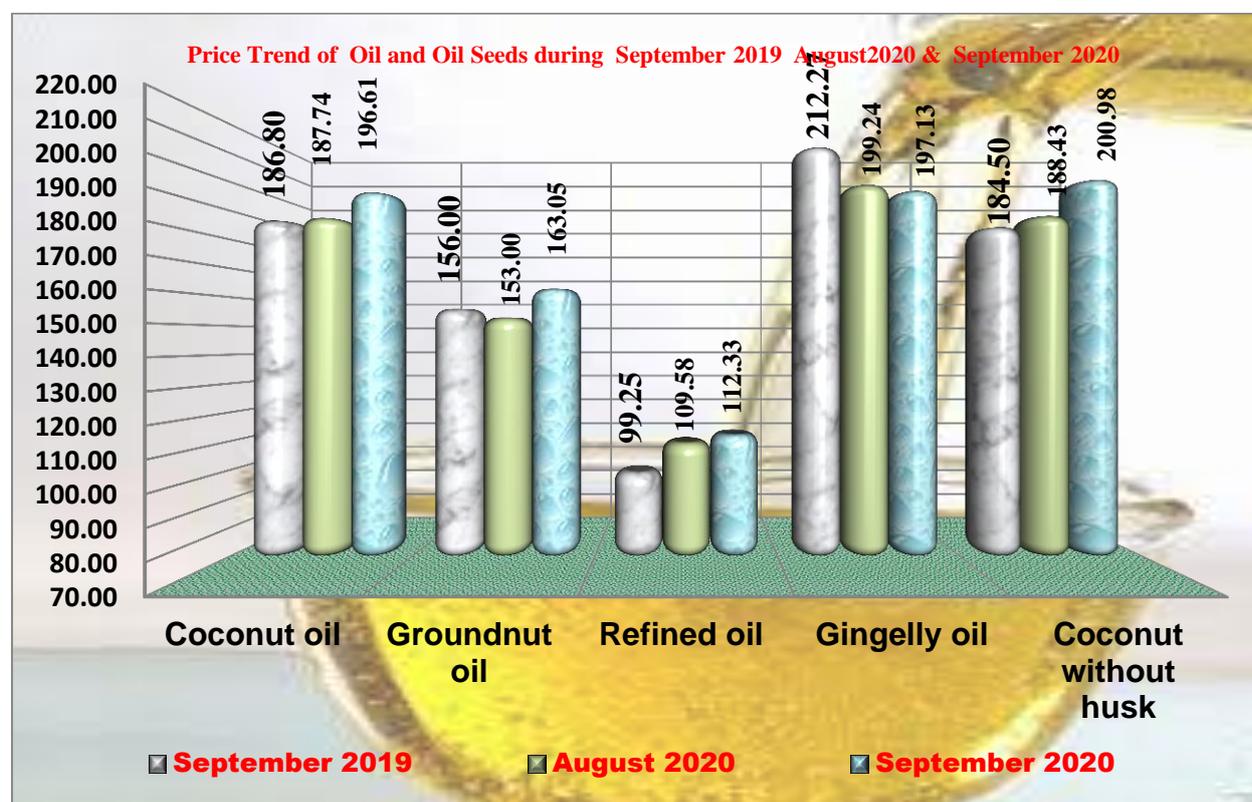
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut without husk, Coconut Oil and Groundnut Oil increased by 13.18%, 8.93%, 5.25% and 4.52% respectively while the prices of Gingelly oil Decreased by 7.13%, when compared 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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	186.80	187.74	196.61	4.72	5.25
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	156.00	153.00	163.05	6.57	4.52
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	99.25	109.58	112.33	2.51	13.18
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	212.27	199.24	197.13	-1.06	-7.13
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	184.50	188.43	200.98	6.66	8.93

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 Turmeric showed a slight decrease, while that of all other items showed an upward trend upto 20.06%, Notable increase was seen in the prices of Onion small when compared with the price of the previous month.

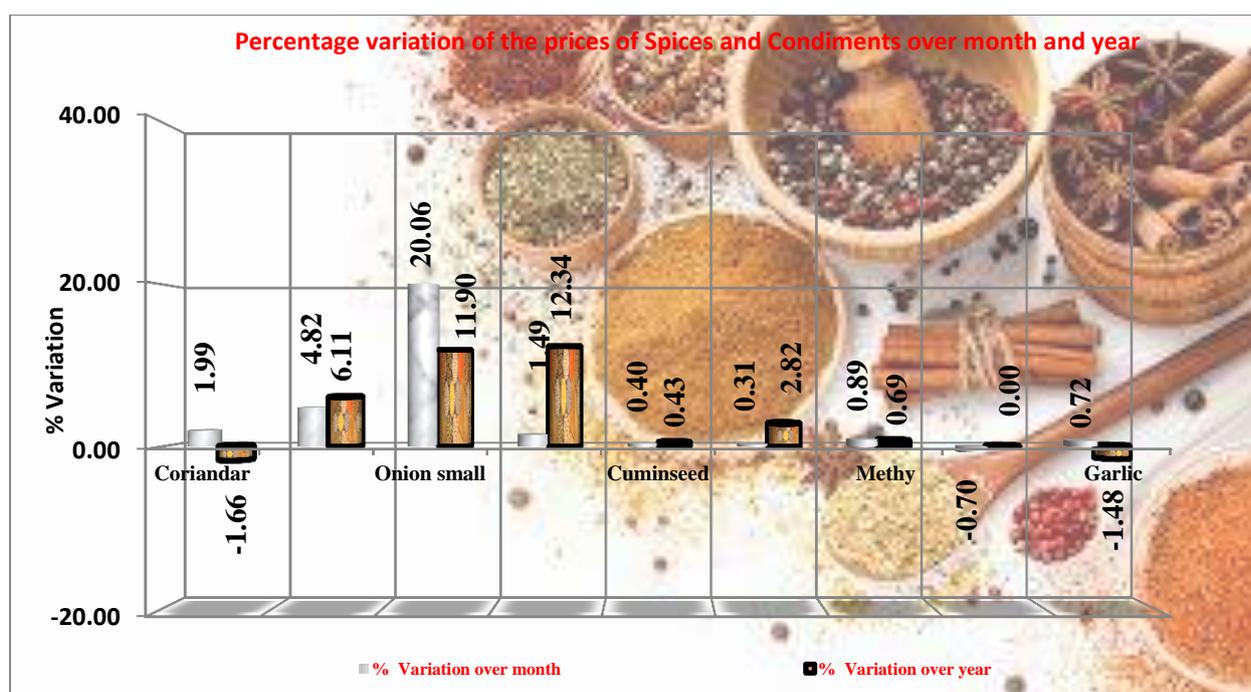
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of spices and condiments except the price of Garlic and Corriander increased up to 12.34%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tamarind without seed loose (12.34%), Onion Small (11.90%), and Chillies dry (6.11%) 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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.57	97.93	99.88	1.99	-1.66
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	160.84	162.81	170.66	4.82	6.11
3	Onion small	Kg.	58.68	54.69	65.66	20.06	11.90
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	143.79	159.17	161.54	1.49	12.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.89	29.90	30.02	0.40	0.43
6	Mustard	100gm	9.57	9.81	9.84	0.31	2.82
7	Methy	100gm	10.14	10.12	10.21	0.89	0.69
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.54	18.67	18.54	-0.70	0.00
9	Garlic	100gm	15.55	15.21	15.32	0.72	-1.48

**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 and Tapioca increased by 5.19% and 3.55% while the prices of Colocassia and Elephant Yam decreased by 4.40% and 4.15% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

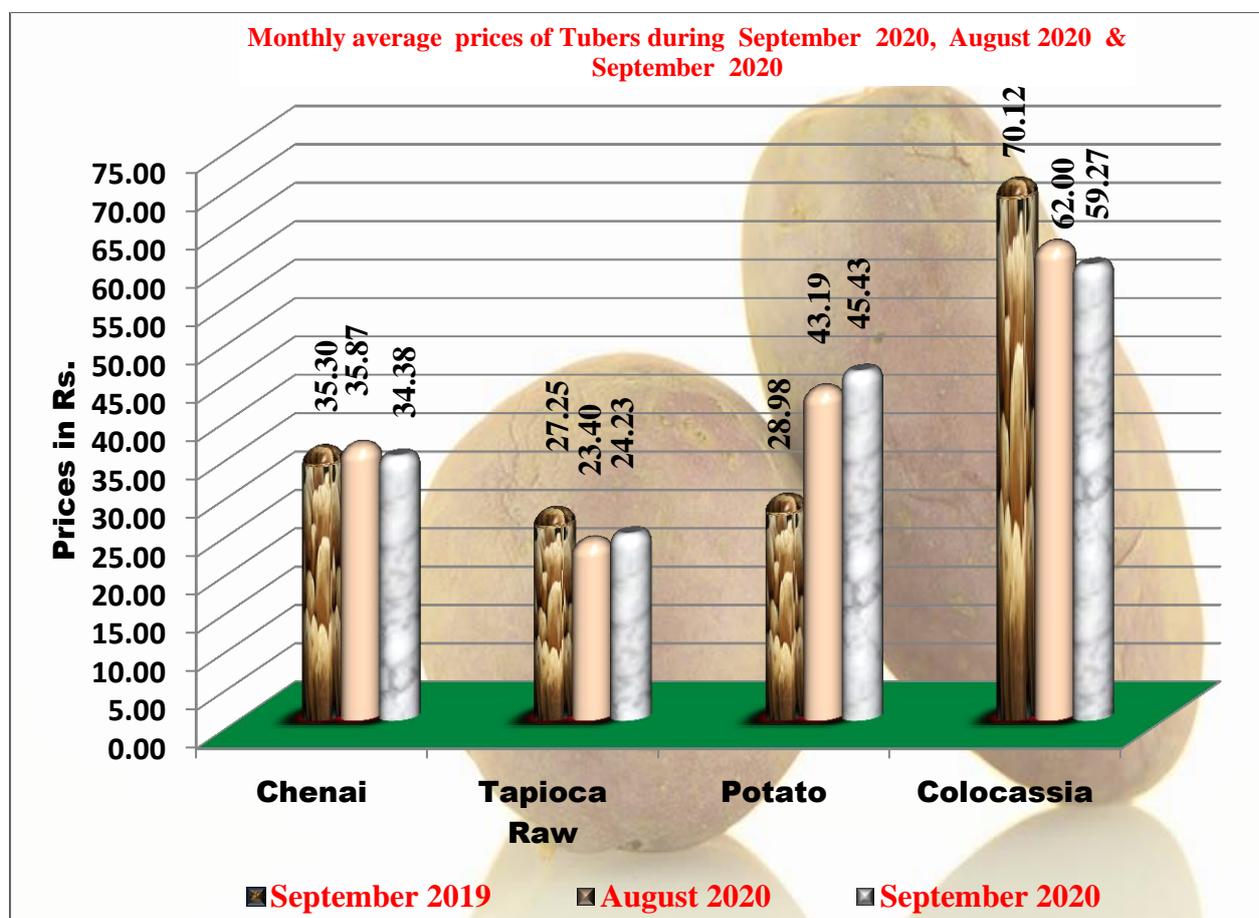
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of Potato increased by 56.76%, while that of all other items decreased upto 15.47%.

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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	35.30	35.87	34.38	-4.15	-2.61
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.25	23.40	24.23	3.55	-11.08
3	Potato	Kg.	28.98	43.19	45.43	5.19	56.76
4	Colocassia	Kg.	70.12	62.00	59.27	-4.40	-15.47

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

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

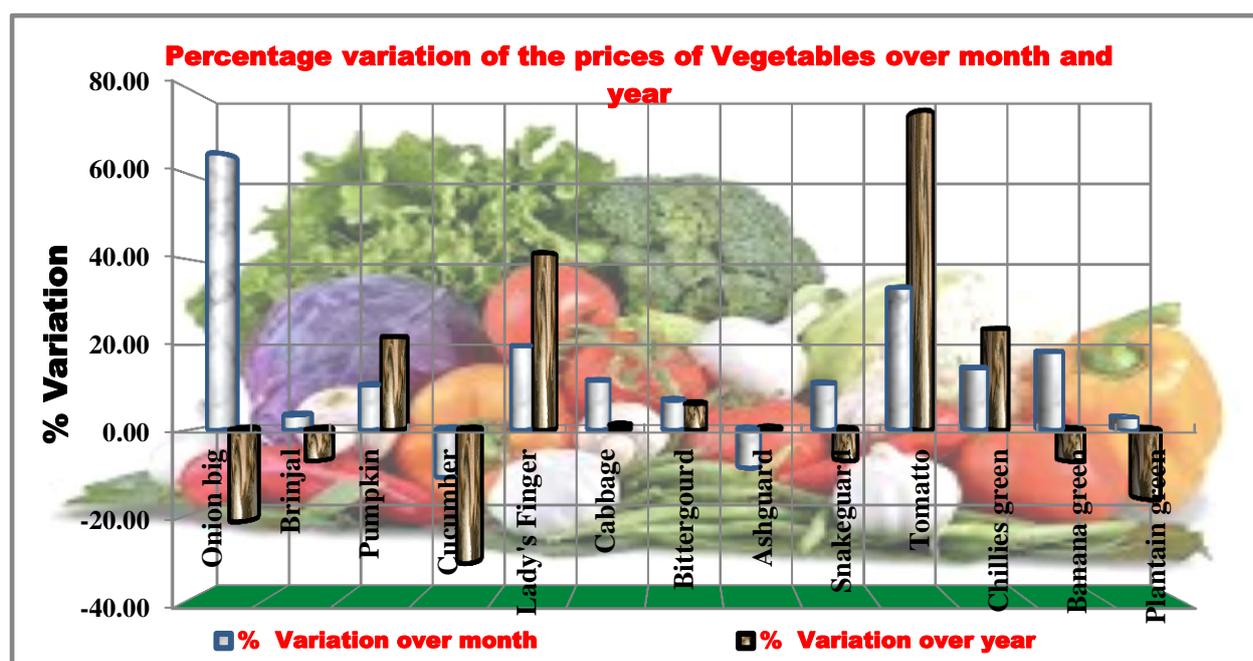
The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except Ash guard and Cucumber showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Big(64.78%), Tomato (33.45%), Ladies finger(19.79%),banana Green(18.42%) Chillies green(14.58%), Cabbage(11.63%), Brinjal(10.56%) when compared with the prices of the previous month.

Mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato(74.75%), Ladies finger(41.50%), Chillies Green(23.83%), Pupkin(21.87%) while the prices of Cucumber(31.21%),Onion Big(21.47%),Plantain green((16.36%)decreased when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	44.80	21.35	35.18	64.78	-21.47
2	Brinjal	Kg.	36.71	32.93	34.07	3.46	-7.19
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.86	25.20	27.86	10.56	21.87
4	Cucumber	Kg.	34.96	27.05	24.05	-11.09	-31.21
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.25	41.64	49.88	19.79	41.50
6	Cabbage	Kg	33.38	30.19	33.70	11.63	0.96
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	48.05	47.67	51.00	6.99	6.14
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.48	26.94	24.54	-8.91	0.25
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	40.14	33.57	37.25	10.96	-7.20
10	Tomatto	Kg.	25.66	33.60	44.84	33.45	74.75
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.33	5.76	6.60	14.58	23.83
12	Banana green	Kg.	53.82	42.07	49.82	18.42	-7.43
13	Plantain green	Kg.	38.21	31.07	31.96	2.86	-16.36

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 firewood(split),Tobacco,Crocin, Elecric Bulb(Philips) ,Paper, increased upto 1.54%, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed a slight decrease or remain stable when compared with the prices of the previous month.

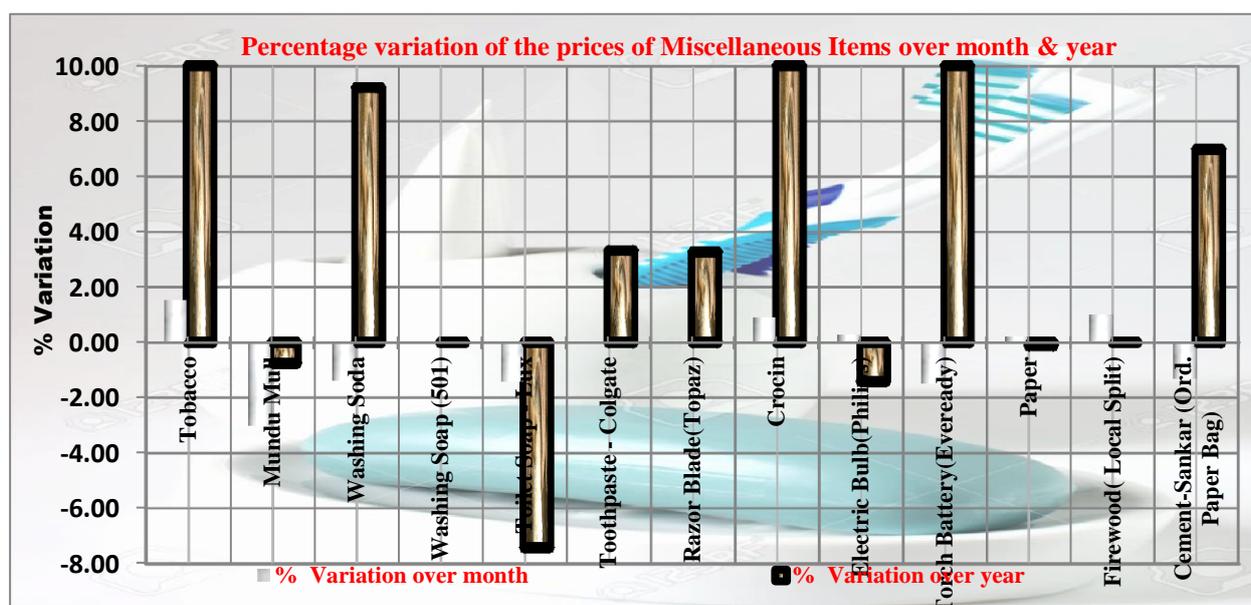
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of Torch battery (Eveready),Tobacco,Crocin,Washing soda, and Cement Sankar was increased upto 13.25%. while the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up to 7.42%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Toilet soap-Lux (7.42% ),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	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	192.14	214.29	217.59	1.54	13.25
2	Mundu Mull	Each	137.96	141.18	136.92	-3.02	-0.75
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.08	49.92	49.23	-1.38	9.21
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.23	25.57	25.21	-1.41	-7.42
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.50	51.14	51.14	0.00	3.31
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.88	9.17	9.17	0.00	3.27
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.22	2.24	0.90	12.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.58	14.62	0.27	-1.42
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	19.36	22.25	21.92	-1.48	13.22
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.65	17.59	17.63	0.23	-0.11
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	490.00	495.00	1.02	0.00
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	397.57	430.94	425.31	-1.31	6.98

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of September 2020							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.68	38.35	38.29	-0.16	-3.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.50	40.00	40.00	0.00	1.27
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.89	36.85	36.62	-0.62	-0.73
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	95.59	116.71	113.38	-2.85	18.61
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	98.84	121.76	120.30	-1.20	21.71
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	95.70	118.63	118.48	-0.13	23.80
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.63	114.17	113.75	-0.37	22.80
5	Redgram	Kg	82.48	77.48	75.45	-2.62	-8.52
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	99.34	99.83	102.45	2.62	3.13
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	78.45	78.83	78.98	0.19	0.68
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	75.25	71.38	71.09	-0.41	-5.53
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	71.02	75.94	77.67	2.28	9.36
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.25	39.39	39.20	-0.48	-0.13
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	43.21	45.36	45.36	0.00	4.98
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.68	147.14	147.25	0.07	-0.29
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	162.62	163.23	162.85	-0.23	0.14
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.48
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	51.18	56.70	61.38	8.25	19.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	581.79	641.07	643.93	0.45	10.68
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
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	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.57	97.93	99.88	1.99	-1.66
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	160.84	162.81	170.66	4.82	6.11
3	Onion small	Kg.	58.68	54.69	65.66	20.06	11.90
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	143.79	159.17	161.54	1.49	12.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.89	29.90	30.02	0.40	0.43
6	Mustard	100gm	9.57	9.81	9.84	0.31	2.82
7	Methy	100gm	10.14	10.12	10.21	0.89	0.69
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.54	18.67	18.54	-0.70	0.00
9	Garlic	100gm	15.55	15.21	15.32	0.72	-1.48

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	<b>F. TUBERS</b>						
1	Chennai	Kg.	35.30	35.87	34.38	-4.15	-2.61
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.25	23.40	24.23	3.55	-11.08
3	Potato	Kg.	28.98	43.19	45.43	5.19	56.76
4	Colocassia	Kg.	70.12	62.00	59.27	-4.40	-15.47
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	44.80	21.35	35.18	64.78	-21.47
2	Brinjal	Kg.	36.71	32.93	34.07	3.46	-7.19
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.86	25.20	27.86	10.56	21.87
4	Cucumber	Kg.	34.96	27.05	24.05	-11.09	-31.21
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.25	41.64	49.88	19.79	41.50
6	Cabbage	Kg	33.38	30.19	33.70	11.63	0.96
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	48.05	47.67	51.00	6.99	6.14
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.48	26.94	24.54	-8.91	0.25
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	40.14	33.57	37.25	10.96	-7.20
10	Tomato	Kg.	25.66	33.60	44.84	33.45	74.75
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.33	5.76	6.60	14.58	23.83
12	Banana green	Kg.	53.82	42.07	49.82	18.42	-7.43
13	Plantain green	Kg.	38.21	31.07	31.96	2.86	-16.36
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	192.14	214.29	217.59	1.54	13.25
2	Mundu Mull	Each	137.96	141.18	136.92	-3.02	-0.75
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.08	49.92	49.23	-1.38	9.21
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.23	25.57	25.21	-1.41	-7.42
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.50	51.14	51.14	0.00	3.31
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.88	9.17	9.17	0.00	3.27
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.22	2.24	0.90	12.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.83	14.58	14.62	0.27	-1.42
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	19.36	22.25	21.92	-1.48	13.22
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.65	17.59	17.63	0.23	-0.11
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	495.00	490.00	495.00	1.02	0.00
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	397.57	430.94	425.31	-1.31	6.98