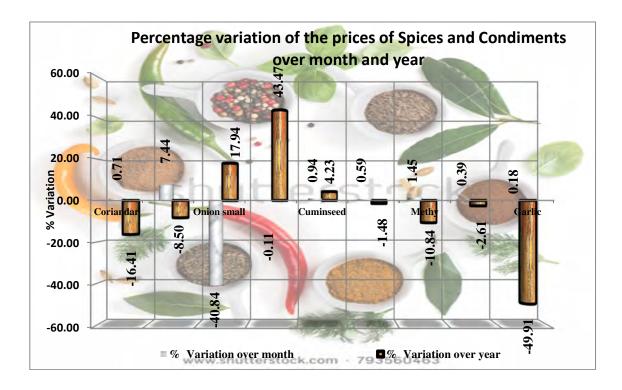


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PREFACE

Price collection is one of the major items of work undertaken by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The importance and usefulness of the information pertaining to the price movements has much significance in the context of a growing economy. This Department has been collecting different types of prices viz. Farm price, Market price, etc. (both Wholesale and Retail). These prices are being widely used for various purposes such as for the preparation of Indices, to provide compensation to Farmers and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the statement of daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assume significance, because it is being forwarded daily to the office of the Chief Minister and Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Minister for Agriculture, Chief Secretary, Food and civil Supplies Secretary, Planning secretary, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India, Consumerfed etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

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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Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

FEBRUARY 2018

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February 2018. 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 February of the previous year 2017, previous month January 2018 and current month of February 2018 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

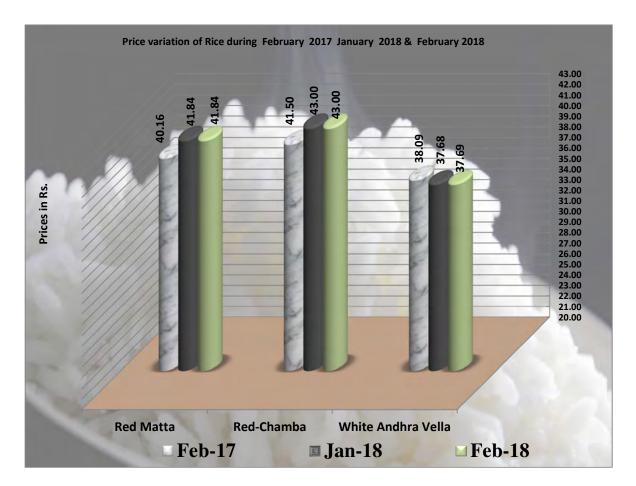
During this period a slight upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and Red Chamba showed no change while the price of White Andhra vella showed an upward trend up to 0.03% when 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 White Andhra vella showed a negative change (1.06%) while the price of Red Matta and Red Chamba showed an upward trend up to 4.20% 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 Rice.

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Variation		
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over month	Over year
Ι	Red - Matta	Kg	40.16	41.84	41.84	0.00	4.20
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.50	43.00	43.00	0.00	3.61
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.09	37.68	0.03	-1.06	

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2. PULSES <u>Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.</u>

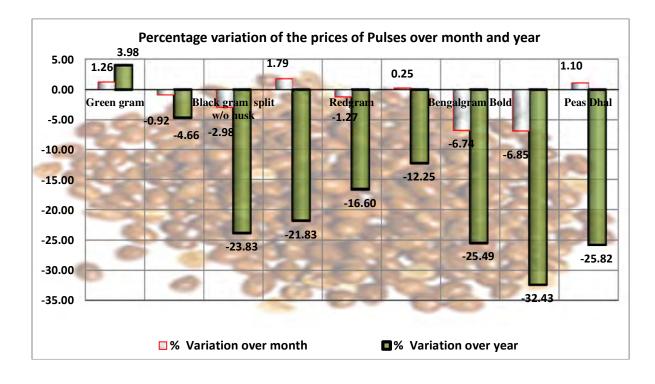
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail the price of all items of pulses except Green gram, Blackgram split with husk, Dhal (Tur) and Peas Dhall showed a downward trend up to 6.85% 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 Green gram showed a downward trend up to 32.43% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (23.83%), Blackgram split with husk (21.83%), Bengalgram Bold (25.49%), Bengalgram Small (32.43%), and Peas Dhall (25.82%) 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.

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage Of Variation		
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over month	Over year	
1	Green gram	Kg	82.57	84.79	85.86	1.26	3.98	
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	92.89	89.38	88.56	-0.92	-4.66	
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	117.44	92.20	89.45	-2.98	-23.83	
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	109.06	83.75	85.25	1.79	-21.83	
5	Redgram	Kg	85.14	71.91	71.00	-1.27	-16.60	
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	96.44	84.41	84.63	0.25	-12.25	
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	112.05	89.52	83.48	-6.74	-25.49	
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	101.78	73.84	68.78	-6.85	-32.43	
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	56.54	41.48	41.94	1.10	-25.82	

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3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

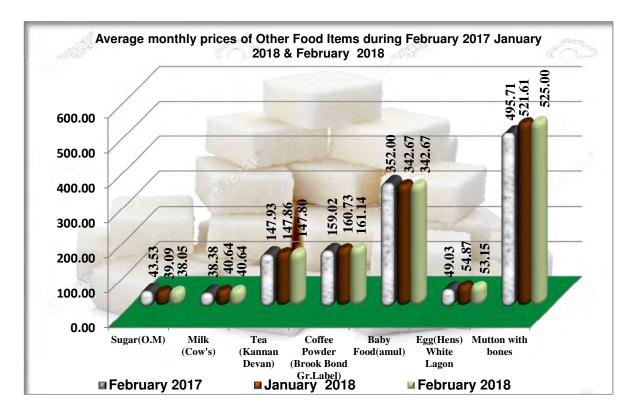
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) and Mutton with bones showed an upward trend up to 0.65 % while the price of all other items of other food items showed a downward trend up to 3.13% 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 Sugar (O.M.), Tea (kannan Devan) and Baby Food (amul) showed a downward trend up to 12.61% while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 8.40% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-3									
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pı	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Of Variation					
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over month	Over year			
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.53	39.09	38.05	-2.67	-12.61			
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	38.38	40.64	40.64	0.00	5.90			
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.93	147.86	147.80	-0.04	-0.08			
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke	500gms								
	Bond Gr.Label)		159.02	160.73	161.14	0.25	1.33			
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65			
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	49.03	54.87	53.15	-3.13	8.40			
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	495.71	521.61	525.00	0.65	5.91			

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Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

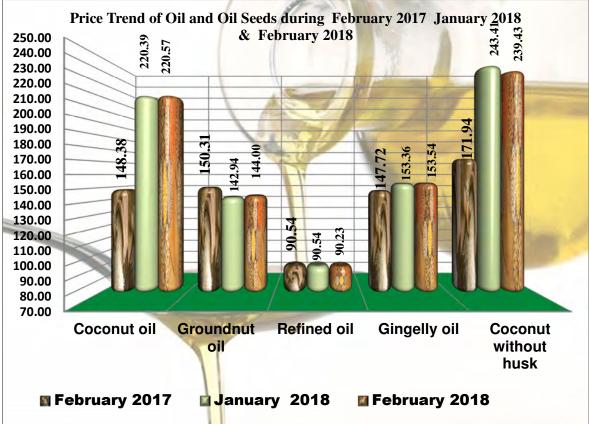
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices 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 state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds except Refined oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 0.74% 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 all items of oil and oil seeds except Groundnut oil and Refined oil showed an upward trend up to 48.65% .Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (48.65%) and Coconut without husk (39.25%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-4										
Sl.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Of Variation						
No						_					
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over month	Over year				
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	148.38	220.39	220.57	0.08	48.65				
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	150.31	142.94	144.00	0.74	-4.20				
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.54	90.54	90.23	-0.34	-0.35				
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.72	153.36	153.54	0.11	3.93				
5	Coconut without husk	10									
		nos	171.94	243.41	239.43	-1.63	39.25				





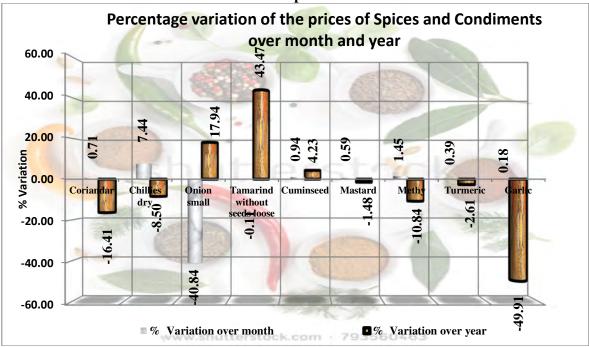
5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

During this period 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. The state average retail price of Onion small and Tamarind without seeds loose showed a downward trend up to 40.84% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 7.44% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (40.84%) 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 Coriander, Chillies dry, Mustard ,Methy ,Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 49.91% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 43.47% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tamarind without seeds loose (43.47%) and decrease was seen in the price of Garlic(49.91%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-5											
SI.	Name of	Unit	Pi	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage of Variation							
No.	Commodity											
			February	January	February	Over previous	Over					
			2017	2018	2018	month	previous Year					
1	Coriander	Kg.	108.48	90.04	90.68	0.71	-16.41					
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	117.27	99.88	107.30	7.44	-8.50					
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.34	74.43	44.04	-40.84	17.94					
4	Tamarind without	Kg.										
	seeds loose		114.57	164.55	164.38	-0.11	43.47					
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.59	29.52	29.80	0.94	4.23					
6	Mustard	100gm	9.14	8.95	9.00	0.59	-1.48					
7	Methy	100gm	10.42	9.16	9.29	1.45	-10.84					
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.74	18.18	18.25	0.39	-2.61					
9	Garlic	100gm	16.52	8.26	8.28	0.18	-49.91					



Graph 5

6. TUBERS

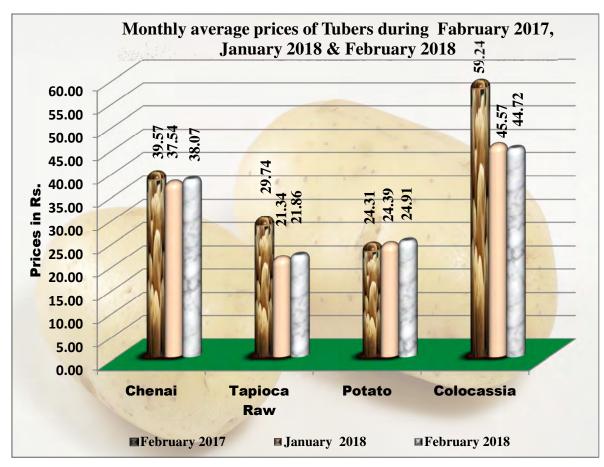
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period a mixed trend was observed during the month 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 all items of Tubers except Colocassia showed an upward trend up to 2.40% 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 all items of Tubers \except Potato showed a downward trend up to 26.51%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (26.51%) and Colocassia (24.51%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-6										
SI.	Name of	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage of Variation					
No.	Commodity)					
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year				
1	Chenai	Kg.	39.57	37.54	38.07	1.42	-3.78				
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.74	21.34	21.86	2.40	-26.51				
3	Potato	Kg.	24.31	24.39	24.91	2.13	2.47				
4	Colocassia	Kg.	59.24	45.57	44.72	-1.87	-24.51				

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

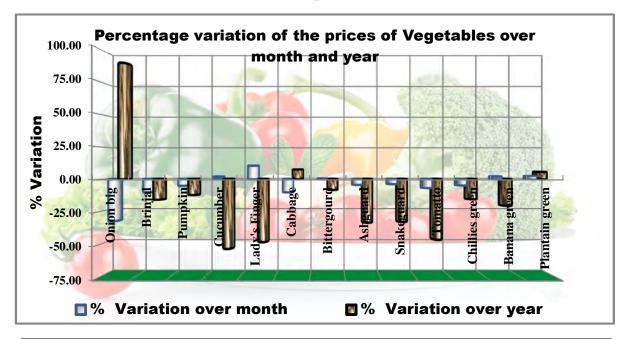
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Cucumber ,Lady's Finger, Bittergourd, Banana green and Plantain green showed an upward trend up to 10.63% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 32.22% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (32.22%) 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 vegetables except Onion big, Cabbage and Banana green showed an upward trend up to 89.01% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (89.01%), and decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber(53.38%), Lady's Finger(48.07%), and Tomato (46.26%) when compared with the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Vegetables.

	Table-7										
SI.	Name of	Unit	Pi	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage Of Variation					
No.	Commodity		February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year				
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.76	46.73	31.68	-32.22	89.01				
2	Brinjal	Kg.	31.92	29.89	26.93	-9.90	-15.64				
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.19	18.68	17.75	-4.97	-12.06				
4	Cucumber	Kg.	39.95	18.28	18.62	1.86	-53.38				
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	66.23	31.09	34.40	10.63	-48.07				
6	Cabbage	Kg	22.32	26.68	24.02	-9.97	7.62				
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	47.58	43.59	43.72	0.29	-8.12				
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.51	19.86	19.02	-4.24	-33.30				
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.47	28.96	27.89	-3.69	-32.74				
10	Tomatto	Kg.	29.04	16.73	15.61	-6.71	-46.26				
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.81	4.27	4.07	-4.68	-15.30				
12	Banana green	Kg.	47.08	36.73	37.50	2.10	-20.34				
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.65	37.75	38.70	2.50	5.59				





8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

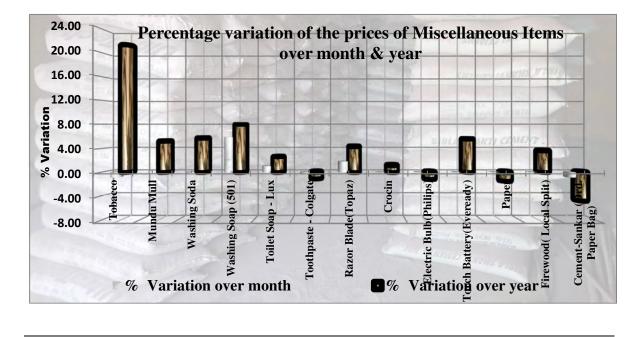
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Washing Soda, Toothpaste Colgate, and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed a downward trend up to 0.84% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Crocin Electric Bulb (Philips) Torch Battery (Eveready, Paper and Firewood (Local Split) showed no change, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 5.88% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items of miscellaneous except Toothpaste Colgate, Electric Bulb (Philips), Paper and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an upward trend up to 21.26%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tobacco (21.26%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

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Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Of Variation		
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Торассо	Kg.	165.45	202.32	200.63	-0.84	21.26
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.67	140.25	140.63	0.27	5.20
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.68	47.38	47.23	-0.32	5.71
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.67	17.00	18.00	5.88	7.98
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.90	27.31	27.59	1.04	2.59
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	47.57	47.18	47.07	-0.22	-1.05
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.30	8.45	1.81	4.32
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.43	2.46	2.46	0.00	1.13
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.69	14.69	0.00	-1.14
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	17.96	18.96	18.96	0.00	5.57
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.83	16.58	16.58	0.00	-1.46
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	489.29	507.14	507.14	0.00	3.65
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	407.50	391.25	387.97	-0.84	-4.79





		AN	NEXURE		P	rice Bulletin Fe	bruary,2018
	Statement Showing T	he State A	verage Reta	il Prices Of E	Ssential Con	nmodities	
		for The I	month of Fel	oruary 2018			
SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage of Variation	
			February	January	February	Over	Over
			2017	2018	2018	month	year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
I	Red - Matta	Kg	40.16	41.84	41.84	0.00	4.20
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.50	43.00	43.00	0.00	3.61
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.09	37.68	37.69	0.03	-1.06
1	B. PULSES	Va	00.57	04.70		1.04	2.00
1	Green gram	Kg	82.57	84.79	85.86	1.26	3.98
2	Green gram dhal Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	92.89	89.38	88.56	-0.92	-4.66
4	Black gram split w/o nusk Black gram split with husk	Kg	117.44	92.20	89.45	-2.98	-23.83
4	Redgram	Kg Kg	109.06	83.75	85.25	1.79	-21.83
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg Kg	85.14	71.91	71.00	-1.27	-16.60
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg Kg	96.44	84.41 89.52	84.63	0.25	-12.25
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg Kg	112.05 101.78	73.84	83.48 68.78	-6.74	-25.49
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	56.54	41.48	41.94	-6.85	-32.43 -25.82
,	C. OTHER FOOD	ng	50.54	41.40	41.94	1.10	-25.82
	ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.53	39.09	38.05	-2.67	-12.61
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	38.38	40.64	40.64	0.00	5.90
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.93	147.86	147.80	-0.04	-0.08
4	Coffee Powder (Brook	500gms					
	Bond Gr.Label)	-	159.02	160.73	161.14	0.25	1.33
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	49.03	54.87	53.15	-3.13	8.40
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	495.71	521.61	525.00	0.65	5.91
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	148.38	220.39	220.57	0.08	48.65
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	150.31	142.94	144.00	0.74	-4.20
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.54	90.54	90.23	-0.34	-0.35
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.72	153.36	153.54	0.11	3.93
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	171.94	243.41	239.43	-1.63	39.25
	E. SPICES AND						
1	CONDIMENTS	K-	100.40	00.04	00.00	0.51	16.11
2	Coriander Chilies dry	Kg.	108.48	90.04	90.68	0.71	-16.41
3	Onion small	Kg.	117.27	99.88	107.30	7.44	-8.50
4	Tamarind without seeds	Kg. Kg.	37.34	74.43	44.04	-40.84	17.94
-	loose	ng.	114.57	164.55	164.38	-0.11	43.47
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.59	29.52	29.80	0.94	4.23
6	Mustard	100gm	9.14	8.95	9.00	0.59	-1.48
7	Methy	100gm	10.42	9.16	9.29	1.45	-10.84
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.74	18.18	18.25	0.39	-2.61
9	Garlic	100gm	16.52	8.26	8.28		-49.91
		0	10.52	0.20	0.28	0.18	-49.91

SI.	Name of Commodity	Unit				Price Bulletin February,2018 Percentage of	
No.				rices (in Rs.) o	Variation		
			February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	Over month	Over year
	F. TUBERS						
1	Chenai	Kg.	39.57	37.54	38.07	1.42	-3.78
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.74	21.34	21.86	2.40	-26.51
3	Potato	Kg.	24.31	24.39	24.91	2.13	2.47
4	Colocassia	Kg.	59.24	45.57	44.72	-1.87	-24.51
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.76	46.73	31.68	-32.22	89.01
2	Brinjal	Kg.	31.92	29.89	26.93	-9.90	-15.64
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.19	18.68	17.75	-4.97	-12.06
4	Cucumber	Kg.	39.95	18.28	18.62	1.86	-53.38
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	66.23	31.09	34.40	10.63	-48.07
6	Cabbage	Kg	22.32	26.68	24.02	-9.97	7.62
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	47.58	43.59	43.72	0.29	-8.12
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.51	19.86	19.02	-4.24	-33.30
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.47	28.96	27.89	-3.69	-32.74
10	Tomato	Kg.	29.04	16.73	15.61	-6.71	-46.26
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.81	4.27	4.07	-4.68	-15.30
12	Banana green	Kg.	47.08	36.73	37.50	2.10	-20.34
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.65	37.75	38.70	2.50	5.59
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	165.45	202.32	200.63	-0.84	21.26
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.67	140.25	140.63	0.27	5.20
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.68	47.38	47.23	-0.32	5.71
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.67	17.00	18.00	5.88	7.98
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.90	27.31	27.59	1.04	2.59
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	47.57	47.18	47.07	-0.22	-1.05
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.30	8.45	1.81	4.32
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.43	2.46	2.46	0.00	1.13
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.69	14.69	0.00	-1.14
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	17.96	18.96	18.96	0.00	5.57
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.83	16.58	16.58	0.00	-1.46
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	489.29	507.14	507.14	0.00	3.65
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	407.50	391.25	387.97	-0.84	-4.79