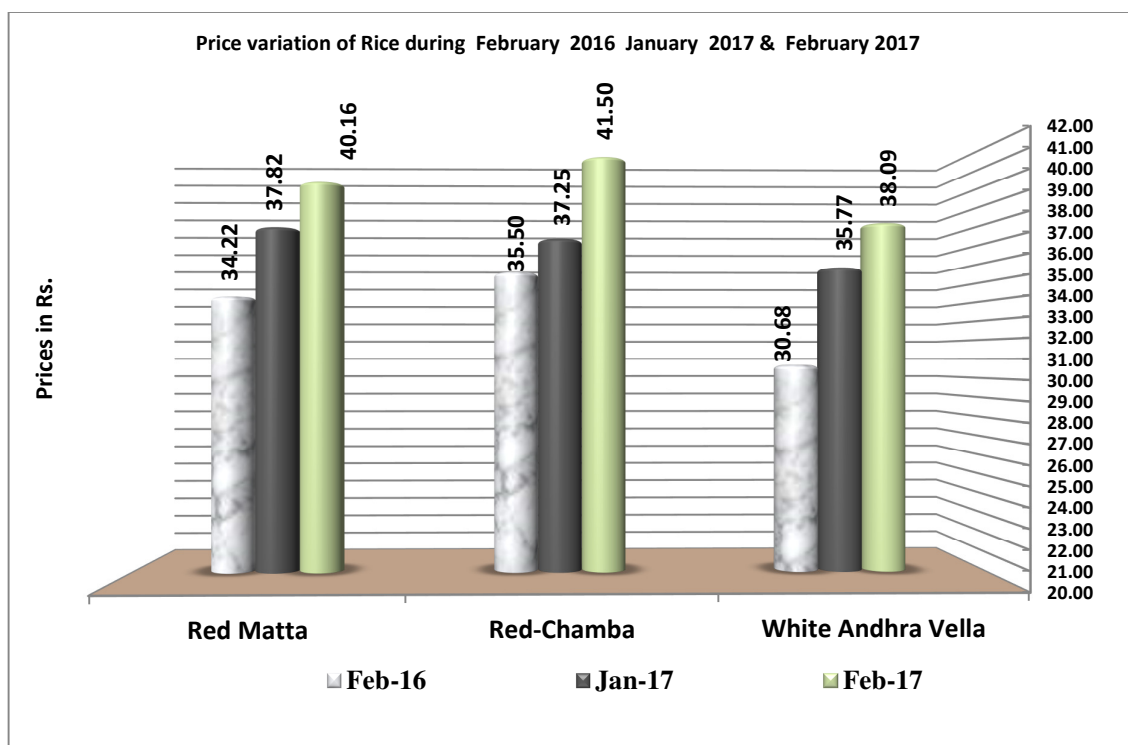




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PREFACE

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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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

FEBRUARY 2017

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February 2017. An increasing trend has been seen in the retail prices except the Pulses Items 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 2016, previous month January 2017 and current month of February 2017 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

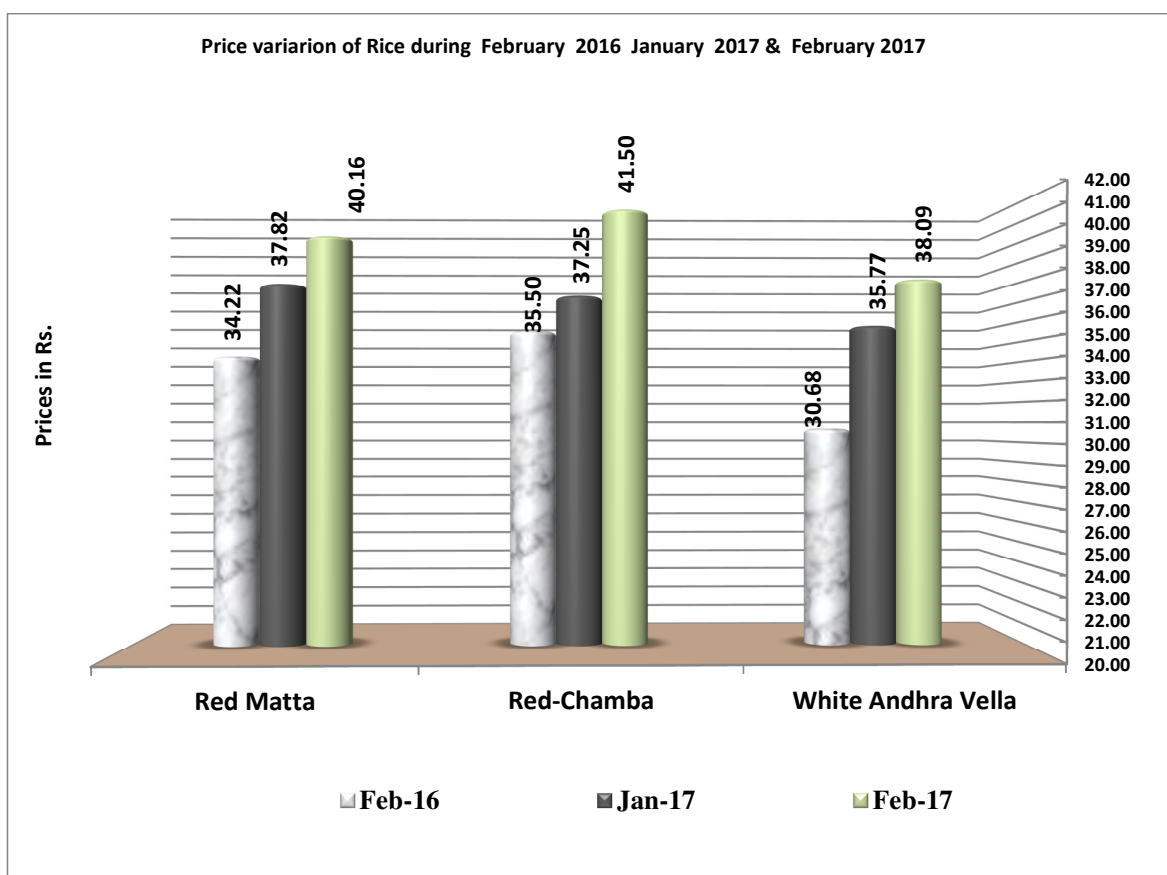
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 11.41% when compared 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 Rice showed an upward trend up to 24.17%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Red Matta (17.34%), Red Chamba (16.90%) and White Andhra vella (24.17%) 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.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	34.22	37.82	40.16	6.18	17.34
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	37.25	41.50	11.41	16.90
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.68	35.77	38.09	6.49	24.17

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

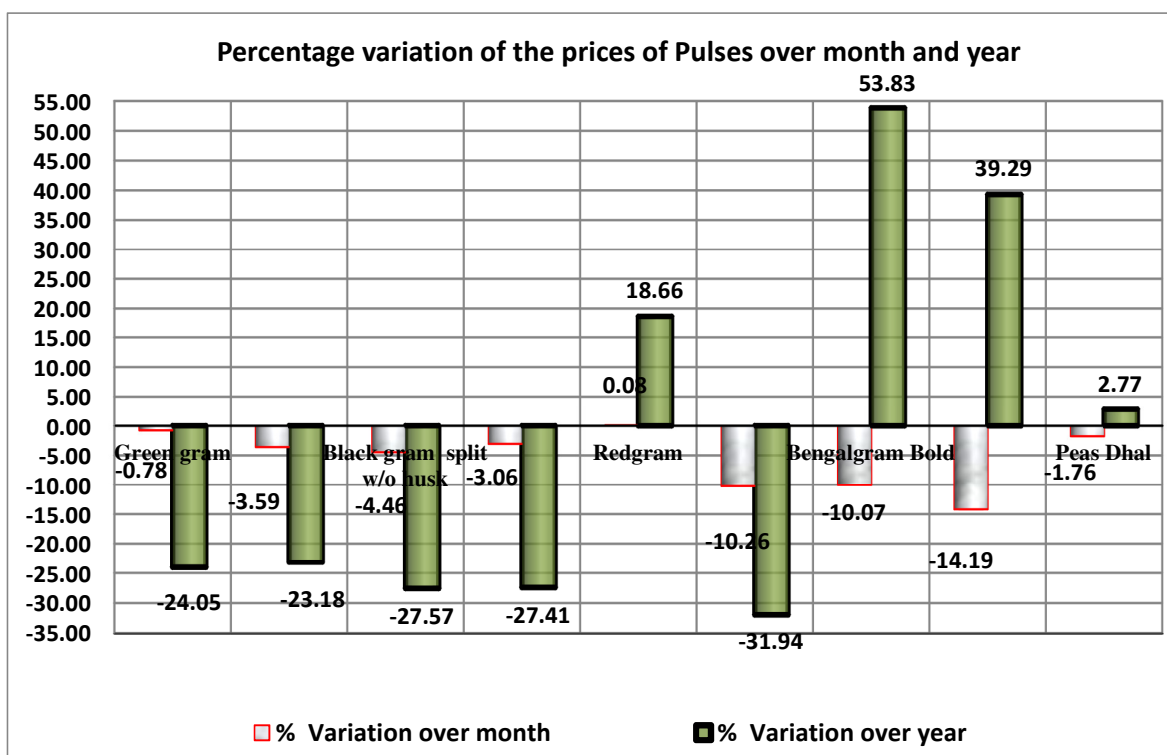
During this period a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month except that of Redgram, mixed trend was observed when compared with corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of all items of pulses except Redgram showed a downward trend up to 14.19% 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 Green gram, Green gram dhal, Blackgram split w/o husk, Blackgram split with husk, and Dhal (Tur) showed a downward trend up to 31.94% while the price of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 53.83% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Bengalgram Bold (53.83%) and Bengalgram small (39.29%) and decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (27.57%), Blackgram split with husk (27.41%), and Dhal (Tur) (31.94%) 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	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	108.71	83.21	82.57	-0.78	-24.05
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	120.91	96.34	92.89	-3.59	-23.18
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	162.14	122.93	117.44	-4.46	-27.57
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	150.25	112.50	109.06	-3.06	-27.41
5	Redgram	Kg	64.46	76.43	76.49	0.08	18.66
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	149.98	113.75	102.08	-10.26	-31.94
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	75.19	128.63	115.67	-10.07	53.83
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	69.80	113.30	97.22	-14.19	39.29
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	42.55	44.52	43.73	-1.76	2.77

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

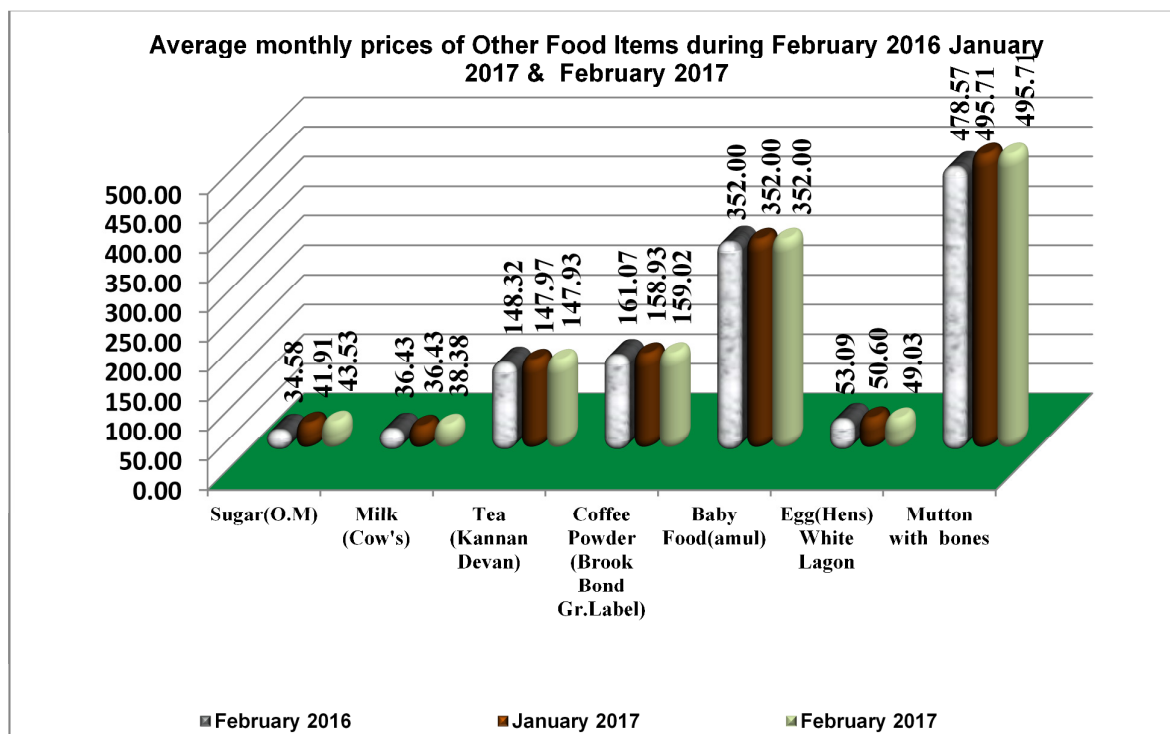
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tea (Kannan Devan) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon Showed a negative trend, while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 5.34% 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 other food items except Tea (Kannan Devan), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed an upward trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Sugar (O.M) (25.89%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.58	41.91	43.53	3.87	25.89
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	36.43	38.38	5.34	5.34
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.32	147.97	147.93	-0.03	-0.27
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.07	158.93	159.02	0.06	-1.27
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	352.00	352.00	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.09	50.60	49.03	-3.10	-7.64
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	478.57	495.71	495.71	0.00	3.58

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

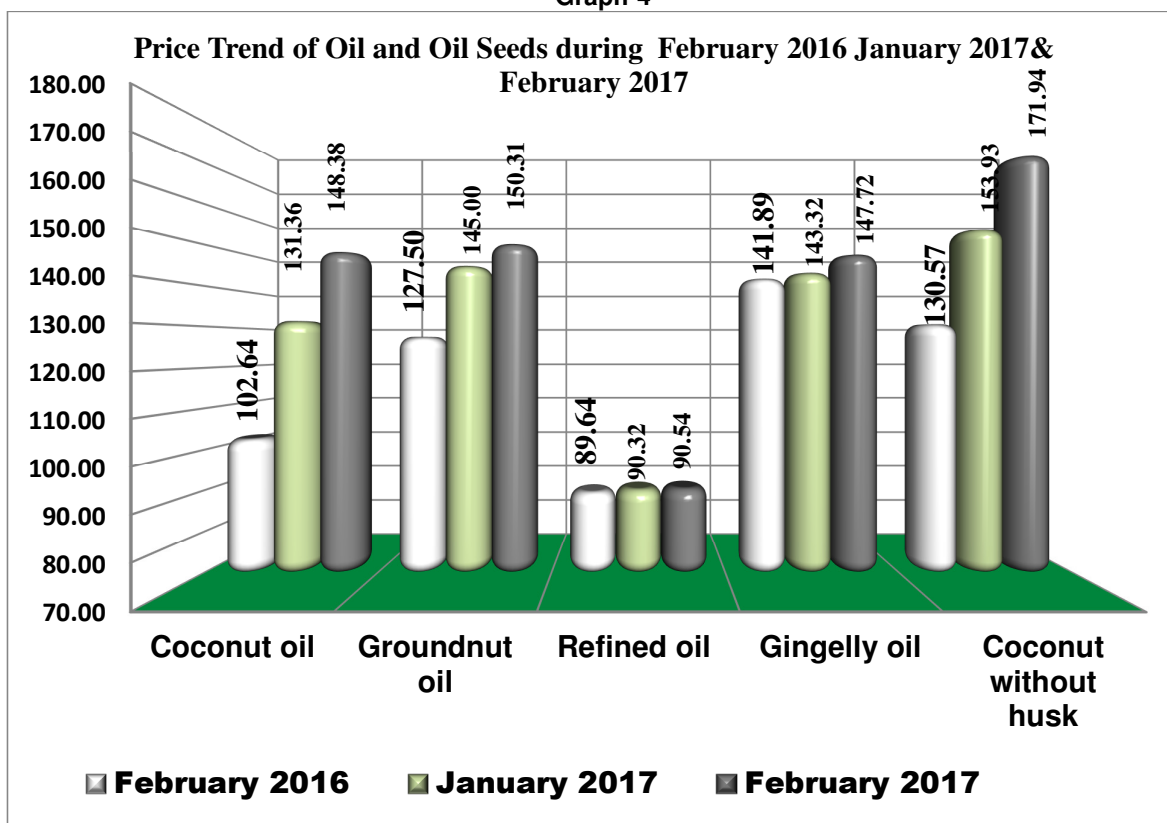
During this period an upward trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 12.96 % 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 showed an upward trend up to 44.56 % .Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (44.56%) and Coconut without husk (31.69%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	102.64	131.36	148.38	12.96	44.56
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	127.50	145.00	150.31	3.66	17.89
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.64	90.32	90.54	0.24	1.00
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	141.89	143.32	147.72	3.07	4.11
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	130.57	153.93	171.94	11.70	31.69

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

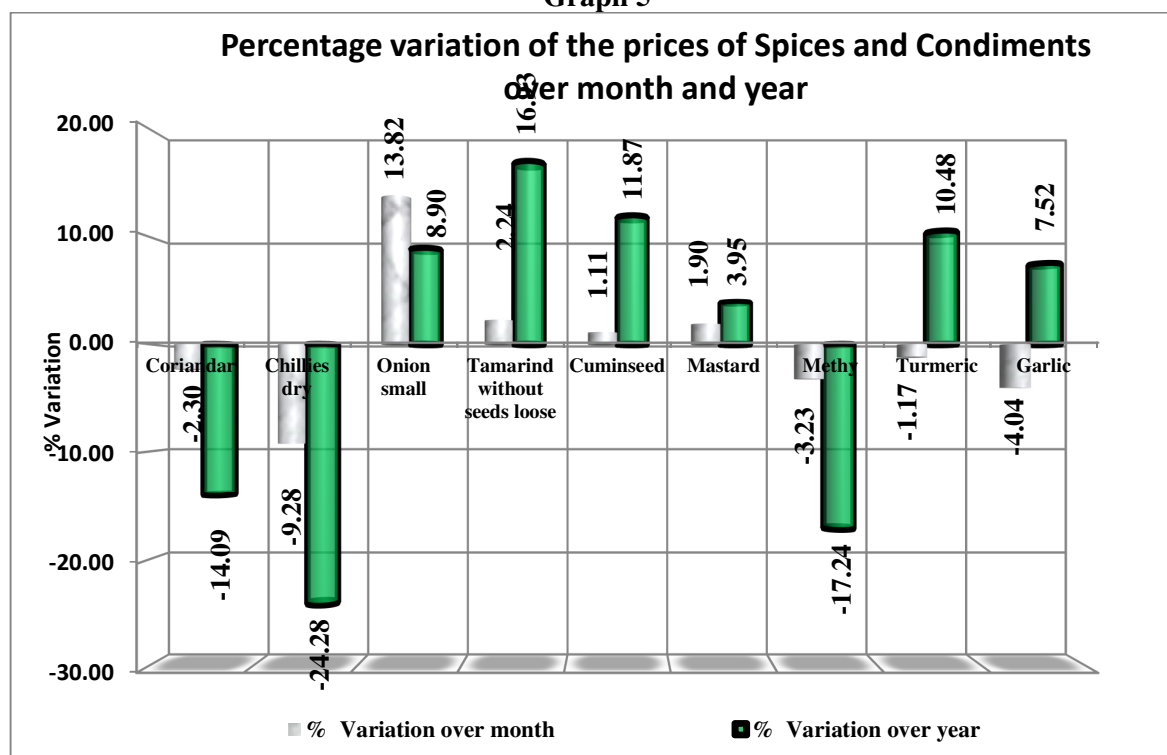
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coriander, Chillies dry, Methy, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 9.28% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 13.82% 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 Coriander, Chillies dry and Methy showed a downward trend up to 24.28% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 16.93% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (24.28%) and Methy (17.24%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	126.27	111.04	108.48	-2.30	-14.09
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	154.88	129.27	117.27	-9.28	-24.28
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.29	32.81	37.34	13.82	8.90
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	97.98	112.05	114.57	2.24	16.93
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.55	28.27	28.59	1.11	11.87
6	Mustard	100gm	8.79	8.97	9.14	1.90	3.95
7	Methy	100gm	12.59	10.77	10.42	-3.23	-17.24
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.96	18.96	18.74	-1.17	10.48
9	Garlic	100gm	15.37	17.22	16.52	-4.04	7.52

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

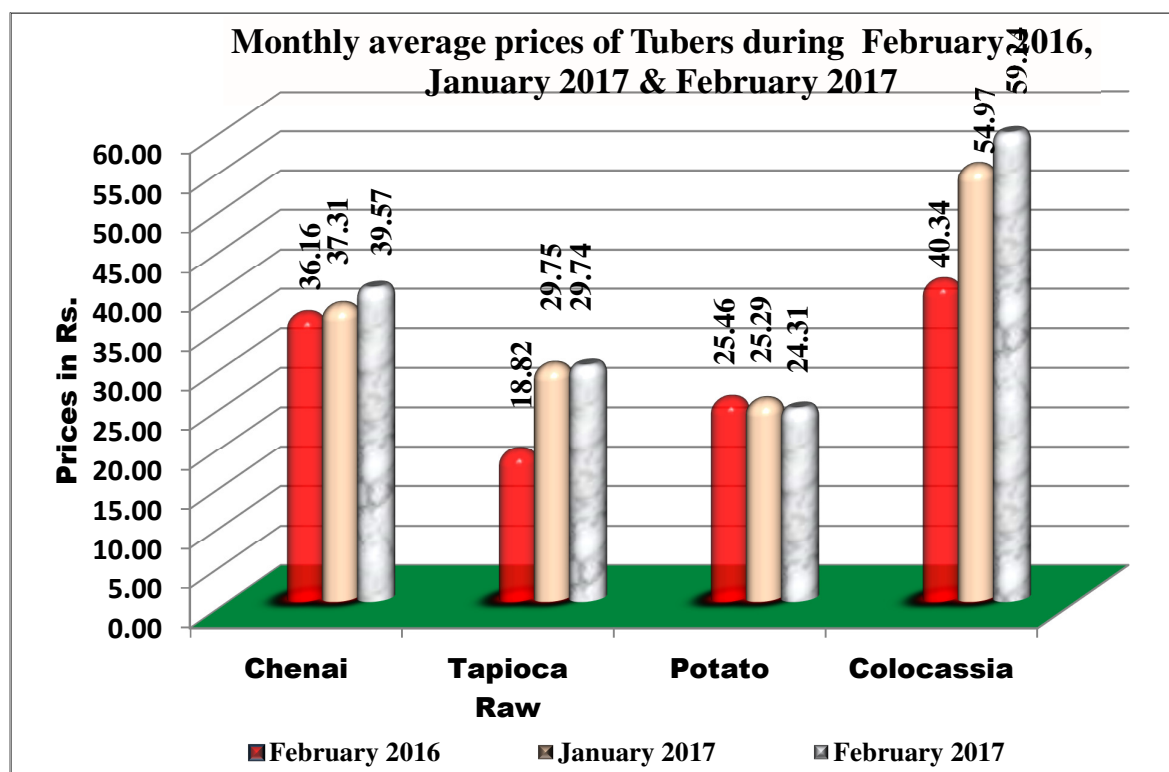
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Chenai and Colocassia showed an upward trend up to 7.77% while the prices of all other items of Tubers showed a downward trend up to 3.85% 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 an upward trend upto 58.00%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (58.00%) and Colocassia (46.84%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	36.16	37.31	39.57	6.06	9.42
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.82	29.75	29.74	-0.03	58.00
3	Potato	Kg.	25.46	25.29	24.31	-3.85	-4.52
4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.34	54.97	59.24	7.77	46.84

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

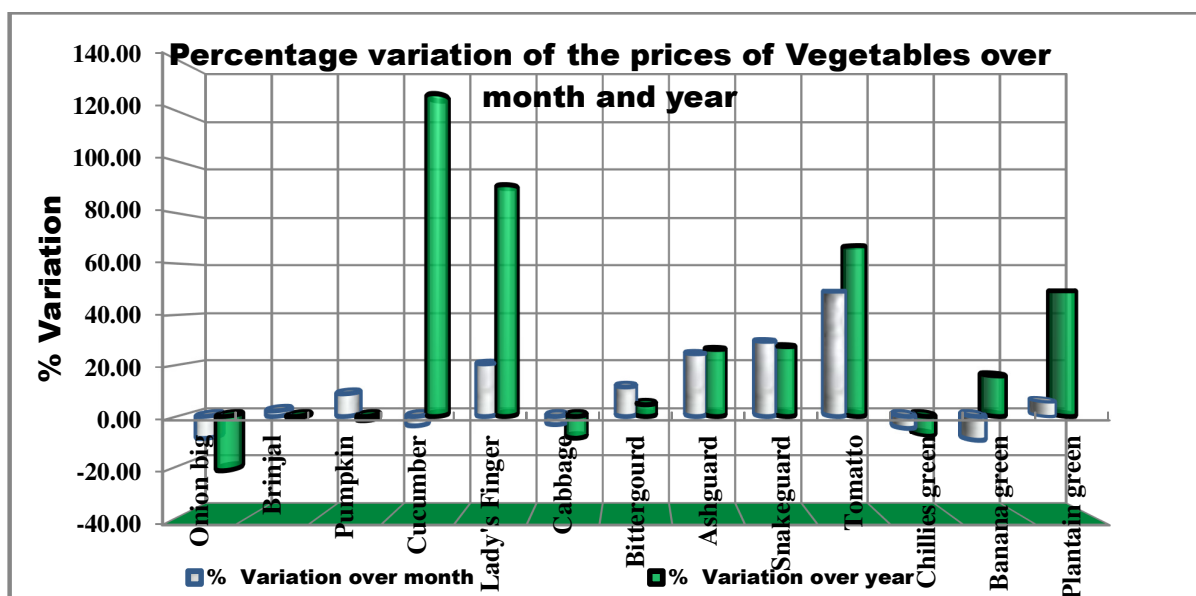
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Cucumber, Cabbage, Chillies green and Banana green showed a downward trend up to 9.75% while the prices of all other items of vegetables showed an upward trend up to 49.20% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Ashgourd (24.34%), Snakegourd (29.16%) and Tomato (49.20%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Onion big, Brinjal, Pumpkin, Cabbage and Chillies green showed a downward trend up to 21.58%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 126.64% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cucumber (126.64%), Lady's Finger (90.90%), Tomato (66.93%) and Plantain green (49.36%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	21.37	18.43	16.76	-9.05	-21.58
2	Brinjal	Kg.	32.11	31.25	31.92	2.15	-0.57
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.52	18.55	20.19	8.80	-1.61
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.63	41.45	39.95	-3.63	126.64
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.70	55.00	66.23	20.42	90.90
6	Cabbage	Kg	24.50	23.04	22.32	-3.13	-8.91
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.50	42.68	47.58	11.47	4.57
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.63	22.93	28.51	24.34	26.00
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.63	32.11	41.47	29.16	27.10
10	Tomatto	Kg.	17.40	19.47	29.04	49.20	66.93
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.20	5.04	4.81	-4.62	-7.64
12	Banana green	Kg.	40.68	52.16	47.08	-9.75	15.73
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.54	34.69	36.65	5.65	49.36

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

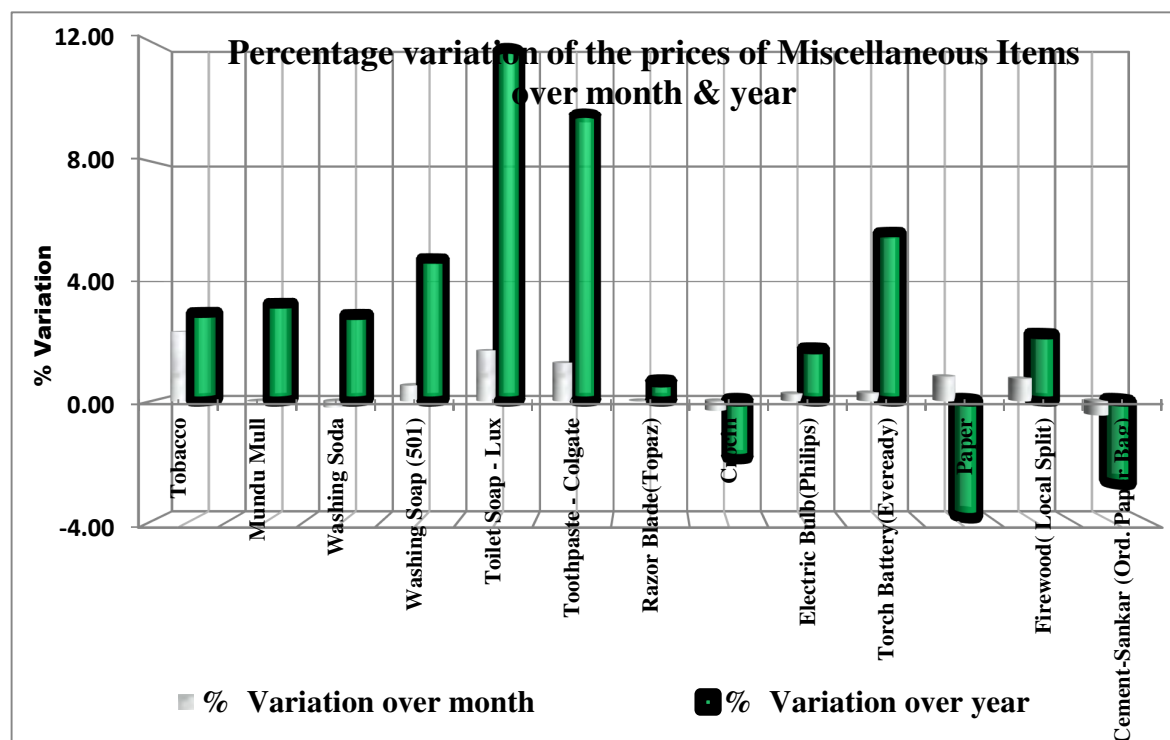
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Washing Soda, Crocin, and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag), while the prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase 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 Crocin, Paper and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 11.74%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	160.71	161.70	165.45	2.32	2.95
2	Mundu Mull	Each	129.46	133.67	133.67	0.00	3.25
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	43.43	44.77	44.68	-0.20	2.88
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.91	16.59	16.67	0.51	4.78
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.07	26.45	26.90	1.70	11.74
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	43.41	46.96	47.57	1.29	9.58
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.05	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.62
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.48	2.44	2.43	-0.31	-1.92
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.61	14.83	14.86	0.24	1.75
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	17.00	17.91	17.96	0.27	5.65
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.50	16.69	16.83	0.81	-3.86
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	478.57	485.71	489.29	0.74	2.24
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	419.07	409.38	407.50	-0.46	-2.76

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of February 2017							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	34.22	37.82	40.16	6.18	17.34
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	37.25	41.50	11.41	16.90
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.68	35.77	38.09	6.49	24.17
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	108.71	83.21	82.57	-0.78	-24.05
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	120.91	96.34	92.89	-3.59	-23.18
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	162.14	122.93	117.44	-4.46	-27.57
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	150.25	112.50	109.06	-3.06	-27.41
5	Redgram	Kg	64.46	76.43	76.49	0.08	18.66
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	149.98	113.75	102.08	-10.26	-31.94
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	75.19	128.63	115.67	-10.07	53.83
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	69.80	113.30	97.22	-14.19	39.29
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	42.55	44.52	43.73	-1.76	2.77
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.58	41.91	43.53	3.87	25.89
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	36.43	38.38	5.34	5.34
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.32	147.97	147.93	-0.03	-0.27
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.07	158.93	159.02	0.06	-1.27
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	352.00	352.00	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.09	50.60	49.03	-3.10	-7.64
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	478.57	495.71	495.71	0.00	3.58
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	102.64	131.36	148.38	12.96	44.56
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	127.50	145.00	150.31	3.66	17.89
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.64	90.32	90.54	0.24	1.00
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	141.89	143.32	147.72	3.07	4.11
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	130.57	153.93	171.94	11.70	31.69
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	126.27	111.04	108.48	-2.30	-14.09
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	154.88	129.27	117.27	-9.28	-24.28
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.29	32.81	37.34	13.82	8.90
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	97.98	112.05	114.57	2.24	16.93
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.55	28.27	28.59	1.11	11.87
6	Mustard	100gm	8.79	8.97	9.14	1.90	3.95
7	Methy	100gm	12.59	10.77	10.42	-3.23	-17.24
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.96	18.96	18.74	-1.17	10.48
9	Garlic	100gm	15.37	17.22	16.52	-4.04	7.52

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4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.34	54.97	59.24	7.77	46.84
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1	Onion big	Kg.	21.37	18.43	16.76	-9.05	-21.58
2	Brinjal	Kg.	32.11	31.25	31.92	2.15	-0.57
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.52	18.55	20.19	8.80	-1.61
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.63	41.45	39.95	-3.63	126.64
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.70	55.00	66.23	20.42	90.90
6	Cabbage	Kg	24.50	23.04	22.32	-3.13	-8.91
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.50	42.68	47.58	11.47	4.57
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	22.63	22.93	28.51	24.34	26.00
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.54	34.69	36.65	5.65	49.36
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	160.71	161.70	165.45	2.32	2.95
2	Mundu Mull	Each	129.46	133.67	133.67	0.00	3.25
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	43.43	44.77	44.68	-0.20	2.88
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.91	16.59	16.67	0.51	4.78
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.07	26.45	26.90	1.70	11.74
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	43.41	46.96	47.57	1.29	9.58
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.05	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.62
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.48	2.44	2.43	-0.31	-1.92
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.61	14.83	14.86	0.24	1.75
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	17.00	17.91	17.96	0.27	5.65
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.50	16.69	16.83	0.81	-3.86
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