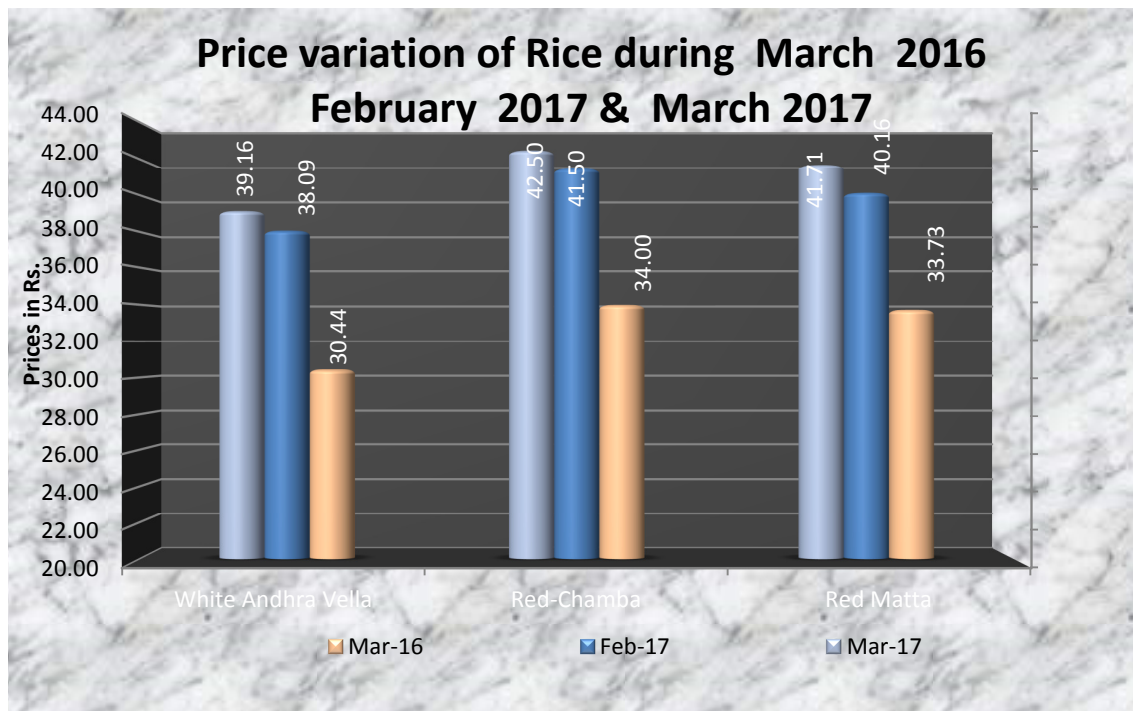




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PREFACE

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

MARCH 2017

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2017. 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 March of the previous year 2016, previous month February 2017 and current month of March 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

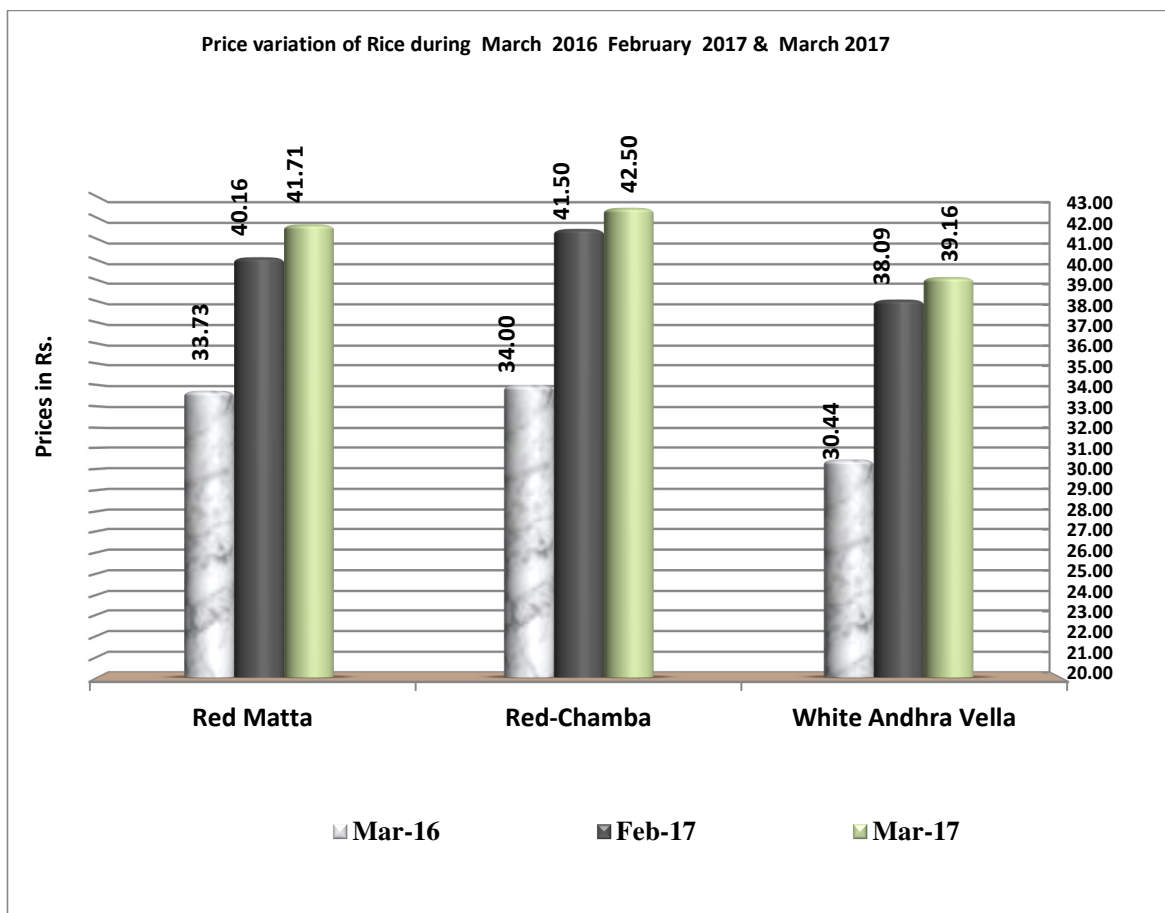
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 3.87% when compared 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 28.64%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Red Matta (23.66%), Red Chamba (25.00%) and White Andhra vella (28.64%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.73	40.16	41.71	3.87	23.66
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.00	41.50	42.50	2.41	25.00
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.44	38.09	39.16	2.80	28.64

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

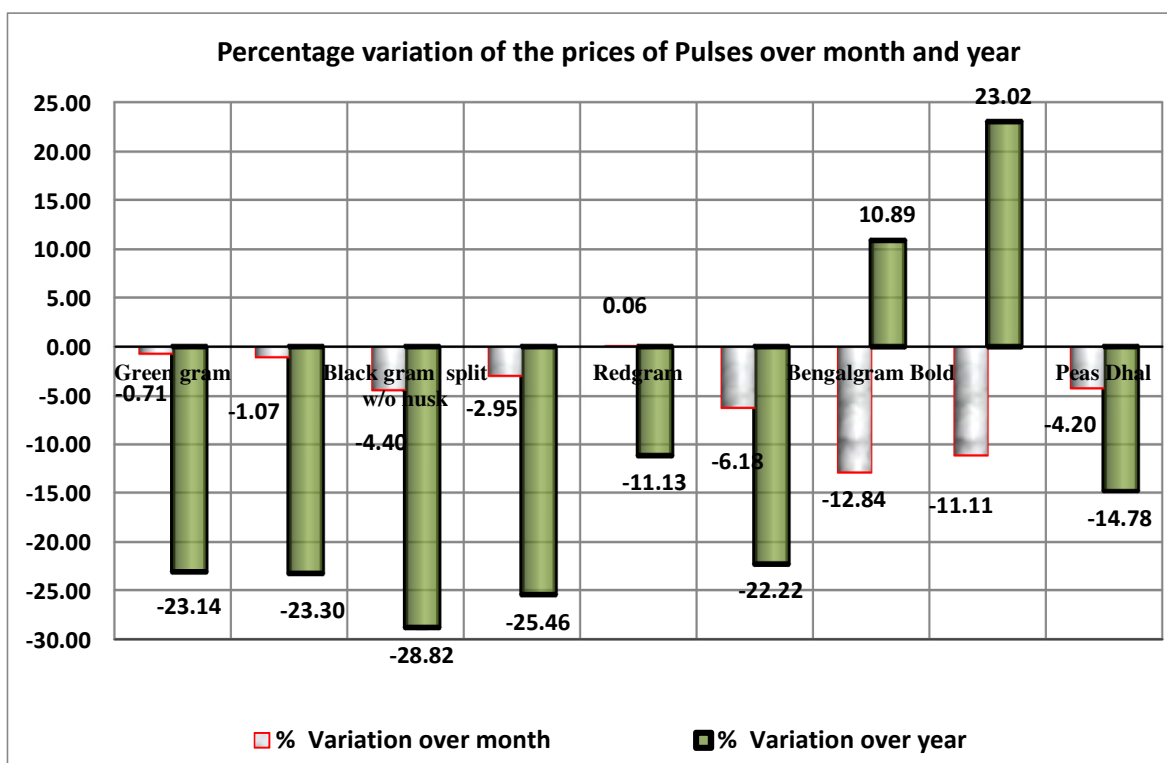
During this period a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding months of the previous year. . The State average retail the price of all items of pulses except Redgram showed a downward trend up to 12.84% 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, Redgram Dhal (Tur) and Peas Dhall showed a downward trend up to 28.82% while the price of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 23.02% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Bengalgram small (23.02%) and decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (28.82%) and Blackgram split with husk (25.46%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	106.66	82.57	81.98	-0.71	-23.14
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	119.81	92.89	91.89	-1.07	-23.30
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	157.73	117.44	112.28	-4.40	-28.82
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	142.00	109.06	105.85	-2.95	-25.46
5	Redgram	Kg	86.13	76.49	76.54	0.06	-11.13
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	123.13	102.08	95.77	-6.18	-22.22
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	90.92	115.67	100.82	-12.84	10.89
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.25	97.22	86.42	-11.11	23.02
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	49.16	43.73	41.90	-4.20	-14.78

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

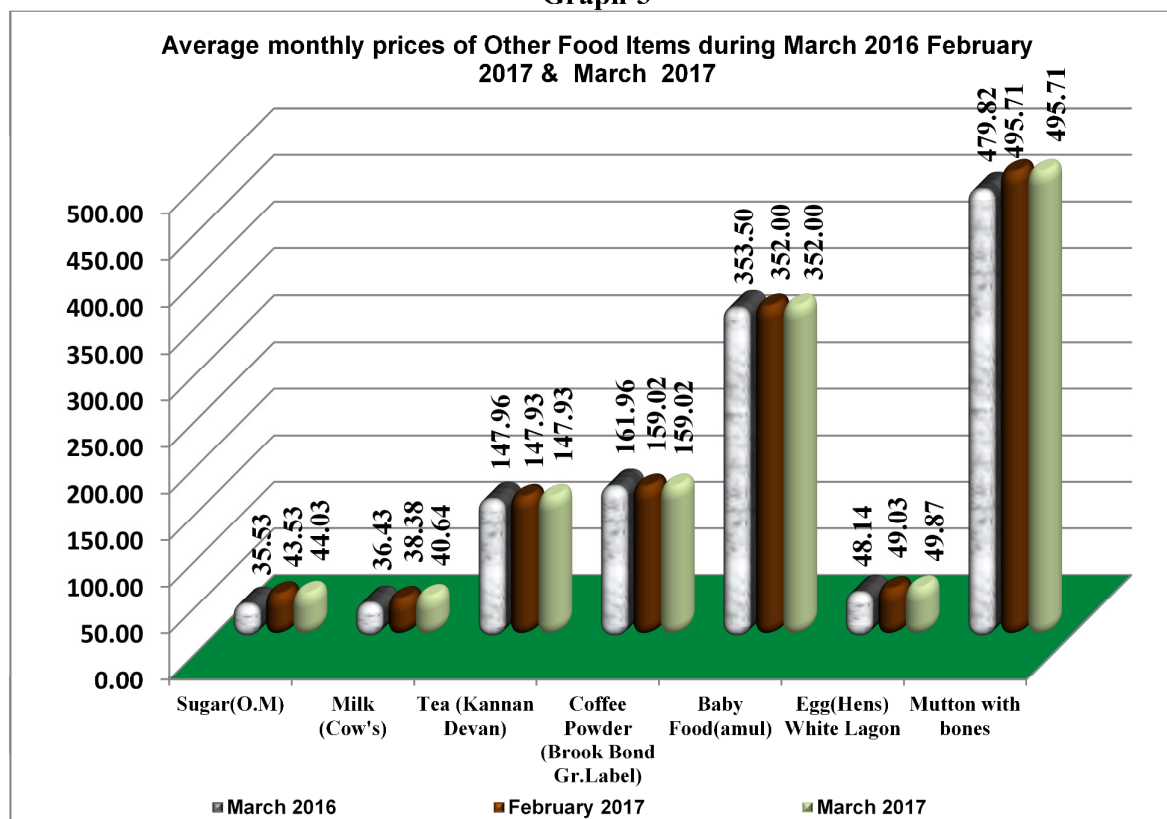
During this period an upward trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month.. The State average retail prices of all items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 5.90% when compared with the prices of the previous 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 Baby food (amul) showed an upward trend up to 23.93%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Sugar (O.M) (23.93%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.53	43.53	44.03	1.13	23.93
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	38.38	40.64	5.90	11.56
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.96	147.93	147.93	0.00	-0.02
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.96	159.02	159.02	0.00	-1.82
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	353.50	352.00	352.00	0.00	-0.42
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	48.14	49.03	49.87	1.72	3.60
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	479.82	495.71	495.71	0.00	3.31

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

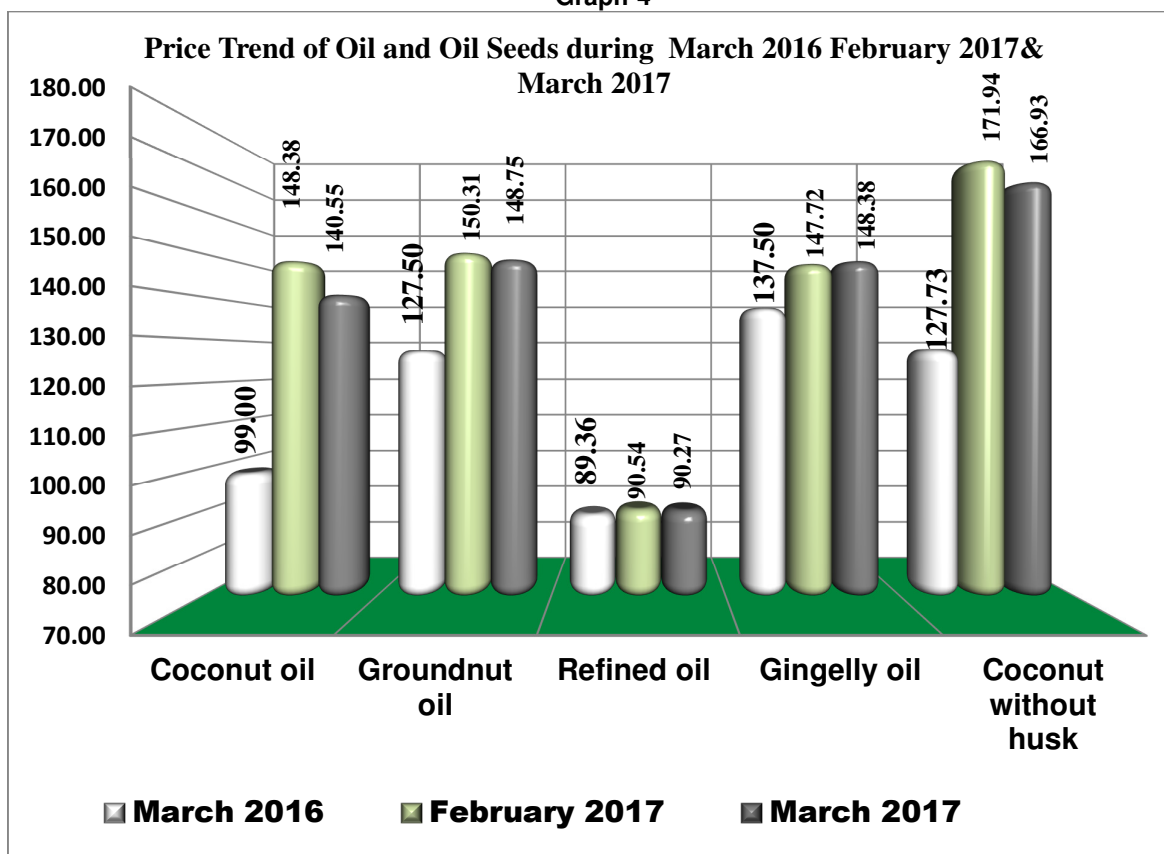
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds except Gingelly Oil showed a downward trend up to 5.28 % when compared with the prices of the previous 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 41.97 % .Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (41.97%) and Coconut without husk (30.69%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	99.00	148.38	140.55	-5.28	41.97
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	127.50	150.31	148.75	-1.04	16.67
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.36	90.54	90.27	-0.30	1.02
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	137.50	147.72	148.38	0.44	7.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	127.73	171.94	166.93	-2.91	30.69

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

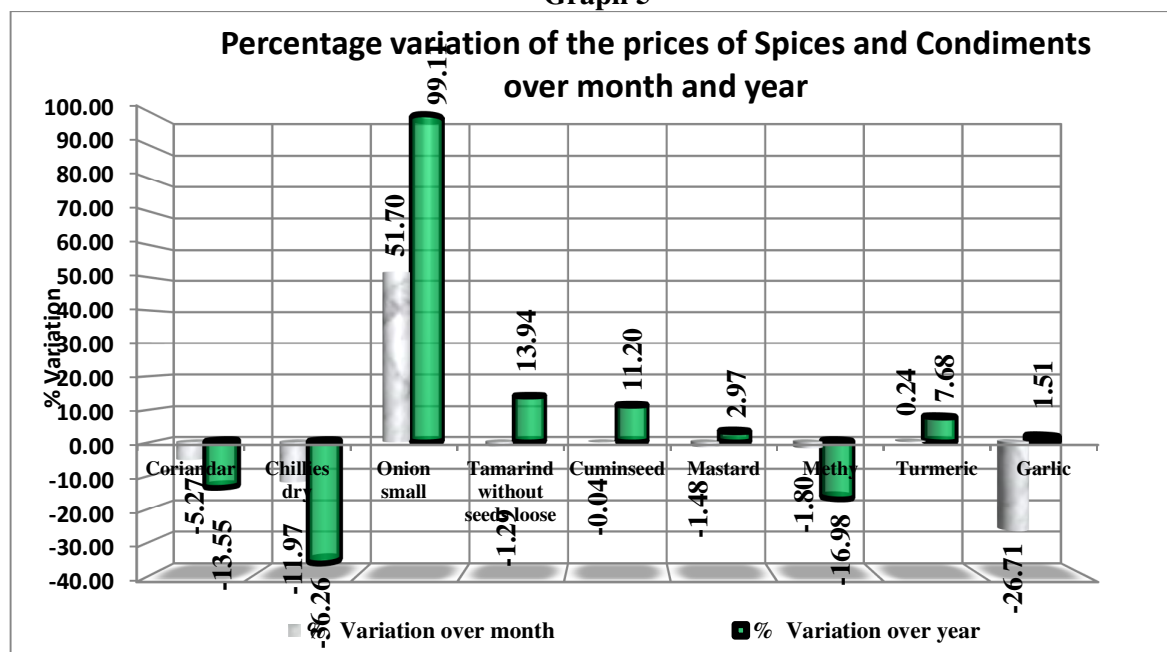
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Onion small and Turmeric showed an upward trend up to 51.70% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 26.71% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (51.70%) 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 and Methy showed a downward trend up to 36.26% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 99.11% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (99.11%) and decrease was seen in the price of Chillies dry (36.26%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	118.88	108.48	102.77	-5.27	-13.55
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	161.97	117.27	103.24	-11.97	-36.26
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.45	37.34	56.64	51.70	99.11
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	99.25	114.57	113.09	-1.29	13.94
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.70	28.59	28.57	-0.04	11.20
6	Mustard	100gm	8.74	9.14	9.00	-1.48	2.97
7	Methy	100gm	12.33	10.42	10.23	-1.80	-16.98
8	Turmeric	100gm	17.45	18.74	18.79	0.24	7.68
9	Garlic	100gm	11.93	16.52	12.11	-26.71	1.51

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

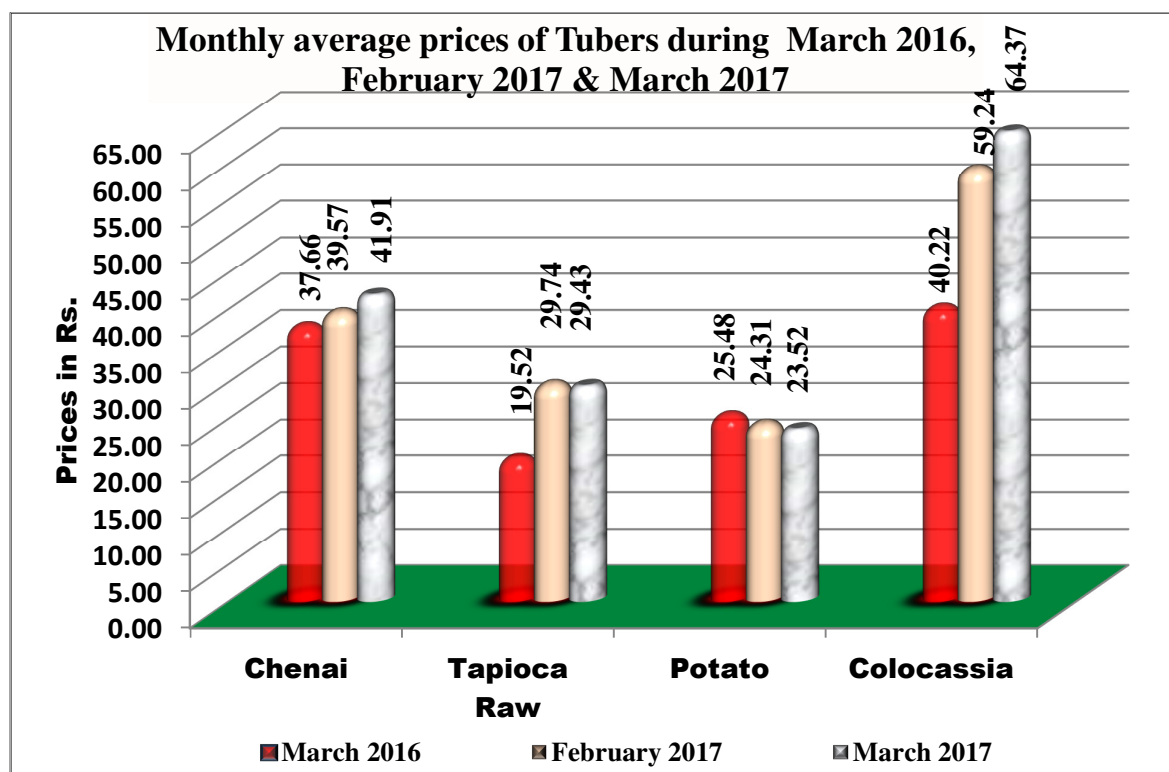
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Chenai and Colocassia showed an upward trend up to 8.67% while the prices of all other items of Tubers showed a downward trend up to 3.27% 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 60.05%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (50.79%) and Colocassia (60.05%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	37.66	39.57	41.91	5.93	11.29
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	19.52	29.74	29.43	-1.04	50.79
3	Potato	Kg.	25.48	24.31	23.52	-3.27	-7.71
4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.22	59.24	64.37	8.67	60.05

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

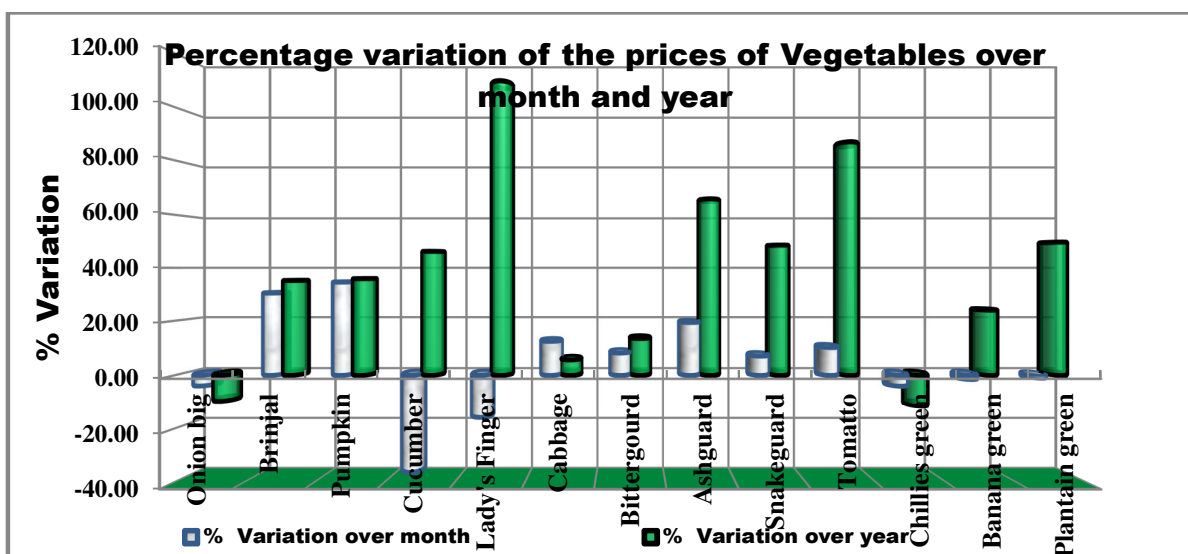
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Cucumber, Lady's Finger, Chillis green, Banana green and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 36.25% while the prices of all other items of vegetables showed an upward trend up to 34.64% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (30.57%) and Pumpkin (34.64%) and decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber (36.25%) 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 Onion big and Chillies green showed a downward trend up to 11.51%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 109.59% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cucumber (46.10%), Lady's Finger (109.59%), Ashguard (65.78%), Snakeguard (48.41%), Tomato (86.67%) and Plantain green (49.51%) 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	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.81	16.76	16.11	-3.89	-9.53
2	Brinjal	Kg.	30.82	31.92	41.68	30.57	35.23
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.00	20.19	27.18	34.64	35.90
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.43	39.95	25.47	-36.25	46.10
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	26.63	66.23	55.80	-15.75	109.59
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.75	22.32	25.09	12.41	5.64
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.36	47.58	51.47	8.17	13.47
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.52	28.51	34.02	19.33	65.78
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	29.91	41.47	44.39	7.05	48.41
10	Tomato	Kg.	17.14	29.04	32.00	10.18	86.67
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.22	4.81	4.62	-3.95	-11.51
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.32	47.08	46.38	-1.49	24.25
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.19	36.65	36.17	-1.31	49.51

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

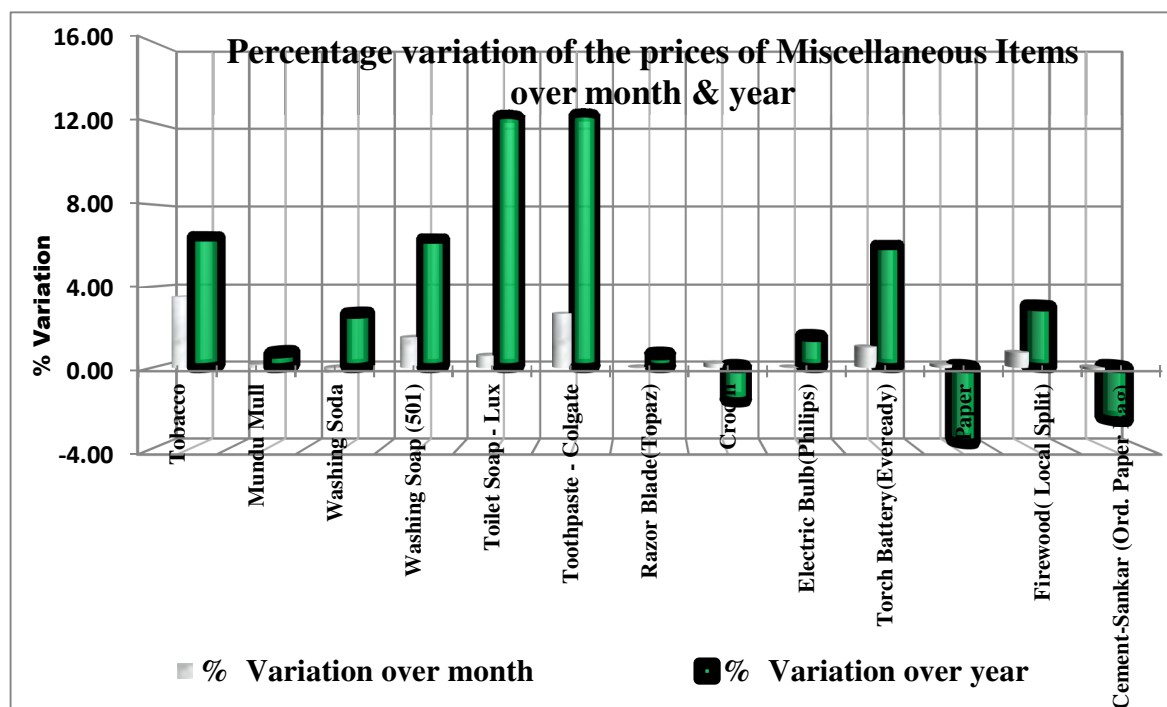
There is a mixed trend is seen in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of all items in this group except Washing Soda, and Cement Sankar (Ord. Paper bag) showed an increasing trend upto 3.45%.

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 12.46% .

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	160.80	165.45	171.16	3.45	6.44
2	Mundu Mull	Each	132.95	133.67	133.88	0.16	0.70
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	43.43	44.68	44.57	-0.25	2.62
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.91	16.67	16.92	1.48	6.33
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.07	26.90	27.05	0.59	12.39
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	43.41	47.57	48.82	2.63	12.46
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.05	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.62
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.48	2.43	2.44	0.21	-1.71
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.64	14.86	14.86	0.00	1.50
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	17.11	17.96	18.14	1.00	6.02
11	Paper	24 Sheet	17.50	16.83	16.85	0.13	-3.73
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	478.57	489.29	492.86	0.73	2.99
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	418.13	407.50	407.03	-0.12	-2.65

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2017							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.73	40.16	41.71	3.87	23.66
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.00	41.50	42.50	2.41	25.00
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.44	38.09	39.16	2.80	28.64
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	106.66	82.57	81.98	-0.71	-23.14
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	119.81	92.89	91.89	-1.07	-23.30
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	157.73	117.44	112.28	-4.40	-28.82
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	142.00	109.06	105.85	-2.95	-25.46
5	Redgram	Kg	86.13	76.49	76.54	0.06	-11.13
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	123.13	102.08	95.77	-6.18	-22.22
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	90.92	115.67	100.82	-12.84	10.89
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.25	97.22	86.42	-11.11	23.02
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	49.16	43.73	41.90	-4.20	-14.78
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.53	43.53	44.03	1.13	23.93
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	38.38	40.64	5.90	11.56
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.96	147.93	147.93	0.00	-0.02
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.96	159.02	159.02	0.00	-1.82
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	353.50	352.00	352.00	0.00	-0.42
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	48.14	49.03	49.87	1.72	3.60
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	479.82	495.71	495.71	0.00	3.31
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	99.00	148.38	140.55	-5.28	41.97
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	127.50	150.31	148.75	-1.04	16.67
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.36	90.54	90.27	-0.30	1.02
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	137.50	147.72	148.38	0.44	7.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	127.73	171.94	166.93	-2.91	30.69
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	118.88	108.48	102.77	-5.27	-13.55
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	161.97	117.27	103.24	-11.97	-36.26
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.45	37.34	56.64	51.70	99.11
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	99.25	114.57	113.09	-1.29	13.94
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.70	28.59	28.57	-0.04	11.20
6	Mustard	100gm	8.74	9.14	9.00	-1.48	2.97
7	Methy	100gm	12.33	10.42	10.23	-1.80	-16.98
8	Turmeric	100gm	17.45	18.74	18.79	0.24	7.68
9	Garlic	100gm	11.93	16.52	12.11	-26.71	1.51

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	37.66	39.57	41.91	5.93	11.29
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	19.52	29.74	29.43	-1.04	50.79
3	Potato	Kg.	25.48	24.31	23.52	-3.27	-7.71
4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.22	59.24	64.37	8.67	60.05
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.81	16.76	16.11	-3.89	-9.53
2	Brinjal	Kg.	30.82	31.92	41.68	30.57	35.23
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.00	20.19	27.18	34.64	35.90
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.43	39.95	25.47	-36.25	46.10
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	26.63	66.23	55.80	-15.75	109.59
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.75	22.32	25.09	12.41	5.64
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.36	47.58	51.47	8.17	13.47
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.52	28.51	34.02	19.33	65.78
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	29.91	41.47	44.39	7.05	48.41
10	Tomato	Kg.	17.14	29.04	32.00	10.18	86.67
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.22	4.81	4.62	-3.95	-11.51
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.32	47.08	46.38	-1.49	24.25
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.19	36.65	36.17	-1.31	49.51
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	160.80	165.45	171.16	3.45	6.44
2	Mundu Mull	Each	132.95	133.67	133.88	0.16	0.70
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	43.43	44.68	44.57	-0.25	2.62
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.91	16.67	16.92	1.48	6.33
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.07	26.90	27.05	0.59	12.39
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	43.41	47.57	48.82	2.63	12.46
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.05	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.62
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.48	2.43	2.44	0.21	-1.71
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.64	14.86	14.86	0.00	1.50
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	17.11	17.96	18.14	1.00	6.02
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.50	16.83	16.85	0.13	-3.73
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