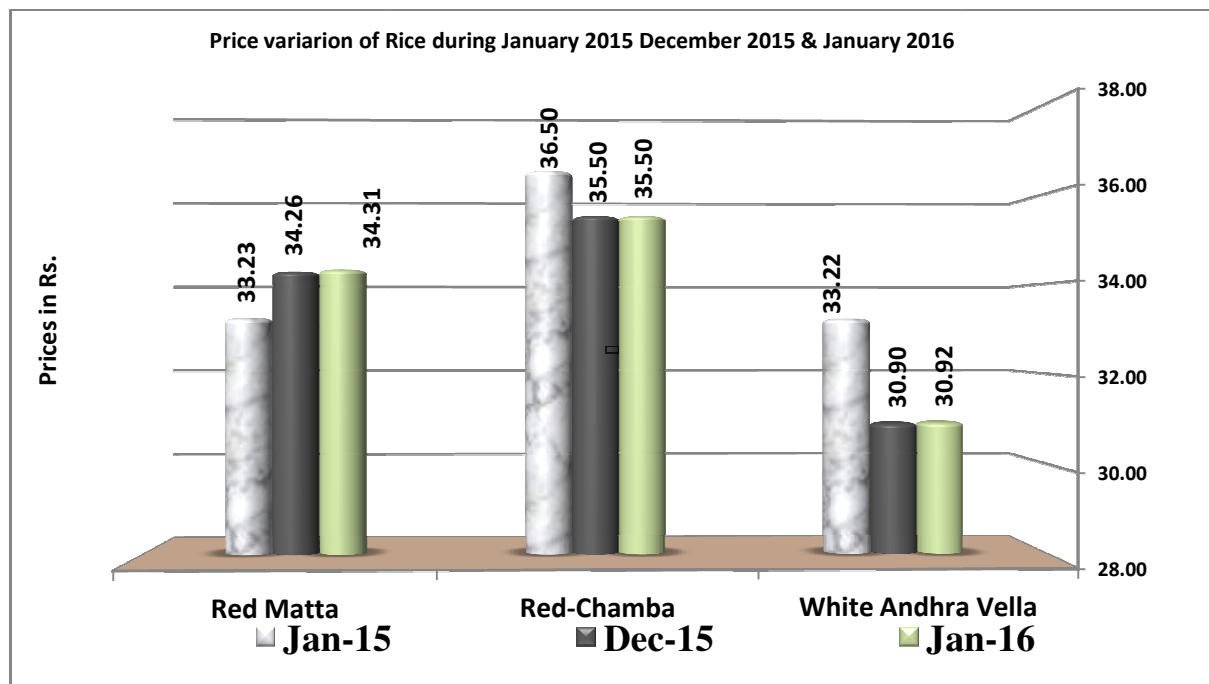




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**JANUARY 2016**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2016. 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 January of the previous year 2015, previous month December 2015 and current month of January 2016 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

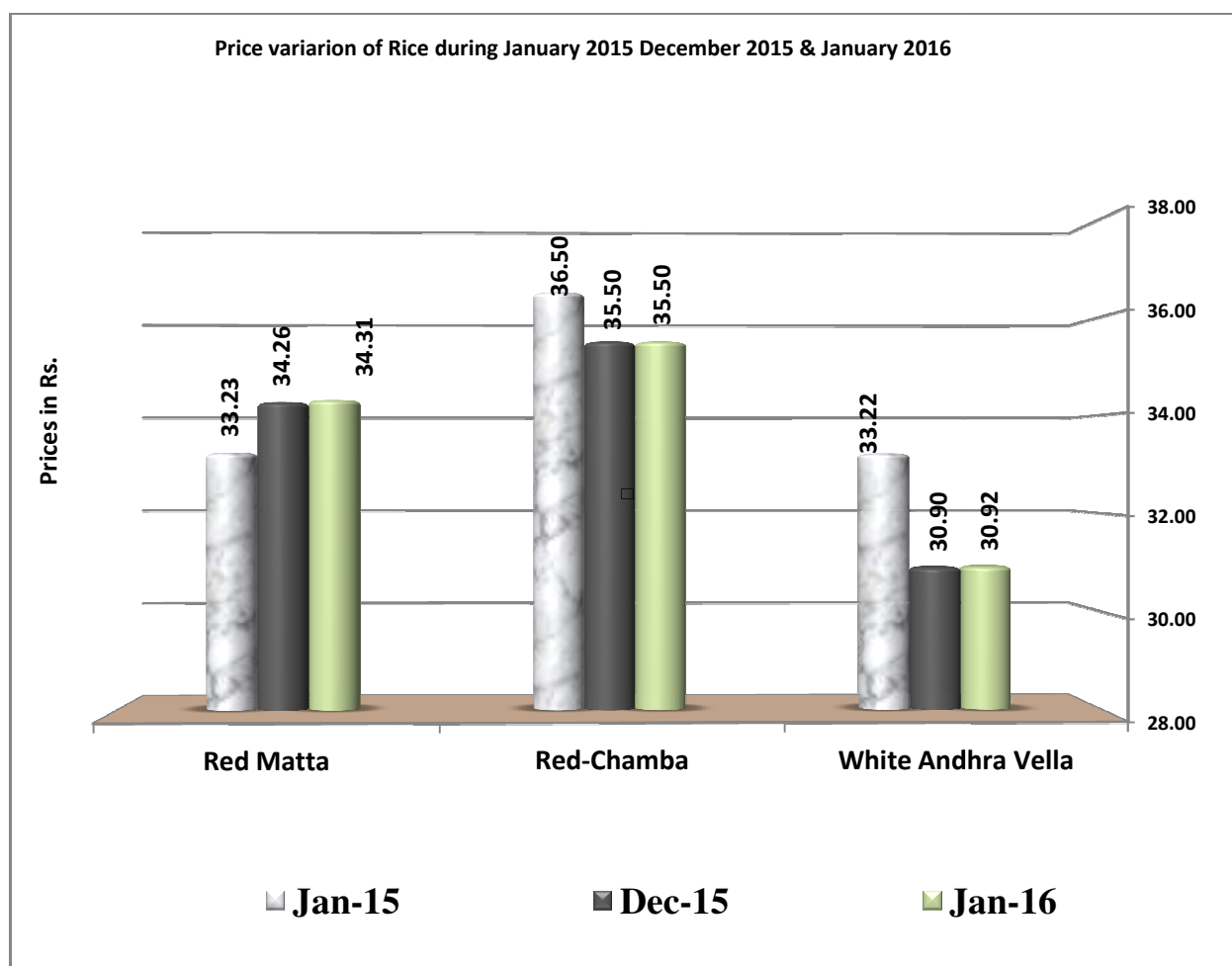
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 0.13 % when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta showed an upward trend up to 3.24% ,while the prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella showed a downward trend up to 6.91%. 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	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.23	34.26	34.31	0.13	3.24
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	36.50	35.50	35.50	0.00	-2.74
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	33.22	30.90	30.92	0.06	-6.91

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

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

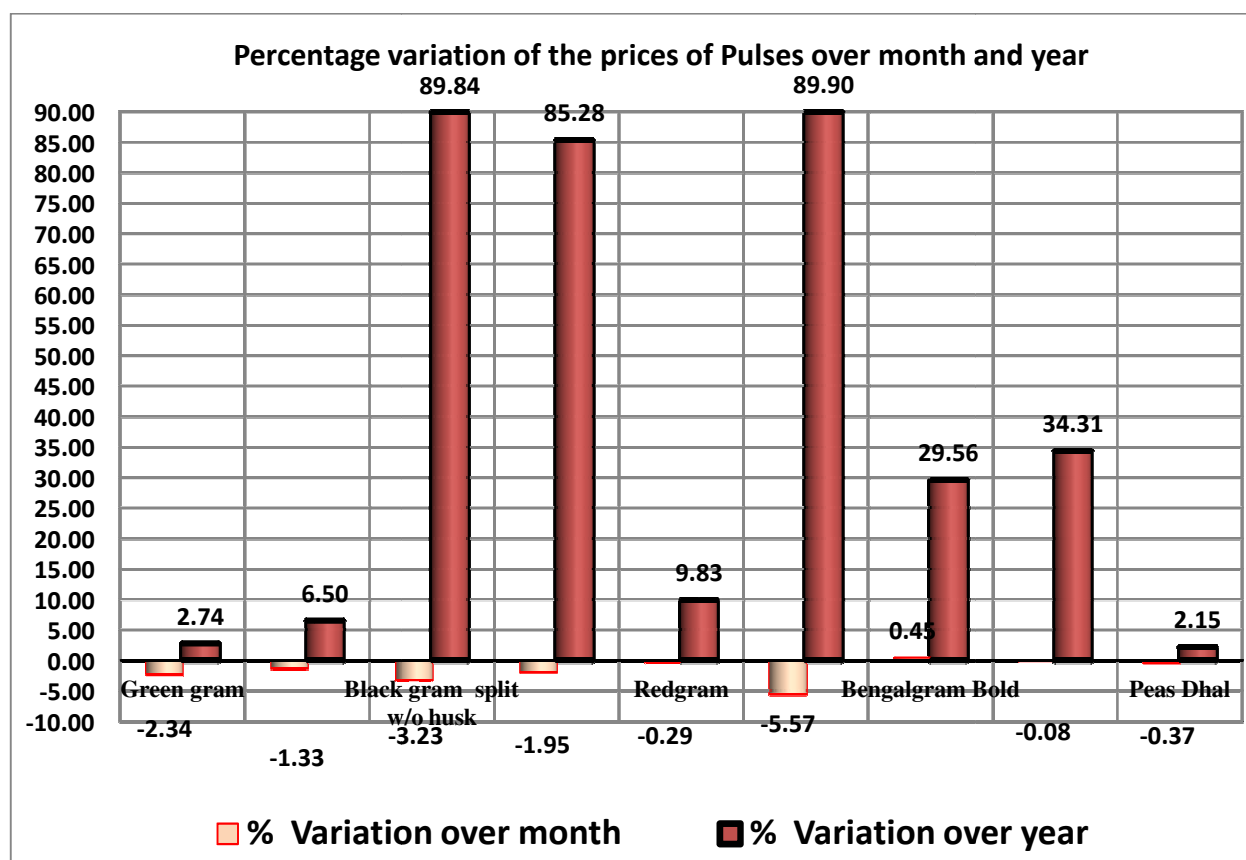
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of pulses except Bengalgram Bold showed a downward trend up to 5.57% when compared with the prices of the previous 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 up to 80.90%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (89.84%), with husk (85.28%), Dhal(Tur)( 89.90%) Bengalgram Bold(29.56%) and Bengalgram small (34.31%) 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	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	107.89	113.50	110.84	-2.34	2.74
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	116.04	125.25	123.59	-1.33	6.50
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	88.82	174.25	168.62	-3.23	89.84
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	84.60	159.88	156.75	-1.95	85.28
5	Redgram	Kg	59.03	65.02	64.83	-0.29	9.83
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	85.41	171.77	162.20	-5.57	89.90
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	58.91	75.98	76.32	0.45	29.56
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	53.31	71.66	71.60	-0.08	34.31
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	42.66	43.73	43.57	-0.37	2.15

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

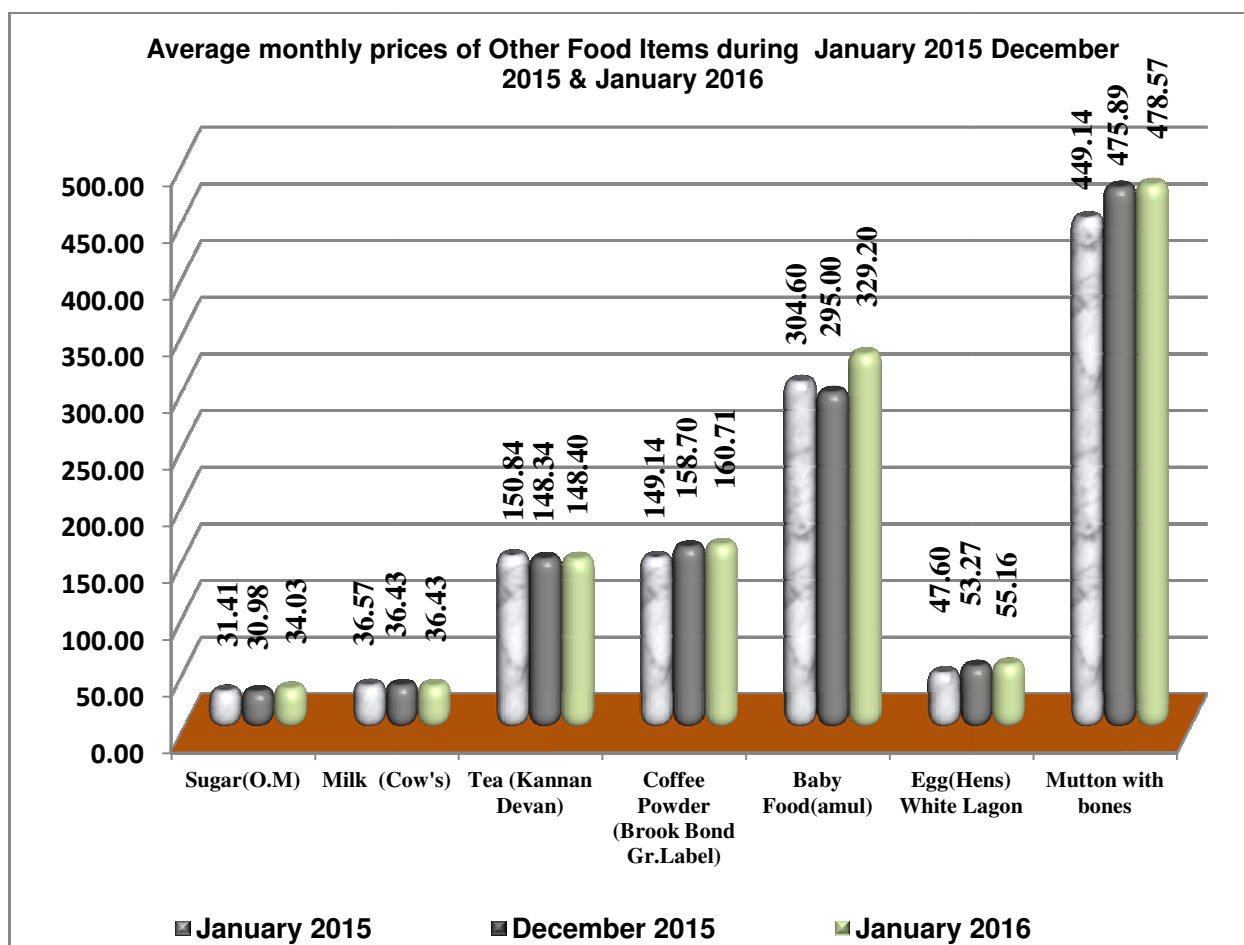
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

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 price of all items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 11.59% 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 Milk (Cow's) and Tea (Kannan Devan) showed an upward trend up to 15.87%.

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.41	30.98	34.03	9.82	8.31
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.57	36.43	36.43	0.00	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	150.84	148.34	148.40	0.04	-1.62
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	149.14	158.70	160.71	1.27	7.76
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	304.60	295.00	329.20	11.59	8.08
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	47.60	53.27	55.16	3.54	15.87
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	449.14	475.89	478.57	0.56	6.55

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

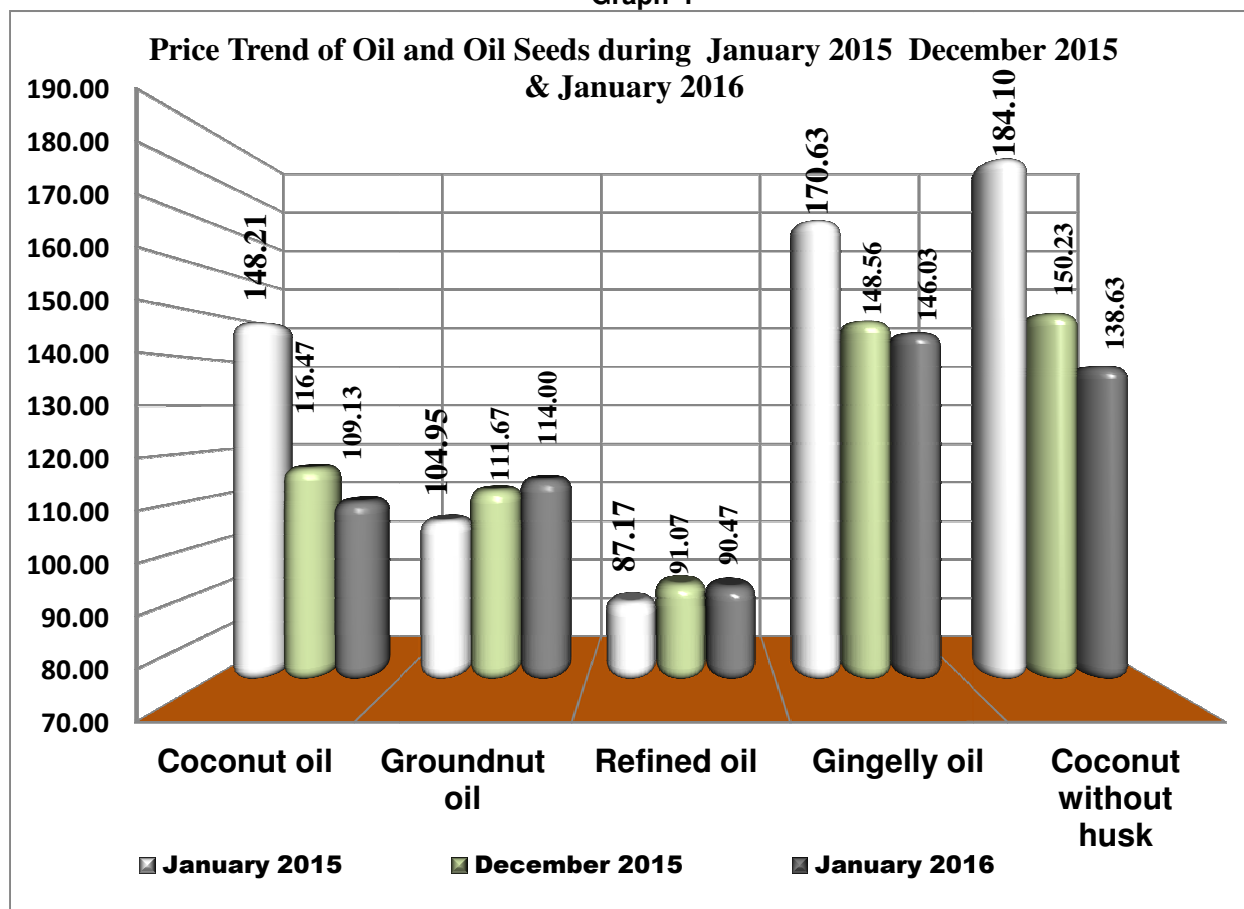
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

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 Coconut oil, Refined oil, Gingelly oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 7.72% while the prices of Groundnut oil had increased by 2.08% 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 Coconut Oil, Gingelly oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 26.37% while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds had increased by 8.62%.

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	148.21	116.47	109.13	-6.30	-26.37
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	104.95	111.67	114.00	2.08	8.62
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	87.17	91.07	90.47	-0.66	3.79
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	170.63	148.56	146.03	-1.70	-14.42
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	184.10	150.23	138.63	-7.72	-24.69

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

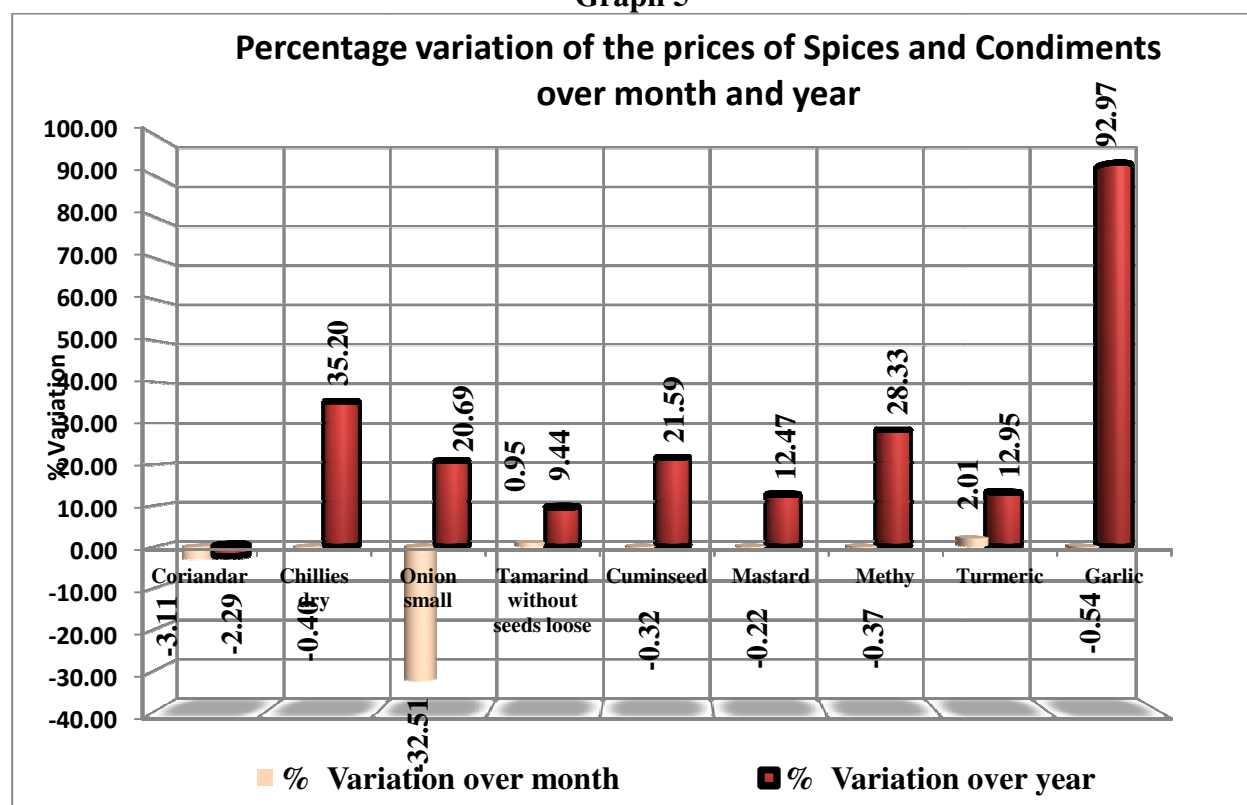
During the period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail price of prices of all items of spices and condiments except Tamarind without seeds loose and Turmeric showed a downward trend up to 32.51% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (32.51%) 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 Spices and Condiments except Coriander showed an upward trend up to 92.97% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (35.20%), Methy (28.33%) and Garlic (92.97%) 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	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	143.97	145.18	140.67	-3.11	-2.29
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	114.49	155.41	154.79	-0.40	35.20
3	Onion small	Kg.	39.91	71.38	48.17	-32.51	20.69
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	88.93	96.41	97.33	0.95	9.44
5	Cuminseed	100gm	20.89	25.48	25.40	-0.32	21.59
6	Mustard	100gm	7.81	8.81	8.79	-0.22	12.47
7	Methy	100gm	9.84	12.68	12.63	-0.37	28.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.82	16.41	16.74	2.01	12.95
9	Garlic	100gm	9.19	17.82	17.73	-0.54	92.97

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

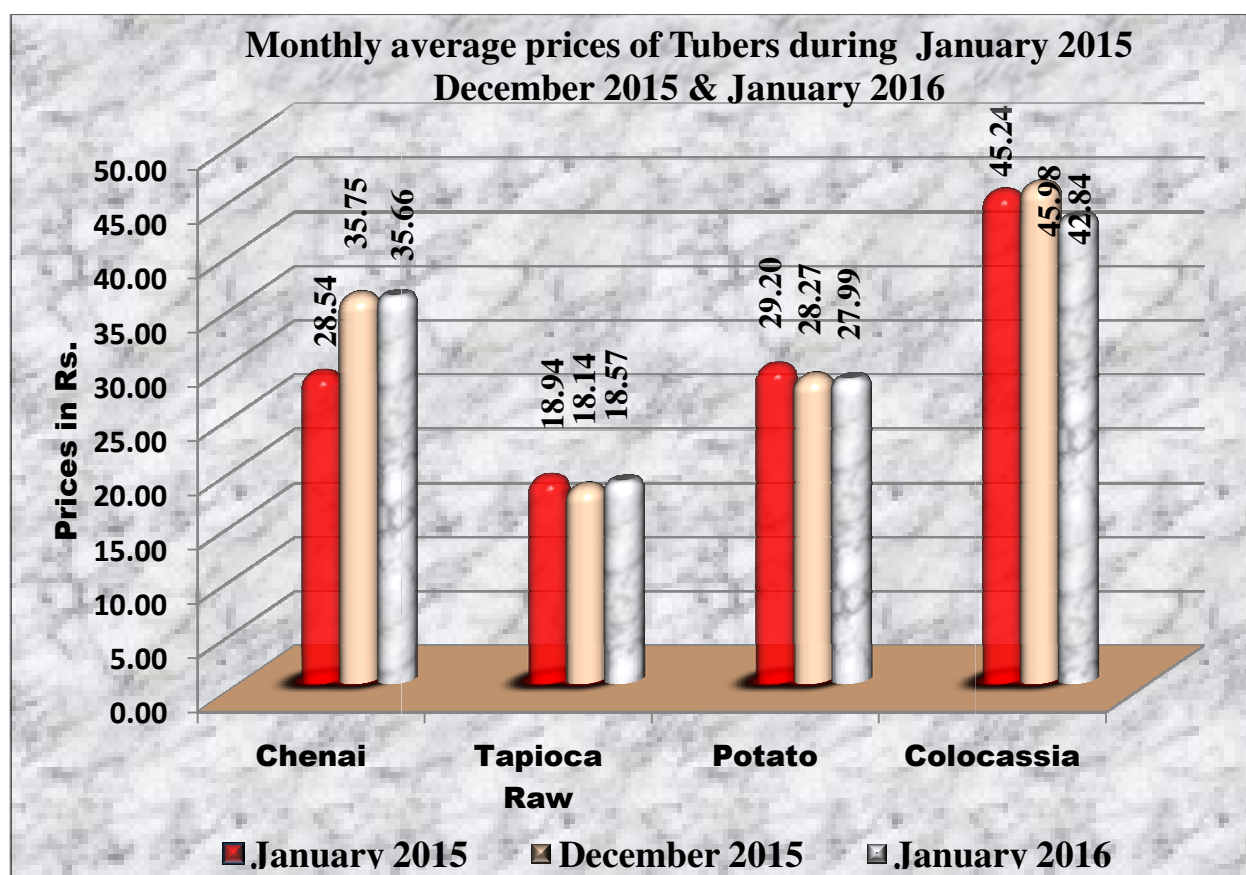
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend up to 6.83% 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 Chennai showed a downward trend upto 5.30%. The state average retail prices of Chennai had increased by 24.94% 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	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	28.54	35.75	35.66	-0.26	24.94
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.94	18.14	18.57	2.36	-1.97
3	Potato	Kg.	29.20	28.27	27.99	-1.00	-4.16
4	Colocassia	Kg.	45.24	45.98	42.84	-6.83	-5.30

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

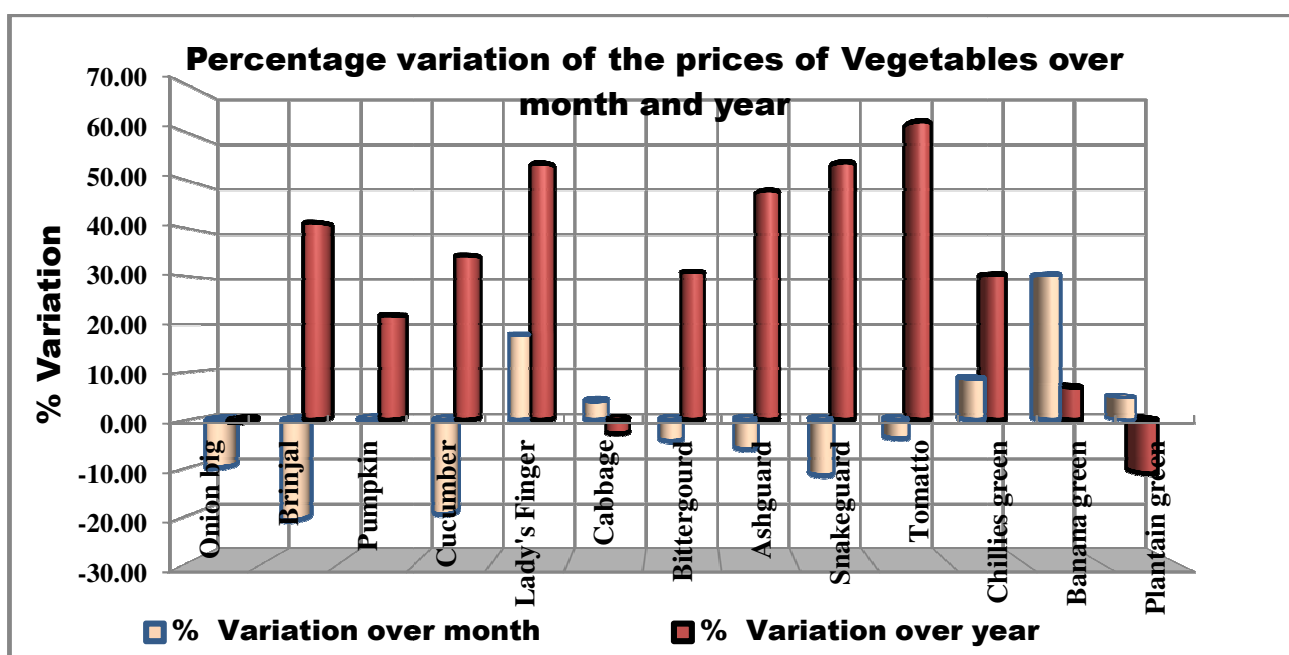
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Brinjal, Cucumber, Bittergourd, Ashgourd, Snakegourd and Tomato showed a downward trend up to 20.96% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 30.40% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (30.40%) 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 price of Onion big and Plantain Green showed a downward trend up to 11.16% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 62.28% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (41.20%) Cucumber (34.35%) lady's Finger (53.51%) Bittergourd (30.95%) Ashgourd (47.88%), Snakegourd (53.74%) and Tomato (62.28%) 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	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	27.73	30.64	27.59	-9.97	-0.51
2	Brinjal	Kg.	29.23	52.22	41.27	-20.96	41.20
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.73	20.36	20.39	0.16	21.88
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.63	31.15	25.03	-19.63	34.35
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.43	39.64	46.71	17.85	53.51
6	Cabbage	Kg	31.99	29.91	31.09	3.94	-2.81
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	39.89	54.61	52.23	-4.35	30.95
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	18.34	28.89	27.13	-6.11	47.88
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	25.70	44.68	39.51	-11.57	53.74
10	Tomatto	Kg.	22.09	37.29	35.84	-3.87	62.28
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.71	5.65	6.14	8.66	30.40
12	Banana green	Kg.	36.00	29.50	38.47	30.40	6.86
13	Plantain green	Kg.	28.00	23.75	24.88	4.73	-11.16

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

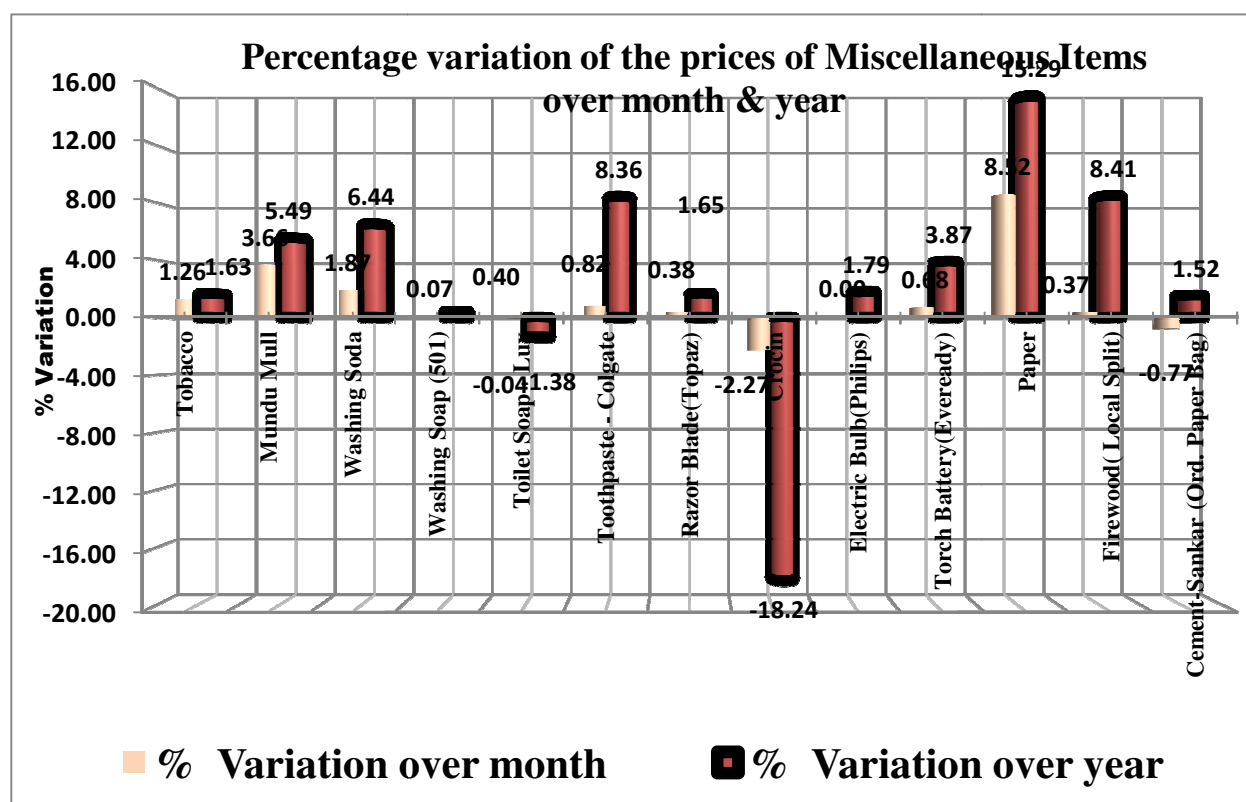
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Toilet Soap – Lux, Crocin and Cement – Sankar (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 except Toilet Soap – Lux and Crocin showed an increasing trend up to 15.29% Notable decrease was seen in the price of Crocin (18.24%) when compared with the prices of the previous month

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	158.00	158.57	160.57	1.26	1.63
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	120.50	124.92	3.66	5.49
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.64	42.47	43.26	1.87	6.44
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.87	15.88	0.07	0.40
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.31	23.98	23.97	-0.04	-1.38
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	39.81	42.79	43.13	0.82	8.36
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.90	8.00	8.03	0.38	1.65
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.06	2.56	2.50	-2.27	-18.24
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.31	14.57	14.57	0.00	1.79
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.14	16.65	16.76	0.68	3.87
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.43	15.33	16.64	8.52	15.29
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	441.43	476.79	478.57	0.37	8.41
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	411.73	421.25	418.00	-0.77	1.52

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of January 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.23	34.26	34.31	0.13	3.24
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	36.50	35.50	35.50	0.00	-2.74
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	33.22	30.90	30.92	0.06	-6.91
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	107.89	113.50	110.84	-2.34	2.74
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	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.41	30.98	34.03	9.82	8.31
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.57	36.43	36.43	0.00	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	150.84	148.34	148.40	0.04	-1.62
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	149.14	158.70	160.71	1.27	7.76
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6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	47.60	53.27	55.16	3.54	15.87
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1	Coriander	Kg.	143.97	145.18	140.67	-3.11	-2.29
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	114.49	155.41	154.79	-0.40	35.20
3	Onion small	Kg.	39.91	71.38	48.17	-32.51	20.69
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	88.93	96.41	97.33	0.95	9.44
5	Cuminseed	100gm	20.89	25.48	25.40	-0.32	21.59
6	Mustard	100gm	7.81	8.81	8.79	-0.22	12.47
7	Methy	100gm	9.84	12.68	12.63	-0.37	28.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.82	16.41	16.74	2.01	12.95
9	Garlic	100gm	9.19	17.82	17.73	-0.54	92.97

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1	Onion big	Kg.	27.73	30.64	27.59	-9.97	-0.51
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.73	20.36	20.39	0.16	21.88
4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.63	31.15	25.03	-19.63	34.35
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.43	39.64	46.71	17.85	53.51
6	Cabbage	Kg.	31.99	29.91	31.09	3.94	-2.81
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	39.89	54.61	52.23	-4.35	30.95
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	18.34	28.89	27.13	-6.11	47.88
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10	Tomato	Kg.	22.09	37.29	35.84	-3.87	62.28
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.71	5.65	6.14	8.66	30.40
12	Banana green	Kg.	36.00	29.50	38.47	30.40	6.86
13	Plantain green	Kg.	28.00	23.75	24.88	4.73	-11.16
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	158.00	158.57	160.57	1.26	1.63
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	120.50	124.92	3.66	5.49
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.64	42.47	43.26	1.87	6.44
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