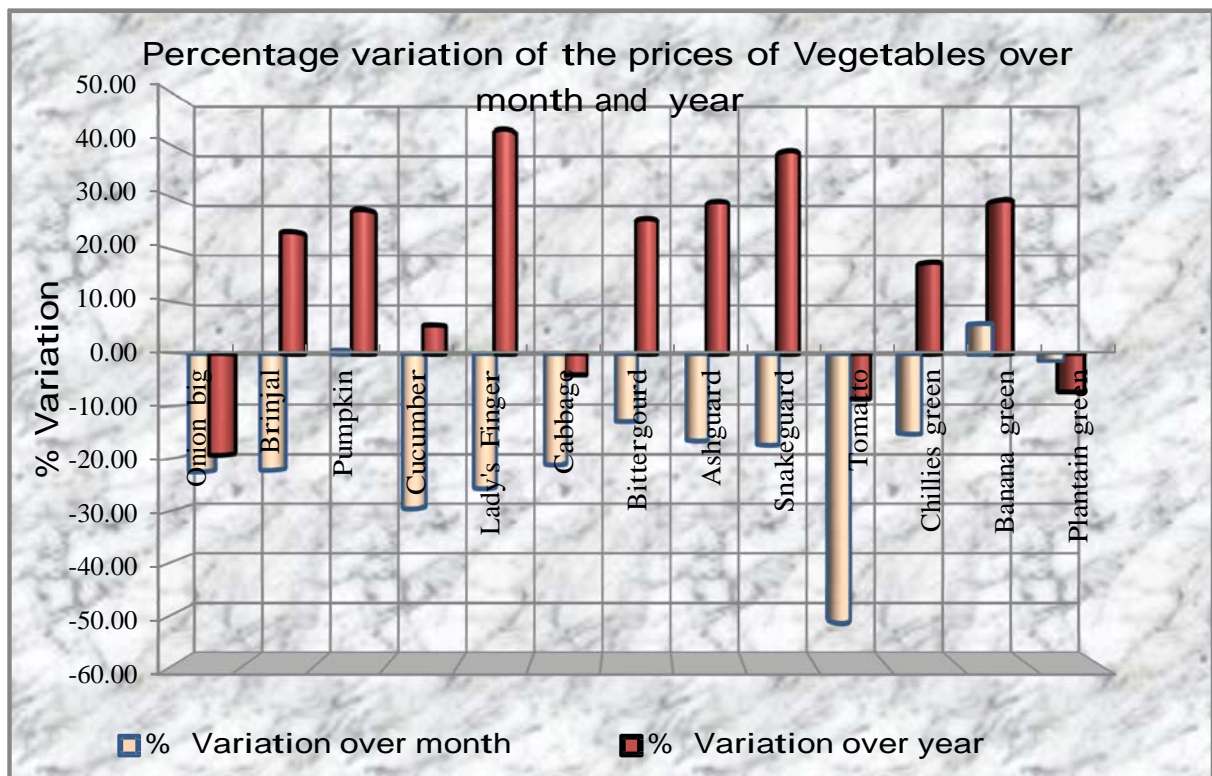




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

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### INTRODUCTION

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

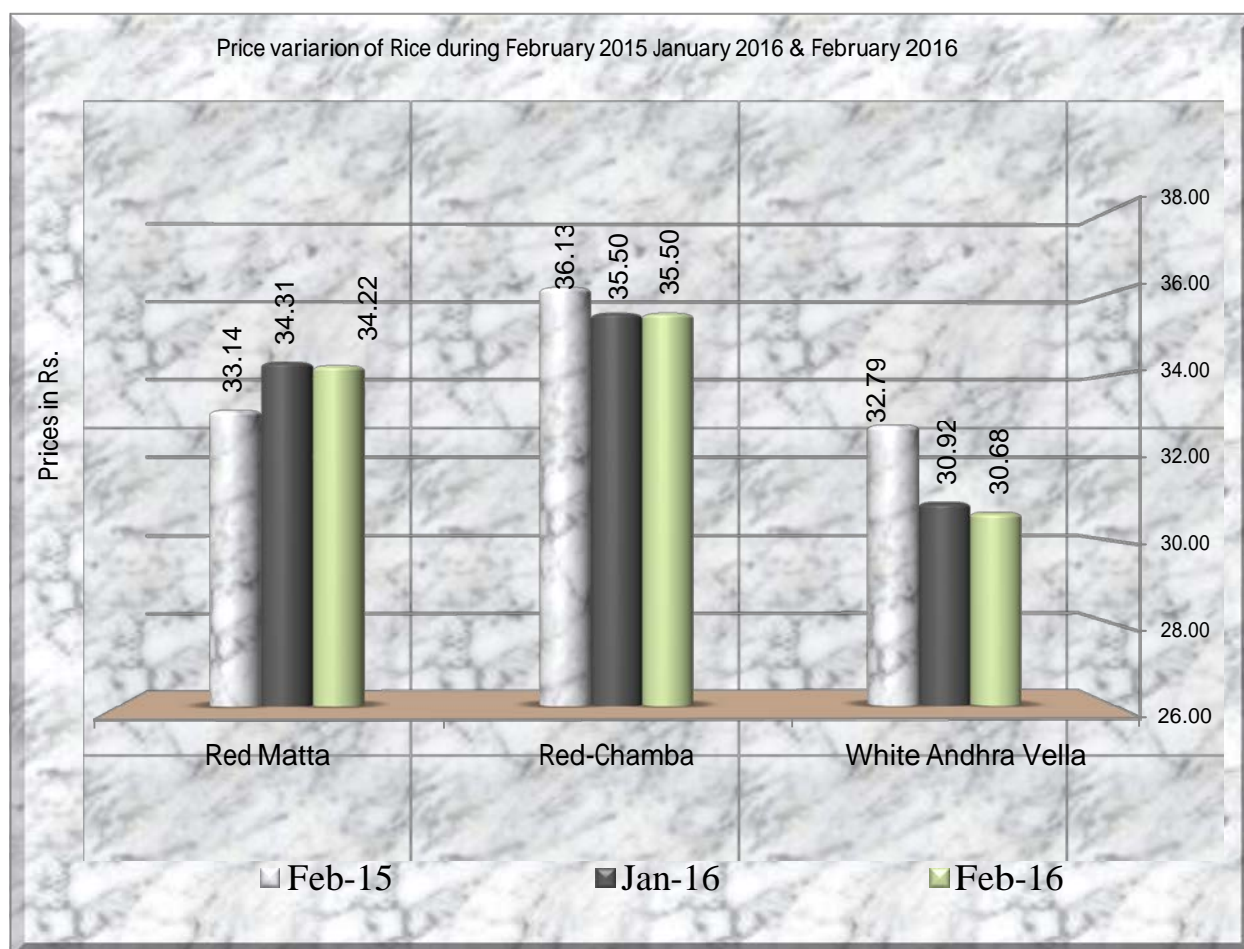
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra vella showed an downward trend up to 0.79% ,while the prices of Red Chamba showed no change 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 3.26% ,while the prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella showed a downward trend up to 6.44%. 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.14	34.31	34.22	-0.24	3.26
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	36.13	35.50	35.50	0.00	-1.73
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	32.79	30.92	30.68	-0.79	-6.44

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

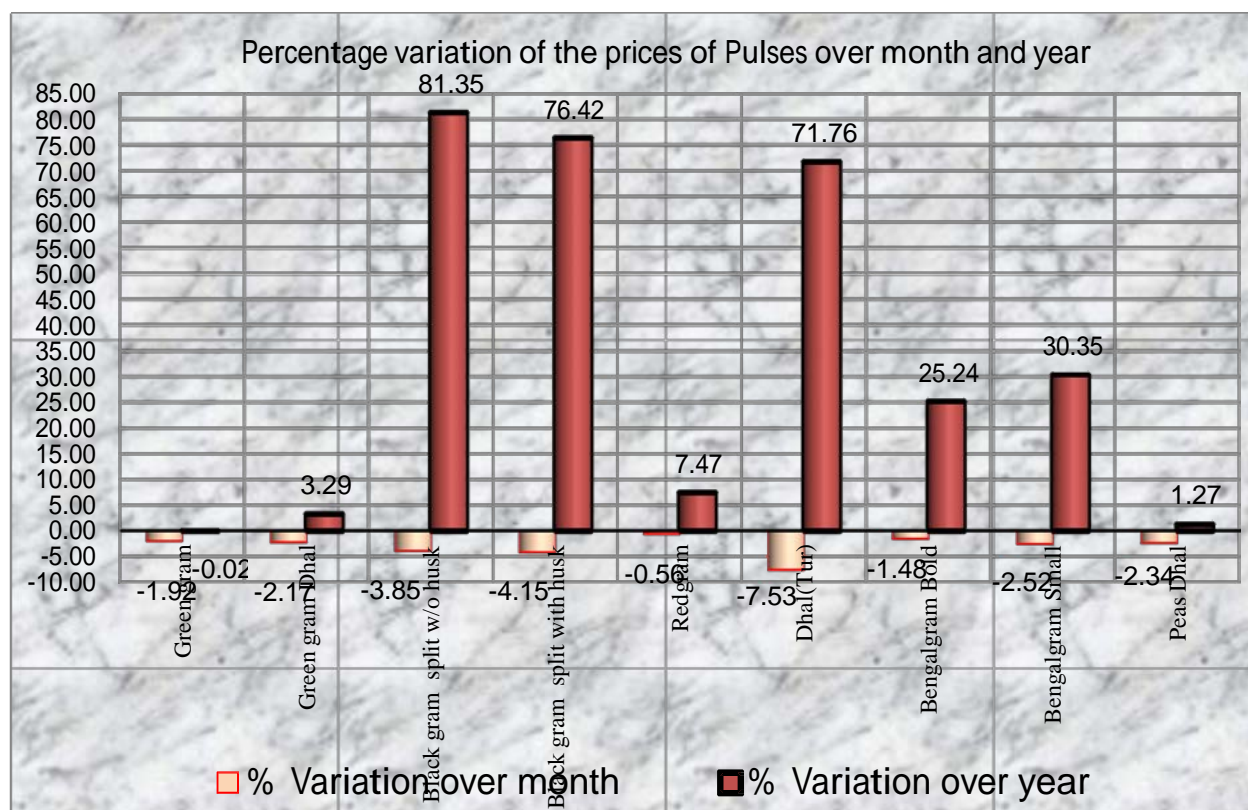
During this period a downward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 7.53% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

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 an upward trend up to 81.35%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (81.35%), with husk (76.42%), Dhal(Tur)( 71.76%) Bengalgram Bold(25.24%) and Bengalgram small (30.35%) 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	108.73	110.84	108.71	-1.92	-0.02
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	117.06	123.59	120.91	-2.17	3.29
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	89.41	168.62	162.14	-3.85	81.35
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	85.17	156.75	150.25	-4.15	76.42
5	Redgram	Kg	59.98	64.83	64.46	-0.56	7.47
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	87.32	162.20	149.98	-7.53	71.76
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	60.04	76.32	75.19	-1.48	25.24
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	53.55	71.60	69.80	-2.52	30.35
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	42.02	43.57	42.55	-2.34	1.27

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### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

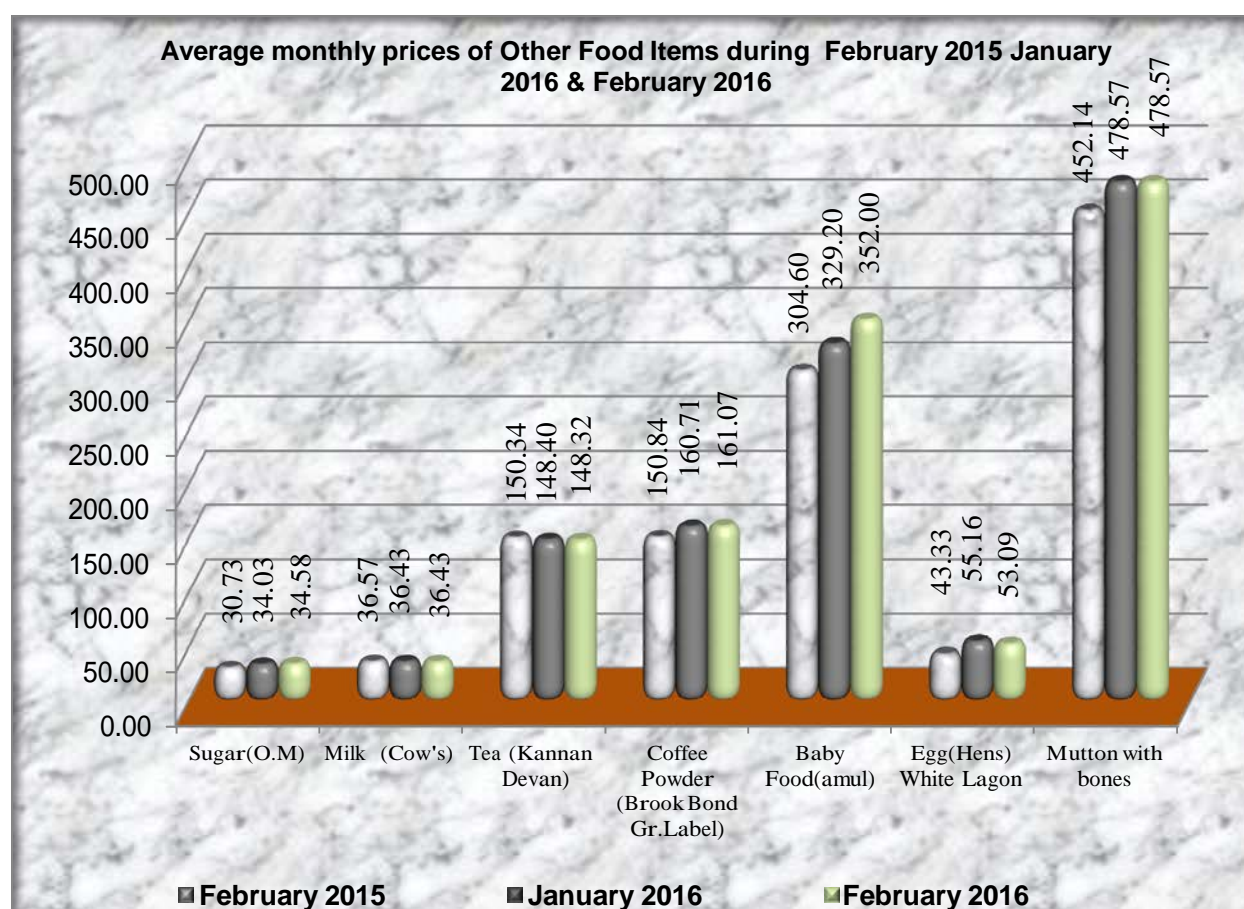
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tea (Kannan Devan) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed a negative change, while the price of all items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 6.93% 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 22.52%.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.73	34.03	34.58	1.63	12.52
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.57	36.43	36.43	0.00	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	150.34	148.40	148.32	-0.05	-1.34
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	150.84	160.71	161.07	0.22	6.78
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	304.60	329.20	352.00	6.93	15.56
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	43.33	55.16	53.09	-3.75	22.52
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	452.14	478.57	478.57	0.00	5.85

Graph-3



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

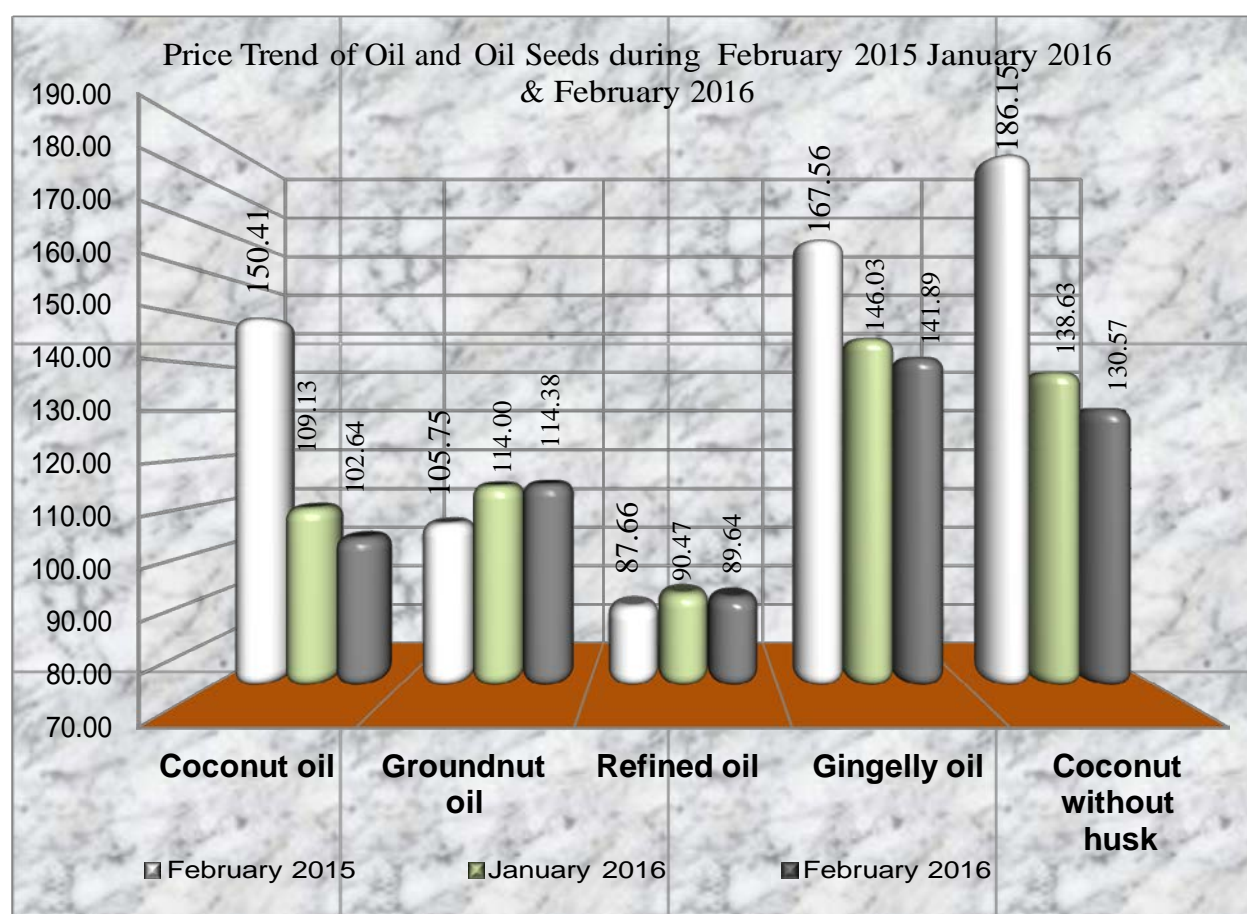
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

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 oilseeds except Groundnut oil showed a downward trend up to 5.94% 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 31.76% while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds had increased by 8.16%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (31.76%) and Coconut without husk (29.86%) 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	150.41	109.13	102.64	-5.94	-31.76
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	105.75	114.00	114.38	0.33	8.16
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	87.66	90.47	89.64	-0.92	2.26
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	167.56	146.03	141.89	-2.84	-15.32
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	186.15	138.63	130.57	-5.82	-29.86

Graph-4



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

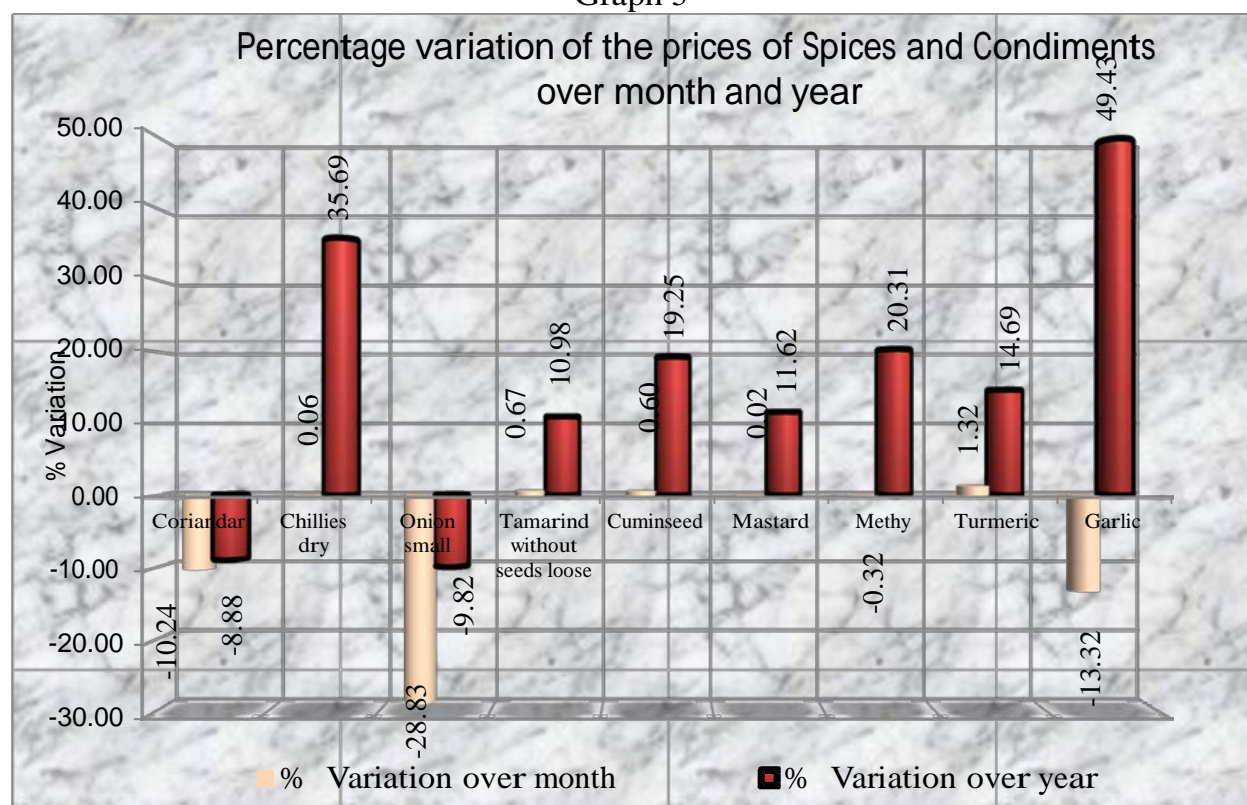
During the period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail price of prices of Coriander, Onion small, Methy and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 28.83% while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 1.32% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (28.83%) 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 price of all items of Spices and Condiments except Coriander and Onion small showed an upward trend up to 49.43% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (35.69%) and Garlic (49.43%) 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	138.57	140.67	126.27	-10.24	-8.88
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	114.14	154.79	154.88	0.06	35.69
3	Onion small	Kg.	38.02	48.17	34.29	-28.83	-9.82
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	88.29	97.33	97.98	0.67	10.98
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.43	25.40	25.55	0.60	19.25
6	Mustard	100gm	7.87	8.79	8.79	0.02	11.62
7	Methy	100gm	10.47	12.63	12.59	-0.32	20.31
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.79	16.74	16.96	1.32	14.69
9	Garlic	100gm	10.28	17.73	15.37	-13.32	49.43

Graph 5





## 6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

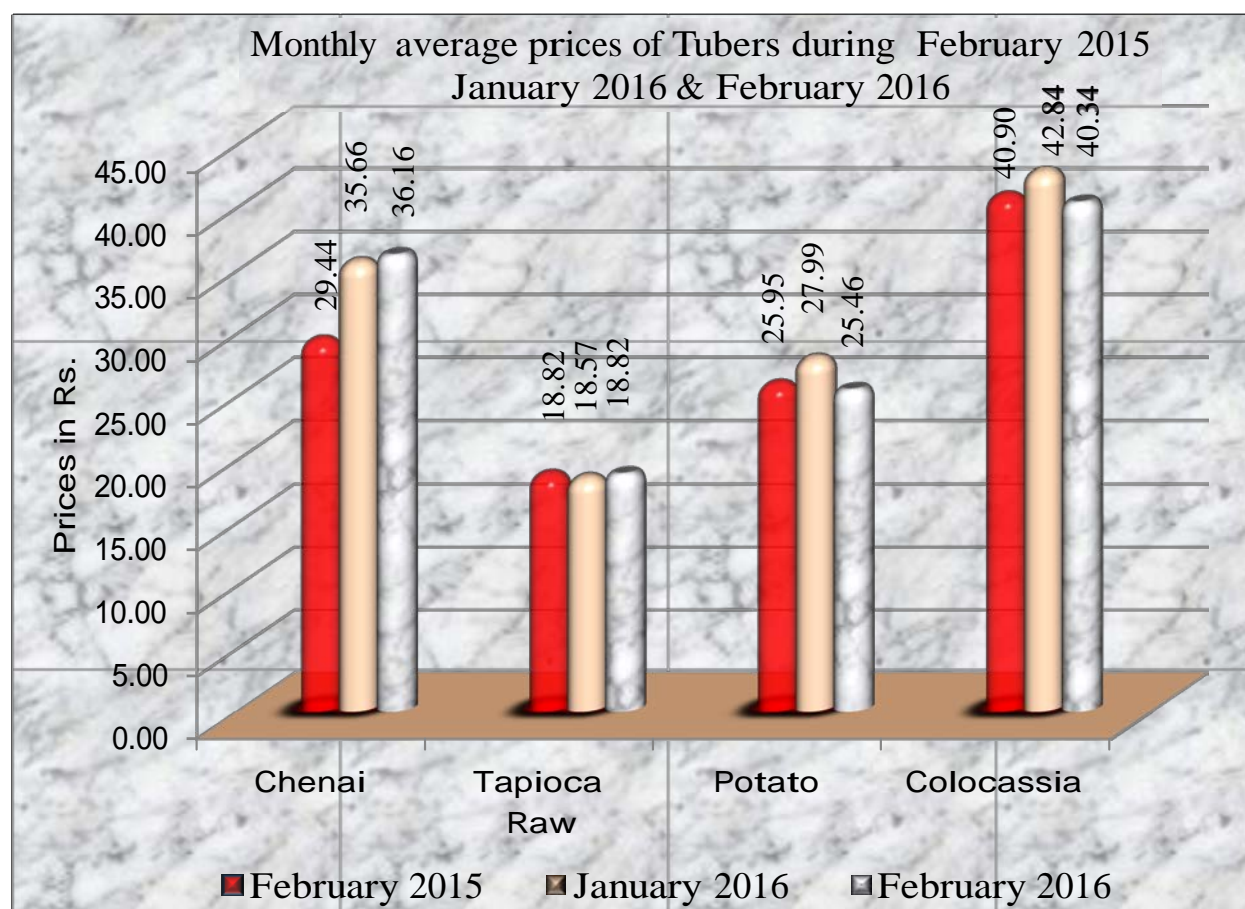
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chenai and Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend up to 9.02% 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 Chenai showed a downward trend upto 1.87%. The state average retail prices of Chenai had increased by 22.82% , Tapioca Raw had no change 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	29.44	35.66	36.16	1.41	22.82
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.82	18.57	18.82	1.37	0.00
3	Potato	Kg.	25.95	27.99	25.46	-9.02	-1.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	40.90	42.84	40.34	-5.84	-1.36

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

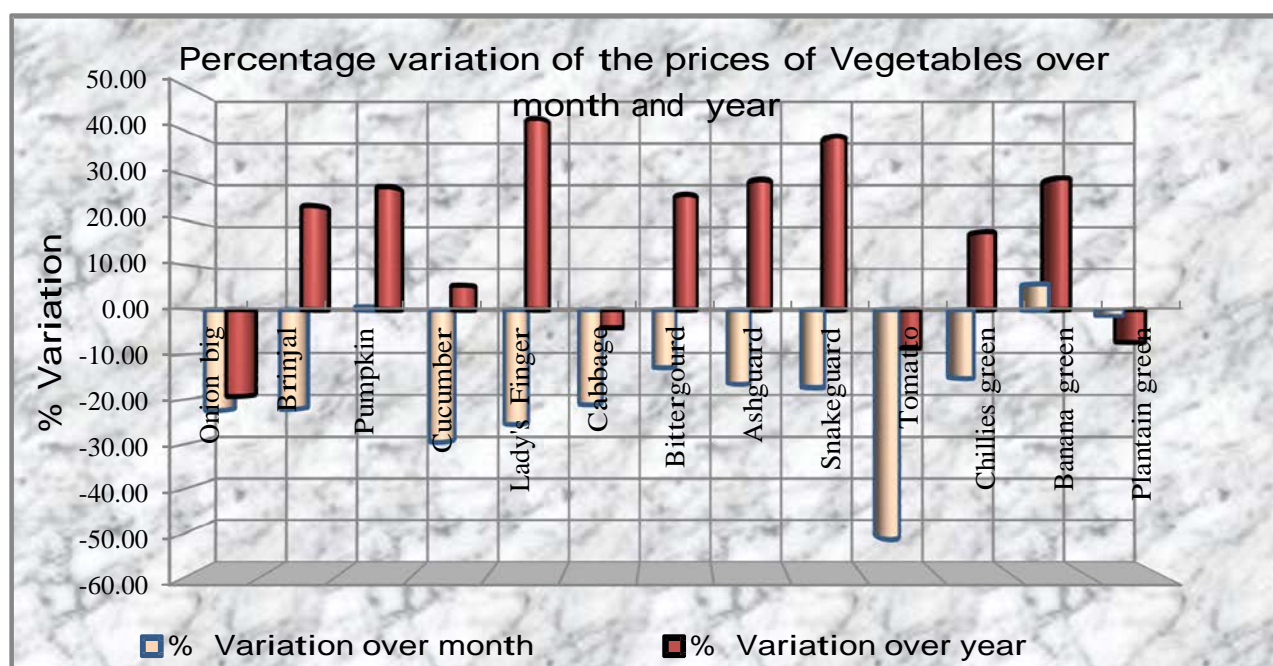
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of vegetables except Pumpkin and Banana green showed a downward trend up to 51.46% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber (29.58%) Lady's Finger (25.73%) and Tomato (51.46%) 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, Cabbage, Tomato and Plantain Green showed a downward trend up to 19.35% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 42.75% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Pumpkin (27.50%) lady's Finger (42.75%) Bittergourd (25.76%) Ashgourd (29.03%), Snakegourd (38.74%) and Banana green (29.36%) 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 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	26.50	27.59	21.37	-22.52	-19.35
2	Brinjal	Kg.	26.04	41.27	32.11	-22.21	23.30
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.09	20.39	20.52	0.62	27.50
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.72	25.03	17.63	-29.58	5.44
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	24.31	46.71	34.70	-25.73	42.75
6	Cabbage	Kg.	25.54	31.09	24.50	-21.19	-4.06
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	36.18	52.23	45.50	-12.89	25.76
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.54	27.13	22.63	-16.60	29.03
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	23.52	39.51	32.63	-17.42	38.74
10	Tomatto	Kg.	19.05	35.84	17.40	-51.46	-8.69
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.43	6.14	5.20	-15.30	17.44
12	Banana green	Kg.	31.45	38.47	40.68	5.74	29.36
13	Plantain green	Kg.	26.48	24.88	24.54	-1.36	-7.34

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

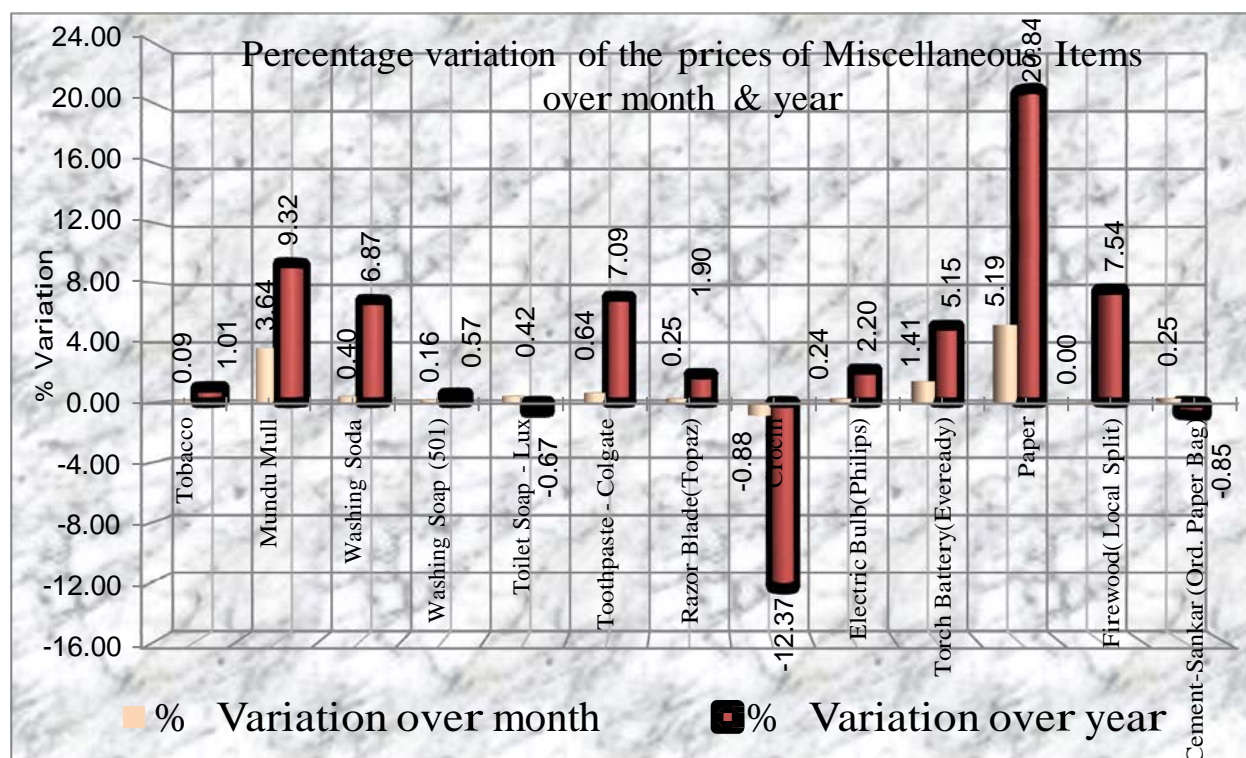
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Crocin while the prices of all the other items 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, Crocin and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 20.84% Notable increase was seen in the price of paper (20.84%) when compared with the prices of the previous month

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	159.11	160.57	160.71	0.09	1.01
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	124.92	129.46	3.64	9.32
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.64	43.26	43.43	0.40	6.87
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.88	15.91	0.16	0.57
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.23	23.97	24.07	0.42	-0.67
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	40.54	43.13	43.41	0.64	7.09
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.90	8.03	8.05	0.25	1.90
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.83	2.50	2.48	-0.88	-12.37
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.29	14.57	14.61	0.24	2.20
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.17	16.76	17.00	1.41	5.15
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.48	16.64	17.50	5.19	20.84
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	445.00	478.57	478.57	0.00	7.54
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	422.64	418.00	419.07	0.25	-0.85

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of February 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	<b>33.14</b>	<b>34.31</b>	<b>34.22</b>	-0.24	3.26
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	<b>36.13</b>	<b>35.50</b>	<b>35.50</b>	0.00	-1.73
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	<b>32.79</b>	<b>30.92</b>	<b>30.68</b>	-0.79	-6.44
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	<b>108.73</b>	<b>110.84</b>	<b>108.71</b>	-1.92	-0.02
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	<b>117.06</b>	<b>123.59</b>	<b>120.91</b>	-2.17	3.29
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	<b>89.41</b>	<b>168.62</b>	<b>162.14</b>	-3.85	81.35
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	<b>85.17</b>	<b>156.75</b>	<b>150.25</b>	-4.15	76.42
5	Redgram	Kg	<b>59.98</b>	<b>64.83</b>	<b>64.46</b>	-0.56	7.47
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	<b>87.32</b>	<b>162.20</b>	<b>149.98</b>	-7.53	71.76
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	<b>60.04</b>	<b>76.32</b>	<b>75.19</b>	-1.48	25.24
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	<b>53.55</b>	<b>71.60</b>	<b>69.80</b>	-2.52	30.35
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	<b>42.02</b>	<b>43.57</b>	<b>42.55</b>	-2.34	1.27
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	<b>30.73</b>	<b>34.03</b>	<b>34.58</b>	1.63	12.52
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	<b>36.57</b>	<b>36.43</b>	<b>36.43</b>	0.00	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	<b>150.34</b>	<b>148.40</b>	<b>148.32</b>	-0.05	-1.34
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	<b>150.84</b>	<b>160.71</b>	<b>161.07</b>	0.22	6.78
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	<b>304.60</b>	<b>329.20</b>	<b>352.00</b>	6.93	15.56
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	<b>43.33</b>	<b>55.16</b>	<b>53.09</b>	-3.75	22.52
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	<b>452.14</b>	<b>478.57</b>	<b>478.57</b>	0.00	5.85
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	<b>150.41</b>	<b>109.13</b>	<b>102.64</b>	-5.94	-31.76
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	<b>105.75</b>	<b>114.00</b>	<b>114.38</b>	0.33	8.16
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	<b>87.66</b>	<b>90.47</b>	<b>89.64</b>	-0.92	2.26
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	<b>167.56</b>	<b>146.03</b>	<b>141.89</b>	-2.84	-15.32
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	<b>186.15</b>	<b>138.63</b>	<b>130.57</b>	-5.82	-29.86
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	<b>138.57</b>	<b>140.67</b>	<b>126.27</b>	-10.24	-8.88
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	<b>114.14</b>	<b>154.79</b>	<b>154.88</b>	0.06	35.69
3	Onion small	Kg.	<b>38.02</b>	<b>48.17</b>	<b>34.29</b>	-28.83	-9.82
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	<b>88.29</b>	<b>97.33</b>	<b>97.98</b>	0.67	10.98
5	Cuminseed	100gm	<b>21.43</b>	<b>25.40</b>	<b>25.55</b>	0.60	19.25
6	Mustard	100gm	<b>7.87</b>	<b>8.79</b>	<b>8.79</b>	0.02	11.62
7	Methy	100gm	<b>10.47</b>	<b>12.63</b>	<b>12.59</b>	-0.32	20.31
8	Turmeric	100gm	<b>14.79</b>	<b>16.74</b>	<b>16.96</b>	1.32	14.69
9	Garlic	100gm	<b>10.28</b>	<b>17.73</b>	<b>15.37</b>	-13.32	49.43

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			February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	Over month	Over year
	<b>F. TUBERS</b>						
1	Chennai	Kg.	<b>29.44</b>	<b>35.66</b>	<b>36.16</b>	1.41	22.82
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	<b>18.82</b>	<b>18.57</b>	<b>18.82</b>	1.37	0.00
3	Potato	Kg.	<b>25.95</b>	<b>27.99</b>	<b>25.46</b>	-9.02	-1.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	<b>40.90</b>	<b>42.84</b>	<b>40.34</b>	-5.84	-1.36
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	<b>26.50</b>	<b>27.59</b>	<b>21.37</b>	-22.52	-19.35
2	Brinjal	Kg.	<b>26.04</b>	<b>41.27</b>	<b>32.11</b>	-22.21	23.30
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	<b>16.09</b>	<b>20.39</b>	<b>20.52</b>	0.62	27.50
4	Cucumber	Kg.	<b>16.72</b>	<b>25.03</b>	<b>17.63</b>	-29.58	5.44
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	<b>24.31</b>	<b>46.71</b>	<b>34.70</b>	-25.73	42.75
6	Cabbage	Kg.	<b>25.54</b>	<b>31.09</b>	<b>24.50</b>	-21.19	-4.06
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	<b>36.18</b>	<b>52.23</b>	<b>45.50</b>	-12.89	25.76
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	<b>17.54</b>	<b>27.13</b>	<b>22.63</b>	-16.60	29.03
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	<b>23.52</b>	<b>39.51</b>	<b>32.63</b>	-17.42	38.74
10	Tomato	Kg.	<b>19.05</b>	<b>35.84</b>	<b>17.40</b>	-51.46	-8.69
11	Chilies green	100gm	<b>4.43</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>5.20</b>	-15.30	17.44
12	Banana green	Kg.	<b>31.45</b>	<b>38.47</b>	<b>40.68</b>	5.74	29.36
13	Plantain green	Kg.	<b>26.48</b>	<b>24.88</b>	<b>24.54</b>	-1.36	-7.34
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	<b>159.11</b>	<b>160.57</b>	<b>160.71</b>	0.09	1.01
2	Mundu Mull	Each	<b>118.42</b>	<b>124.92</b>	<b>129.46</b>	3.64	9.32
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	<b>40.64</b>	<b>43.26</b>	<b>43.43</b>	0.40	6.87
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	<b>15.82</b>	<b>15.88</b>	<b>15.91</b>	0.16	0.57
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	<b>24.23</b>	<b>23.97</b>	<b>24.07</b>	0.42	-0.67
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	<b>40.54</b>	<b>43.13</b>	<b>43.41</b>	0.64	7.09
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	<b>7.90</b>	<b>8.03</b>	<b>8.05</b>	0.25	1.90
8	Crocin	2 tabs	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>2.48</b>	-0.88	-12.37
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	<b>14.29</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>14.61</b>	0.24	2.20
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	<b>16.17</b>	<b>16.76</b>	<b>17.00</b>	1.41	5.15
11	Paper	24 Sheets	<b>14.48</b>	<b>16.64</b>	<b>17.50</b>	5.19	20.84
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	<b>445.00</b>	<b>478.57</b>	<b>478.57</b>	0.00	7.54
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	<b>422.64</b>	<b>418.00</b>	<b>419.07</b>	0.25	-0.85