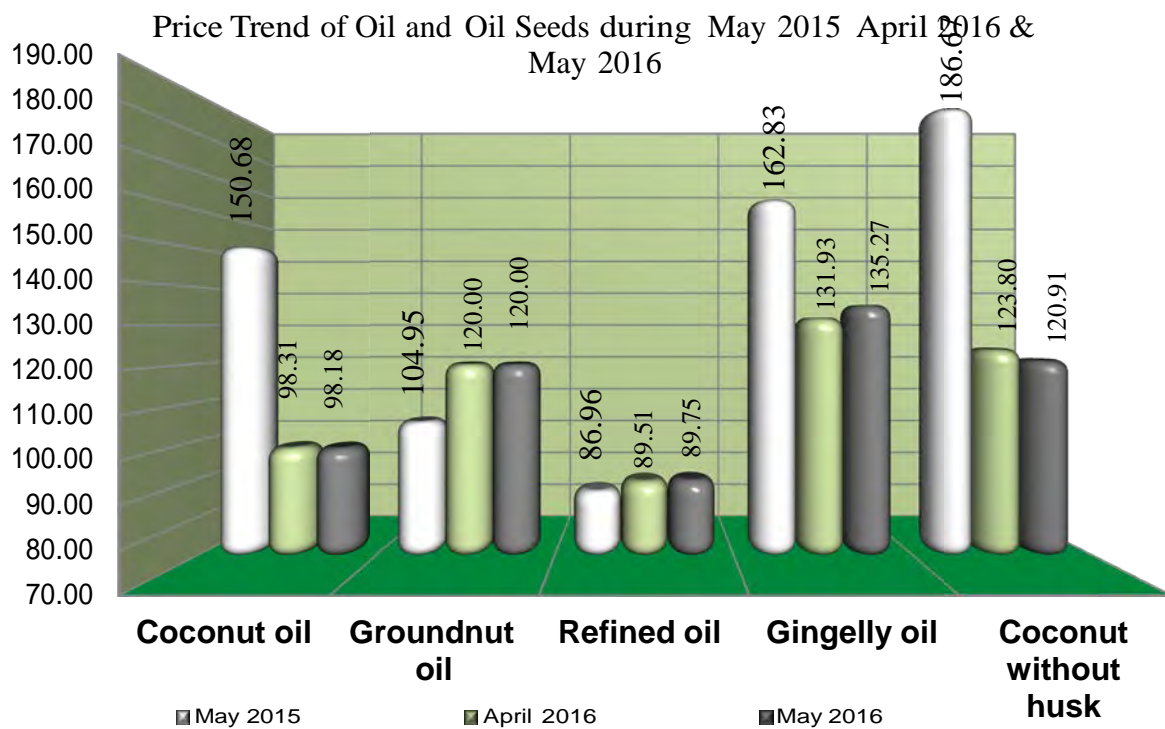




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PREFACE

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 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.

This publication is being prepared and published by Prices Division under the supervision of Smt.Radhamony, Additional Director (Prices). I appreciate the work done by Smt.Maya.S (Assistant Director), Smt.K.Indira Devi (Research Officer), Sri.Sooraj Cheruthottathil (Statistical Assistant Grade I) and all the Price Reporters and Price Supervisors in the Districts for preparing such a worthy publication.

Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MAY 2016

INTRODUCTION

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

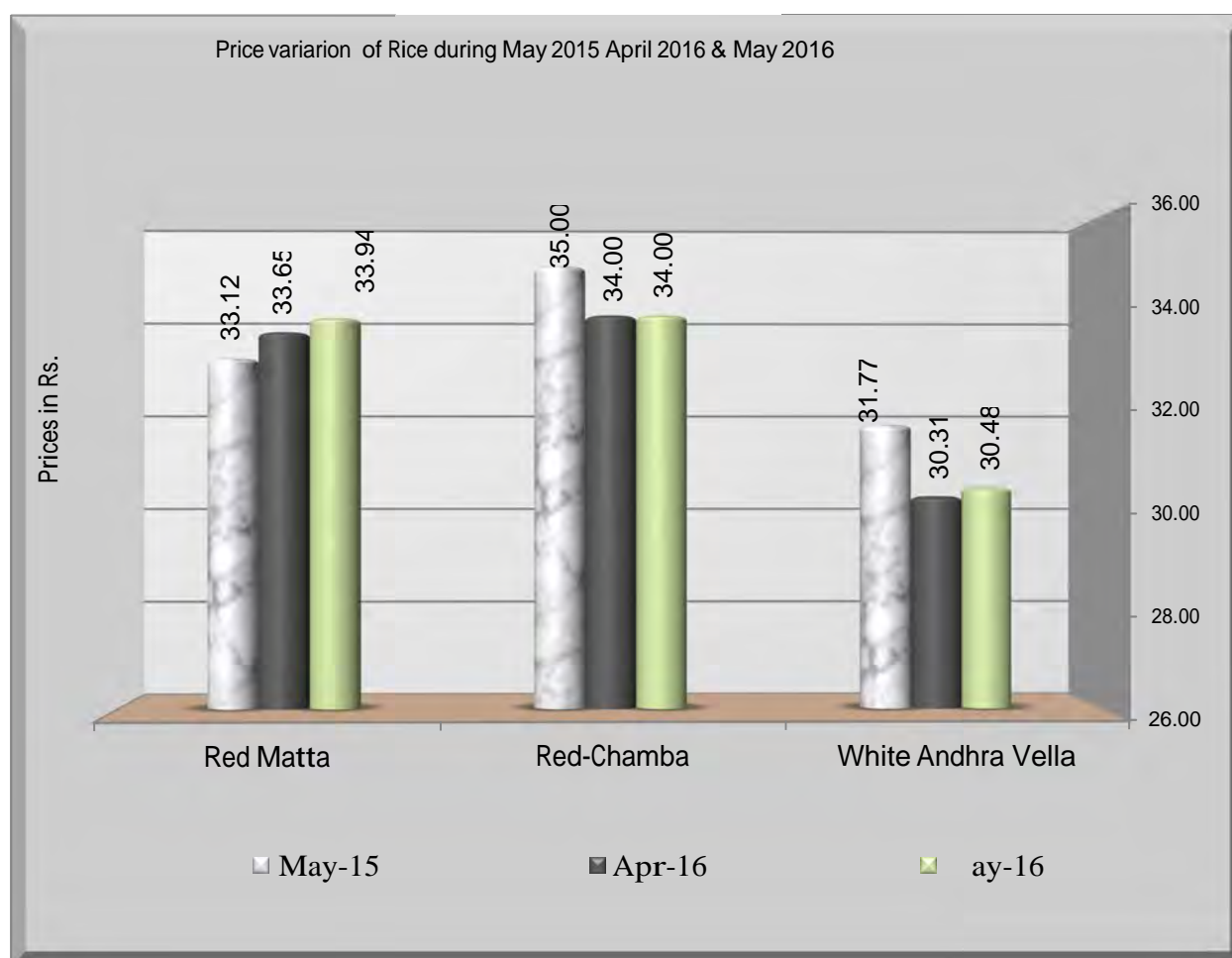
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra vella showed an upward trend up to 0.85% while the prices of Red Chamba showed no change, when compared 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 2.47% ,while the prices of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella showed a downward trend up to 4.06%. 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.12	33.65	33.94	0.85	2.47
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.00	34.00	34.00	0.00	-2.86
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.77	30.31	30.48	0.56	-4.06

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

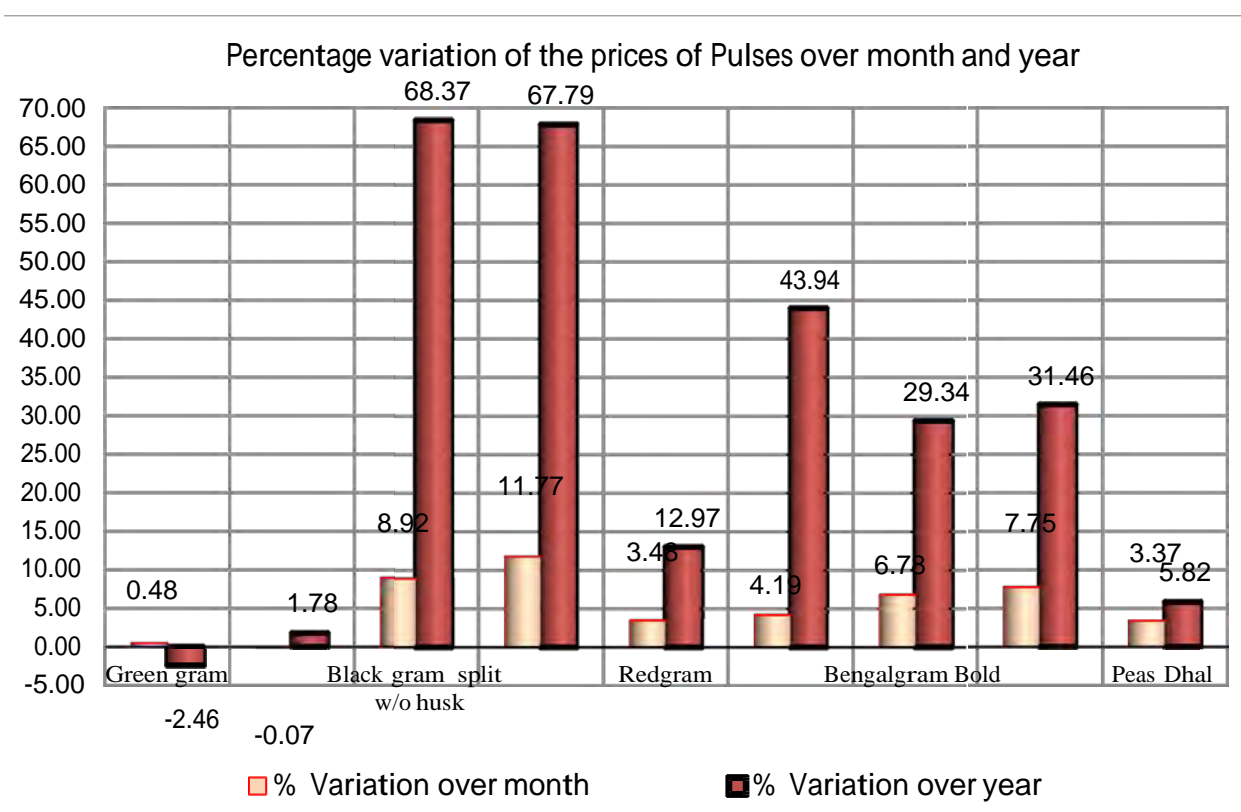
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of all items of pulses except Green gram dhal showed an upward trend up to 11.77% 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 68.37%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (68.37%), with husk (67.79%), Dhal(Tur)(43.94%), Bengalgram Bold (29.34%) and Bengalgram small (31.46%) 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 201	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	109.66	106.45	106.96	0.48	-2.46
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	117.00	119.17	119.09	-0.07	1.78
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	108.16	167.20	182.11	8.92	68.37
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	100.05	150.20	167.88	11.77	67.79
5	Redgram	Kg	60.13	65.64	67.93	3.48	12.97
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	105.49	145.73	151.84	4.19	43.94
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	64.68	78.34	83.66	6.78	29.34
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	58.91	71.87	77.44	7.75	31.46
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	41.82	42.81	44.25	3.37	5.82

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

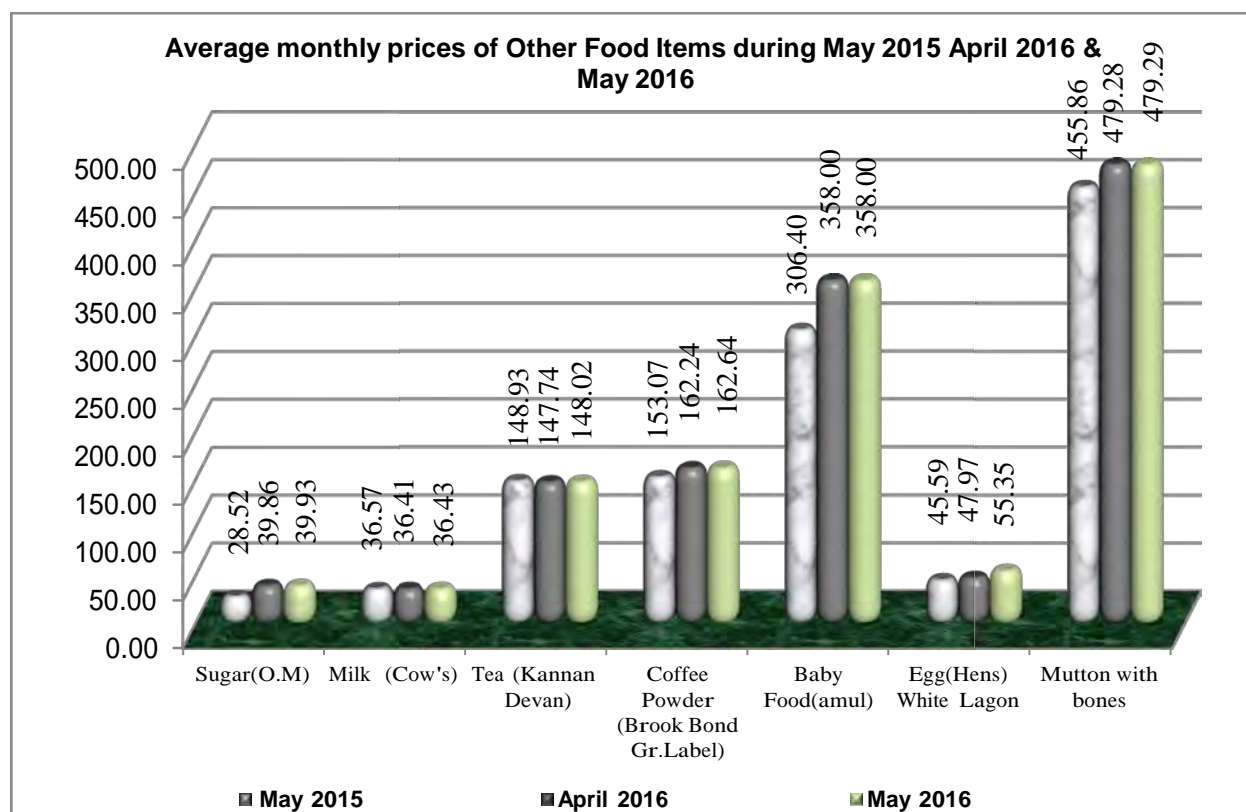
During this period an upward trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of all items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 15.36% when compared with the prices of the previous month..

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 40.02%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Sugar (OM) (40.02%) 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	28.52	39.86	39.93	0.16	40.02
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.57	36.41	36.43	0.07	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.93	147.74	148.02	0.19	-0.61
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	153.07	162.24	162.64	0.25	6.25
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	306.40	358.00	358.00	0.00	16.84
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	45.59	47.97	55.35	15.36	21.40
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	455.86	479.28	479.29	0.00	5.14

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

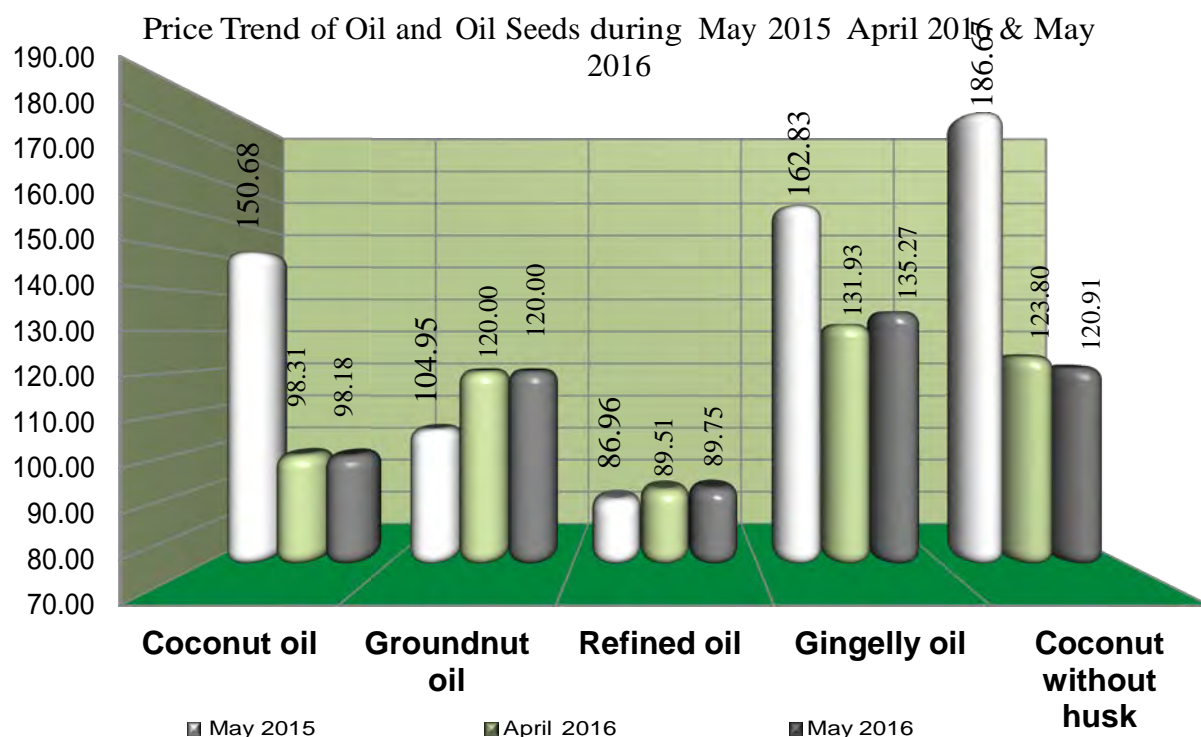
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

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 Coconut Oil and Coconut without husk showed Refined oil showed an upward trend up to 2.53% 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 35.23% while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds had increased by 14.34%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (34.85%) and Coconut without husk (35.23%) 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	tr.	150.68	98.31	98.18	-0.13	-34.85
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	104.95	120.00	120.00	0.00	14.34
3	Refined oil	tr.	86.96	89.51	89.75	0.27	3.21
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	162.83	131.93	135.27	2.53	-16.93
5	Coconut without husk	10 os	186.67	123.80	120.91	-2.33	-35.23

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

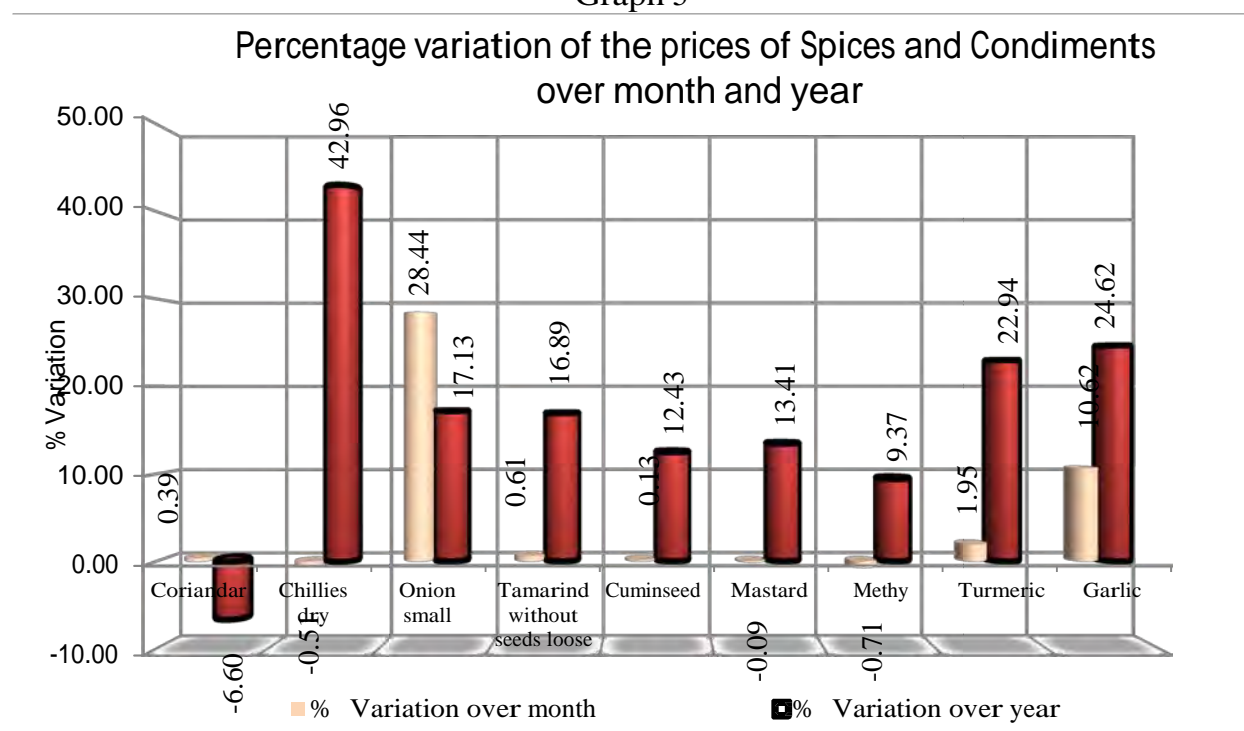
During the period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of prices of Chillies dry, Mustard and Methy showed a downward trend up to 0.71% while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 28.44% 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 Spices and Condiments except Coriander showed an upward trend up to 42.96% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (42.96%) Turmeric (22.94%) and Garlic (24.62%) 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	123.51	114.91	115.36	0.39	-6.60
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.24	162.73	161.89	0.51	42.96
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.66	34.34	44.11	8.44	17.13
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	86.94	101.01	101.63	0.61	16.89
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.99	25.81	25.84	0.13	12.43
6	Mustard	100gm	7.92	8.99	8.98	0.09	13.41
7	Methy	100gm	11.12	12.24	12.16	0.71	9.37
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.96	18.04	18.39	1.95	22.94
9	Garlic	100gm	9.18	10.35	11.45	0.62	24.62

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

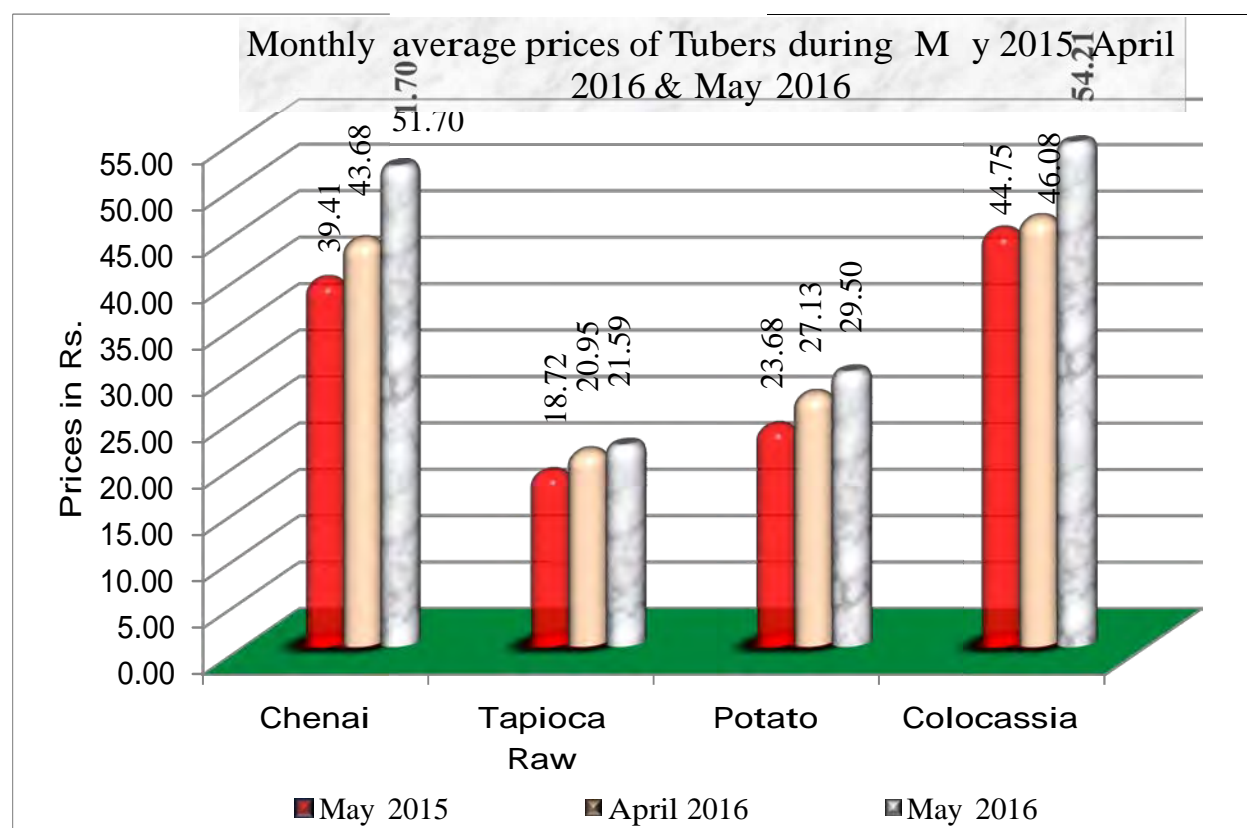
An upward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers showed an upward trend up to 18.35% when compared 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 showed an upward trend up to 31.17%. Notable increase was seen in the state average retail prices of Chennai had increased by 31.17% 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	39.41	43.68	51.70	18.3	31.17
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.72	20.95	21.59	3.05	15.34
3	Potato	Kg.	23.68	27.13	29.50	8.74	24.55
4	Colocassia	Kg.	44.75	46.08	54.21	17.6	21.14

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

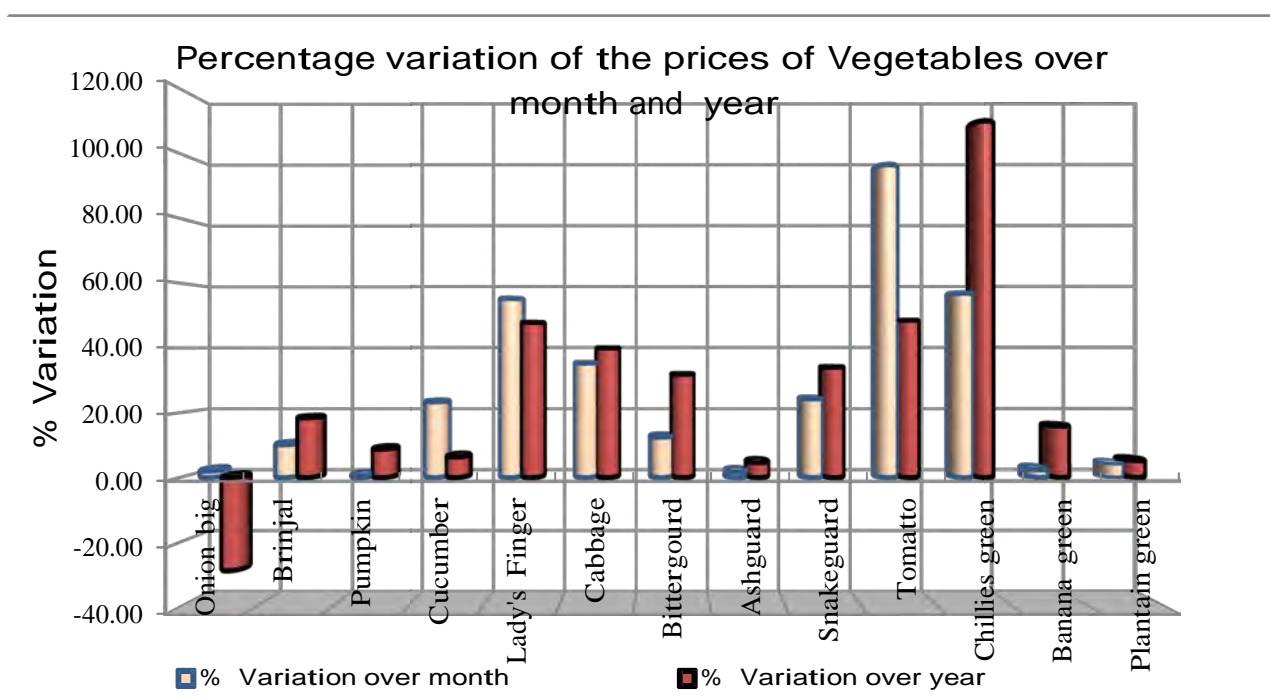
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of vegetables showed an upward trend up to 96.37% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Lady's Finger(55.12%), Tomato(96.37%) and Chillies green (56.71%) 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 showed a downward trend up to 28.70% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 109.77% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Lady's Finger(47.74%) Cabbage (39.87%) Tomato (48.40%) and Chillies green(109.77%) 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	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	25.30	17.69	18.04	1.94	-28.70
2	Brinjal	Kg.	27.16	29.21	32.16	10.10	18.42
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.67	19.11	19.22	0.56	8.73
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.60	18.63	22.97	23.27	6.32
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	31.98	30.46	47.25	55.12	47.74
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.66	24.46	33.09	35.27	39.87
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	38.90	45.60	51.27	12.42	31.80
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.23	19.78	20.11	1.65	4.56
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.41	30.65	38.07	24.21	34.00
10	Tomatto	Kg.	32.81	24.80	48.70	96.37	48.40
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.29	5.75	9.01	56.71	109.77
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.00	41.87	42.83	2.29	15.73
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.16	24.38	25.39	4.14	5.08

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

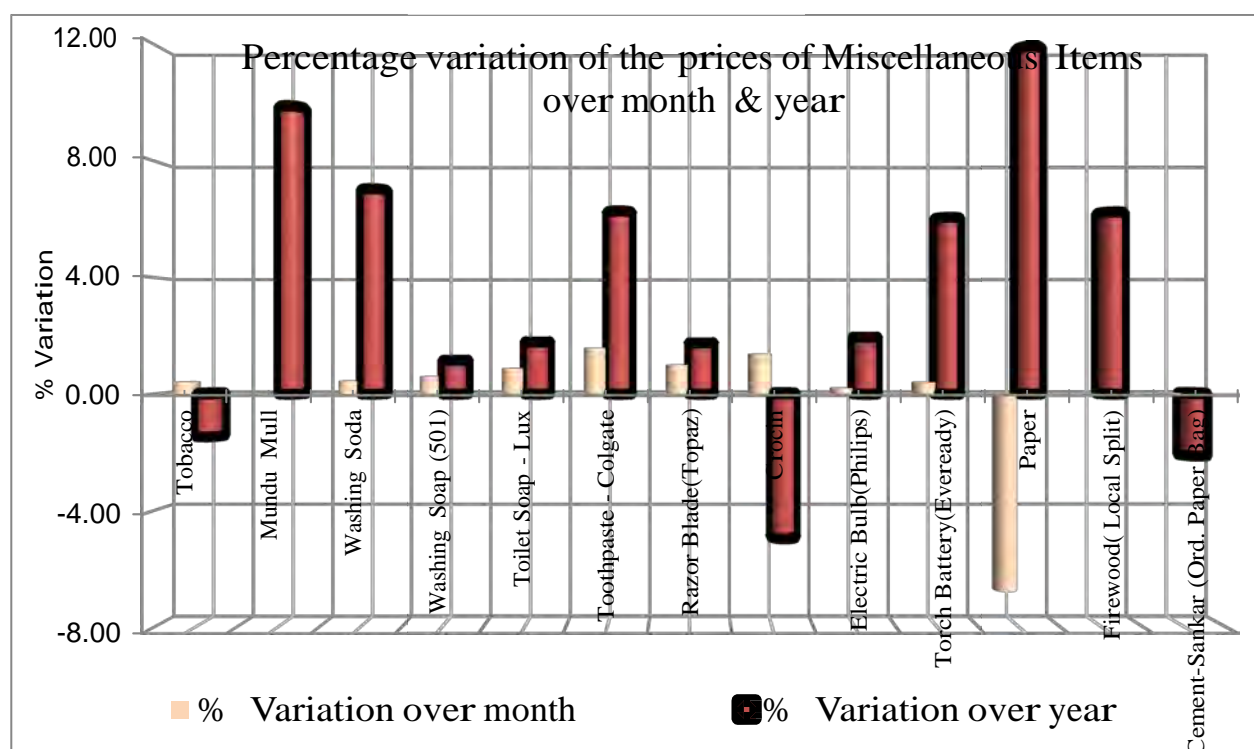
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Paper while the prices of all the other items 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 Tobacco, Crocin and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 11.87% .

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	161.64	158.64	159.29	0.41	-1.46
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	130.08	130.08	0.00	9.85
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.79	43.46	43.65	0.44	7.01
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.91	16.00	0.59	1.14
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.05	24.27	24.48	0.87	1.78
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	41.76	43.69	44.38	1.58	6.25
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.01	8.07	8.15	0.99	1.75
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.80	2.62	2.66	1.37	-4.93
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.68	14.71	0.19	1.94
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.54	17.47	17.54	0.39	6.03
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.63	17.55	16.36	-6.77	11.87
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	450.57	478.57	478.57	0.00	6.21
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	424.46	415.38	415.47	0.02	-2.12

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of May 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2015	April 2015	May 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.12	33.65	33.94	0.85	2.47
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.00	34.00	34.00	0.00	-2.86
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.77	30.31	30.48	0.56	-4.06
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	109.66	106.45	106.96	0.48	-2.46
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	117.00	119.17	119.09	-0.07	1.78
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	108.16	167.20	182.11	8.92	68.37
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	100.05	150.20	167.88	11.77	67.79
5	Redgram	Kg	60.13	65.64	67.93	3.48	12.97
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	105.49	145.73	151.84	4.19	43.94
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	64.68	78.34	83.66	6.78	29.34
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	58.91	71.87	77.44	7.75	31.46
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	41.82	42.81	44.25	3.37	5.82
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	28.52	39.86	39.93	0.16	40.02
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.57	36.41	36.43	0.07	-0.38
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.93	147.74	148.02	0.19	-0.61
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	153.07	162.24	162.64	0.25	6.25
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	306.40	358.00	358.00	0.00	16.84
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	45.59	47.97	55.35	15.36	21.40
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	455.86	479.28	479.29	0.00	5.14
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	150.68	98.31	98.18	-0.13	-34.85
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	104.95	120.00	120.00	0.00	14.34
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	86.96	89.51	89.75	0.27	3.21
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	162.83	131.93	135.27	2.53	-16.93
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	186.67	123.80	120.91	-2.33	-35.23
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	123.51	114.91	115.36	0.39	-6.60
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	113.24	162.73	161.89	-0.51	42.96
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.66	34.34	44.11	28.44	17.13
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	86.94	101.01	101.63	0.61	16.89
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.99	25.81	25.84	0.13	12.43
6	Mustard	100gm	7.92	8.99	8.98	-0.09	13.41
7	Methy	100gm	11.12	12.24	12.16	-0.71	9.37
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.96	18.04	18.39	1.95	22.94
9	Garlic	100gm	9.18	10.35	11.45	10.62	24.62

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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.72	20.95	21.59	3.05	15.34
3	Potato	Kg.	23.68	27.13	29.50	8.74	24.55
4	Colocassia	Kg.	44.75	46.08	54.21	17.65	21.14
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	25.30	17.69	18.04	1.94	-28.70
2	Brinjal	Kg.	27.16	29.21	32.16	10.10	18.42
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	17.67	19.11	19.22	0.56	8.73
4	Cucumber	Kg.	21.60	18.63	22.97	23.27	6.32
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	31.98	30.46	47.25	55.12	47.74
6	Cabbage	Kg.	23.66	24.46	33.09	35.27	39.87
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	38.90	45.60	51.27	12.42	31.80
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.23	19.78	20.11	1.65	4.56
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.41	30.65	38.07	24.21	34.00
10	Tomato	Kg.	32.81	24.80	48.70	96.37	48.40
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.29	5.75	9.01	56.71	109.77
12	Banana green	Kg.	37.00	41.87	42.83	2.29	15.73
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.16	24.38	25.39	4.14	5.08
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	161.64	158.64	159.29	0.41	-1.46
2	Mundu Mull	Each	118.42	130.08	130.08	0.00	9.85
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	40.79	43.46	43.65	0.44	7.01
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.82	15.91	16.00	0.59	1.14
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.05	24.27	24.48	0.87	1.78
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	41.76	43.69	44.38	1.58	6.25
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9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.68	14.71	0.19	1.94
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12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	450.57	478.57	478.57	0.00	6.21
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