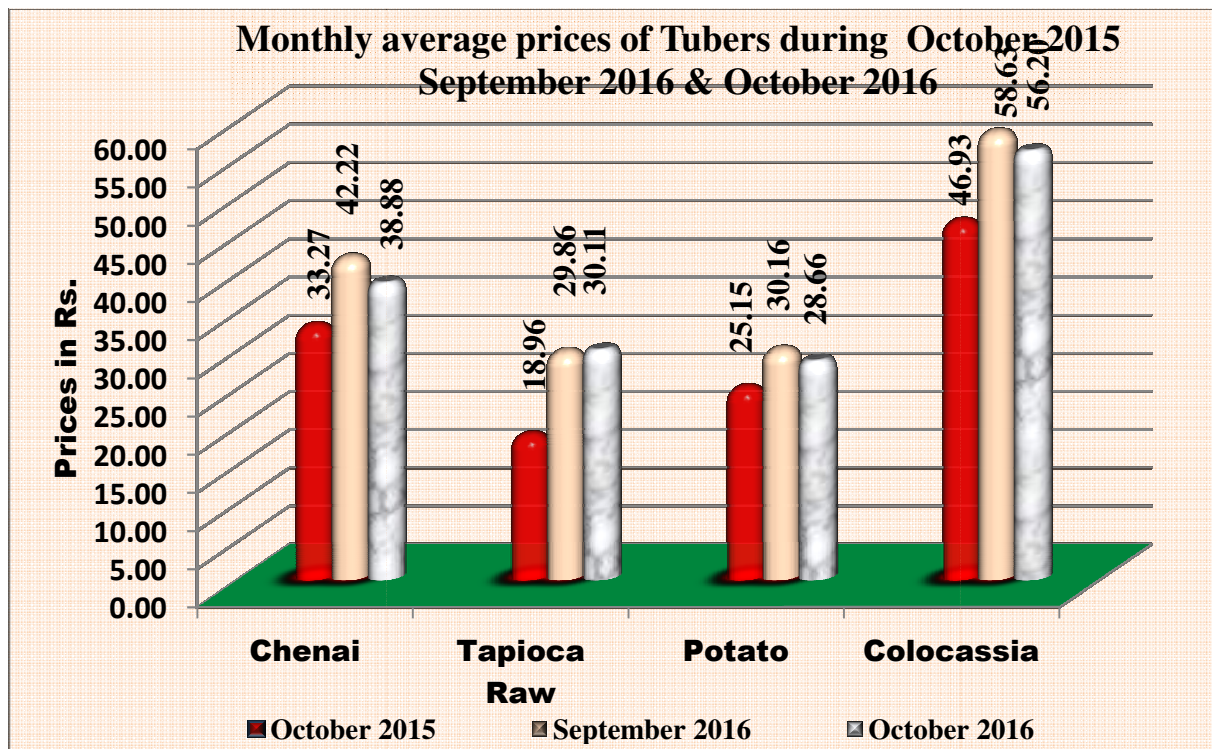




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PREFACE

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

OCTOBER 2016

INTRODUCTION

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

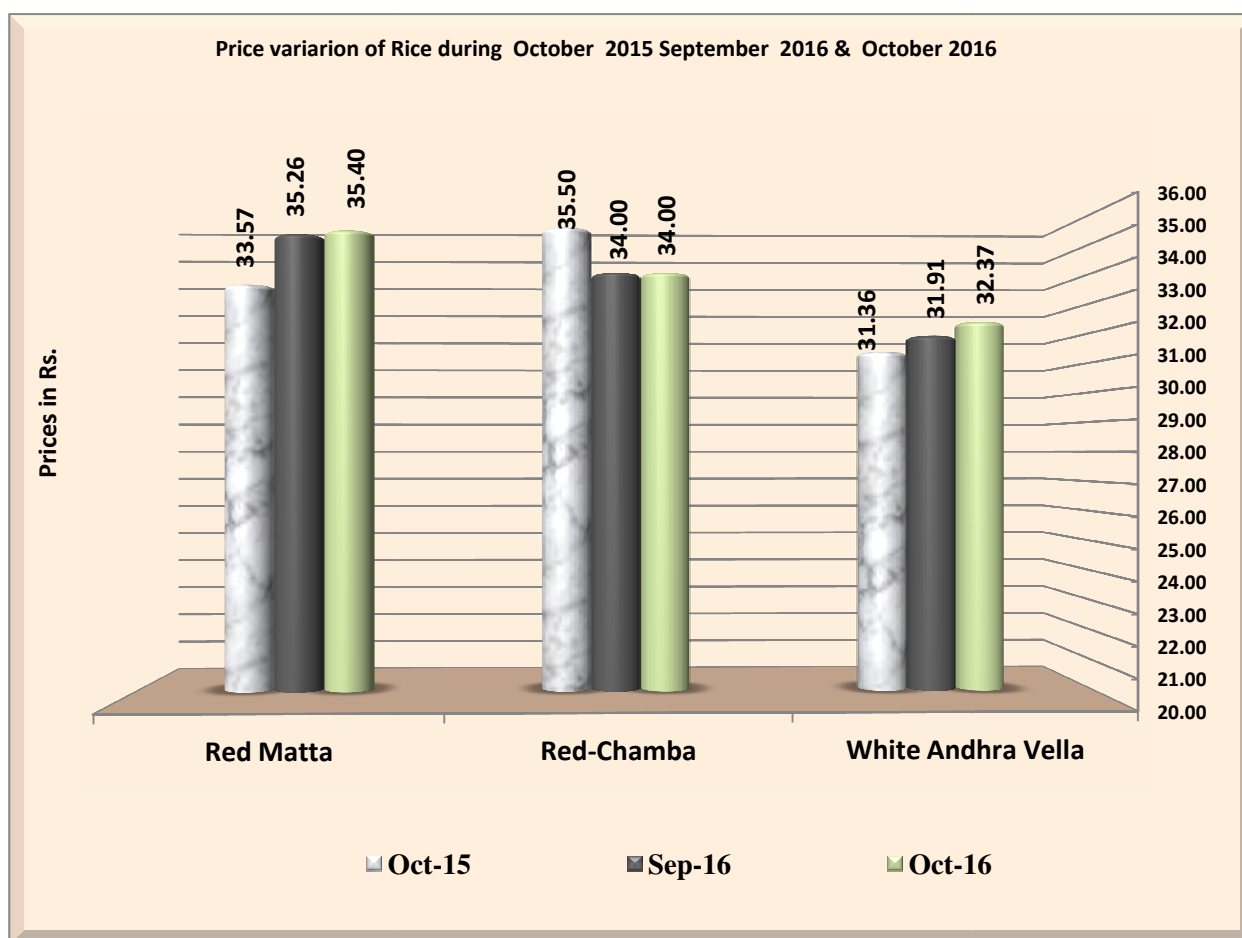
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 1.45% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra vella showed an upward trend up to 5.42%, while the prices of Red Chamba showed a downward trend up to 4.23%. 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.57	35.26	35.40	0.38	5.42
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	34.00	34.00	0.00	-4.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.36	31.91	32.37	1.45	3.22

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

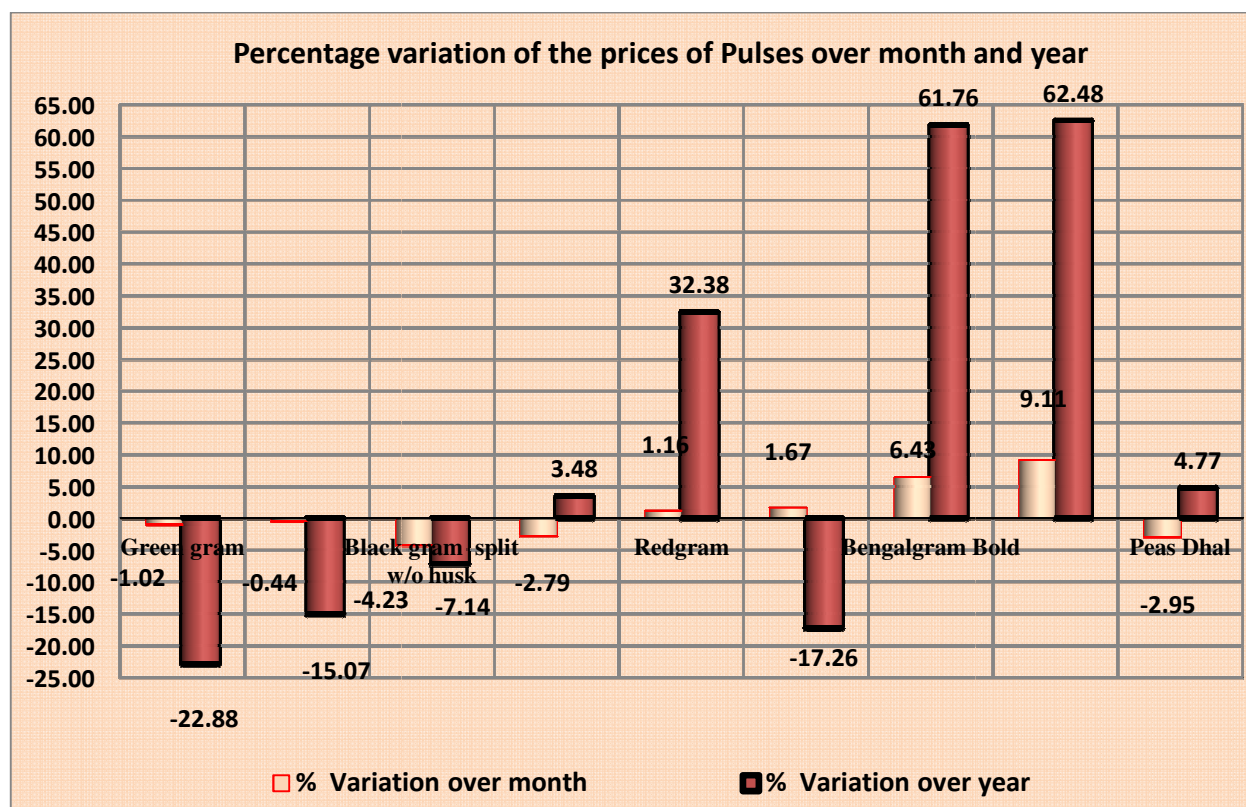
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Green gram, Green gram dhal, Blackgram split w/o husk, Blackgram split with husk and Peas Dhall showed a downward trend up to 4.23%, while the price of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 9.11% 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, Green gram dhal, Blackgram split w/o husk, and Dhal (Tur) showed an upward trend up to 62.48%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Redgram (34.38%), Bengalgram Bold (61.76%) and Bengalgram small (62.48%) 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	111.61	86.96	86.07	-1.02	-22.88
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	122.36	104.37	103.91	-0.44	-15.07
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	155.51	150.78	144.40	-4.23	-7.14
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	137.95	146.84	142.75	-2.79	3.48
5	Redgram	Kg	61.82	80.90	81.84	1.16	32.38
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	161.98	131.82	134.02	1.67	-17.26
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	74.23	112.82	120.08	6.43	61.76
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	68.56	102.10	111.40	9.11	62.48
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	42.95	46.37	45.00	-2.95	4.77

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

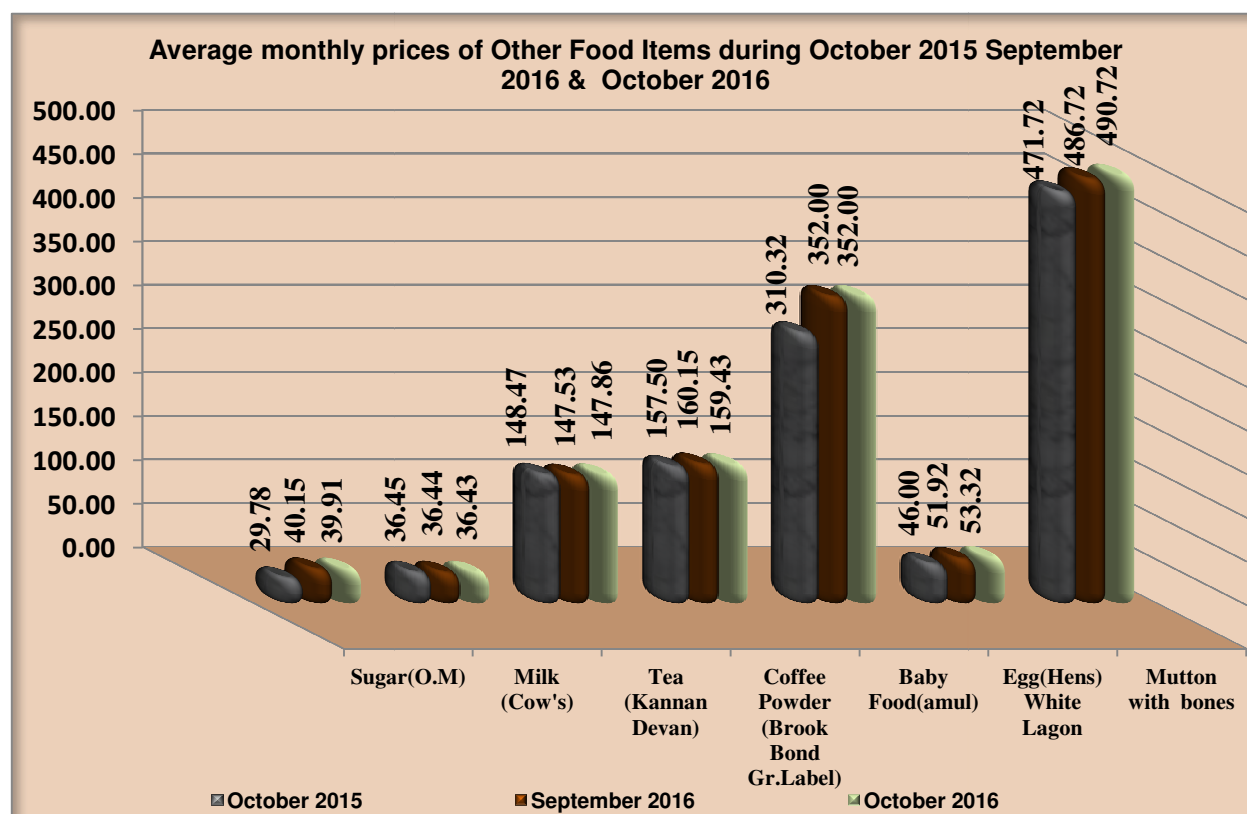
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tea (Kannan Devan), Egg (Hens) White Lagon and Mutton with bones showed an upward trend up to 2.69%, while the price of all items of other food items showed a downward trend up to 0.59% 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 34.02%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Sugar (O.M) (34.02%) 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.78	40.15	39.91	-0.59	34.02
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.45	36.44	36.43	-0.02	-0.06
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.47	147.53	147.86	0.23	-0.41
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	157.50	160.15	159.43	-0.45	1.23
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	310.32	352.00	352.00	0.00	13.43
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	46.00	51.92	53.32	2.69	15.91
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	471.72	486.72	490.72	0.82	4.03

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

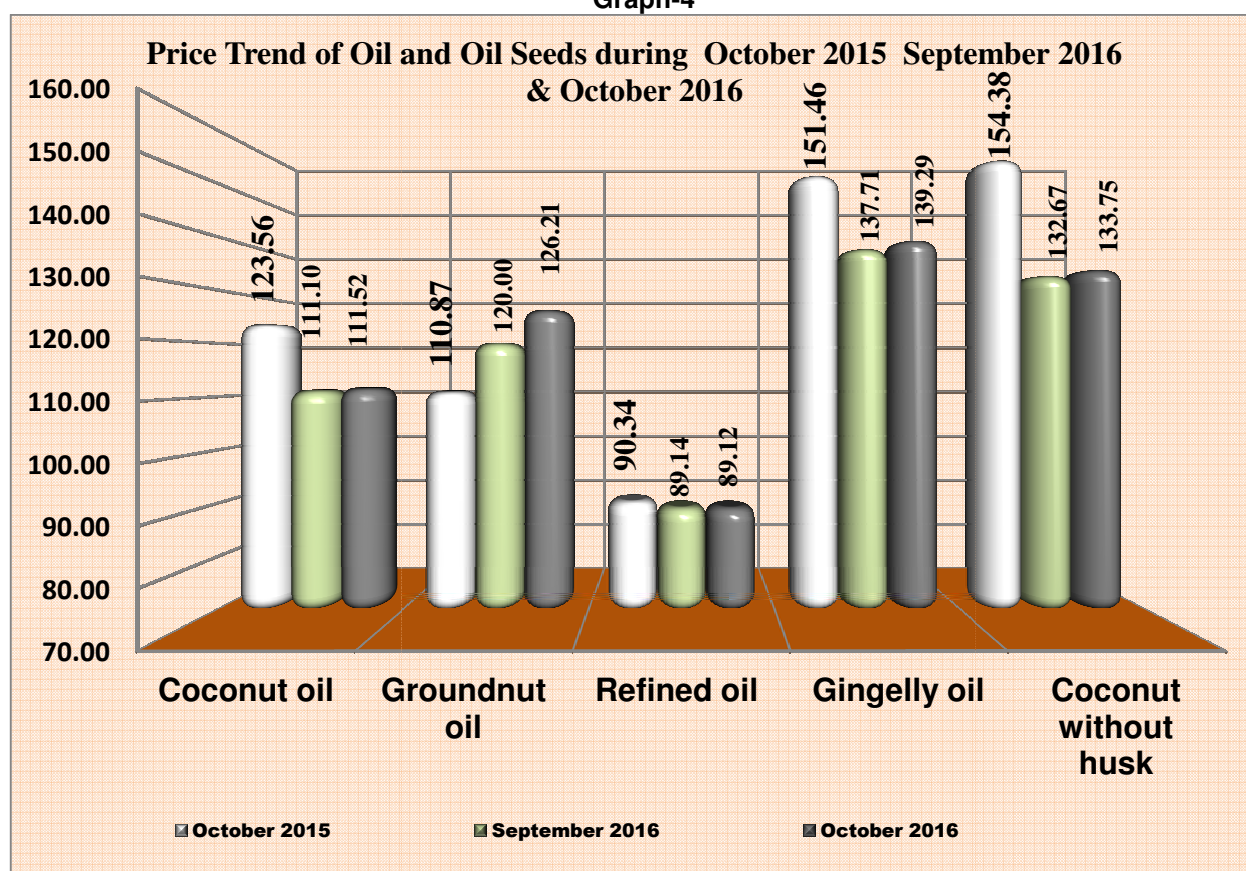
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oilseeds except Refined oil showed an upward trend up to 5.17 % 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 Groundnut Oil showed an upward trend up to 13.84% while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds showed a downward trend up to 13.36%.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	123.56	111.10	111.52	0.37	-9.75
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	110.87	120.00	126.21	5.17	13.84
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.34	89.14	89.12	-0.02	-1.35
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	151.46	137.71	139.29	1.14	-8.04
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	154.38	132.67	133.75	0.81	-13.36

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

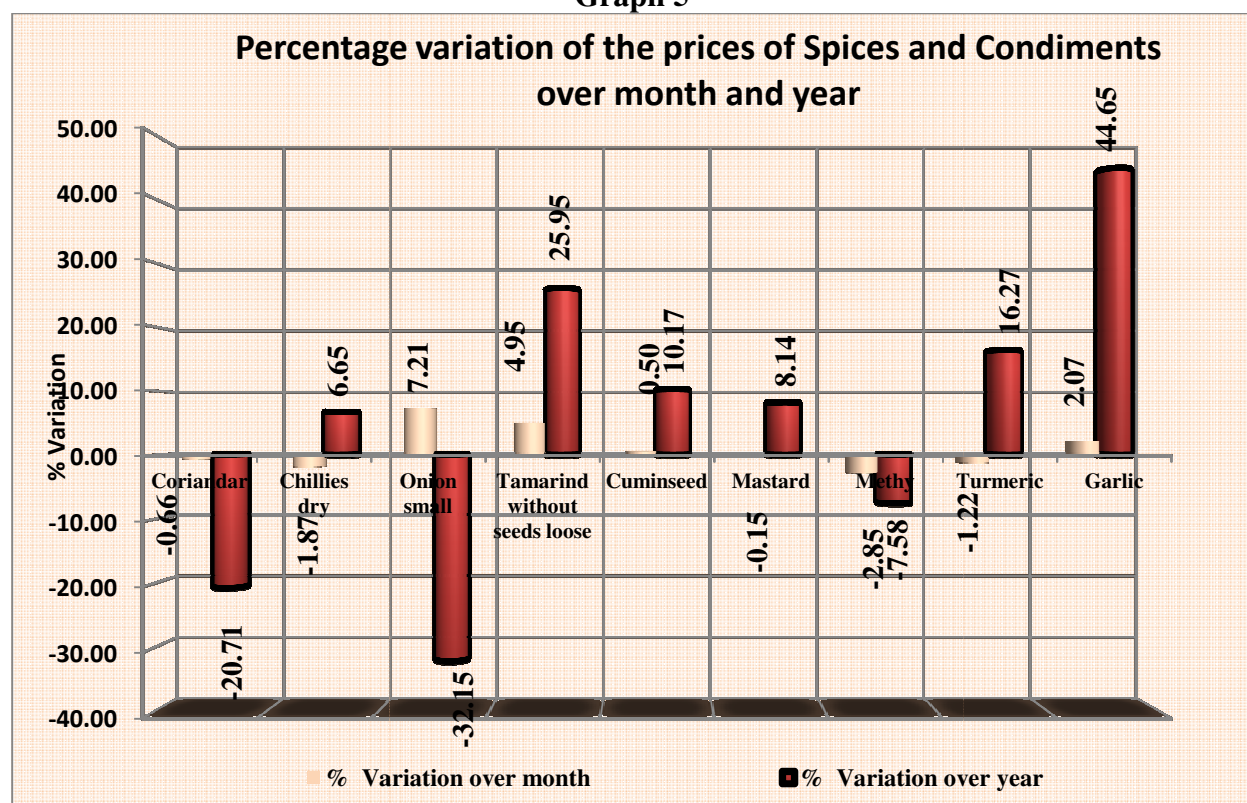
During the period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of prices of Coriander, Chillies dry, Mustard, Methy and Turmeric showed a downward trend up to 2.85% while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 7.21% 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, Onion small and Methy showed an upward trend up to 44.65% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tamarind without seeds loose (25.95%) and Garlic (44.65%) and decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (20.71%) and Onion small (32.15%) 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	143.55	114.58	113.82	-0.66	-20.71
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	147.16	159.93	156.95	-1.87	6.65
3	Onion small	Kg.	51.19	32.40	34.73	7.21	-32.15
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	91.45	109.75	115.18	4.95	25.95
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.17	27.60	27.74	0.50	10.17
6	Mustard	100gm	8.36	9.06	9.04	-0.15	8.14
7	Methy	100gm	12.00	11.42	11.09	-2.85	-7.58
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.19	19.05	18.82	-1.22	16.27
9	Garlic	100gm	11.25	15.94	16.27	2.07	44.65

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

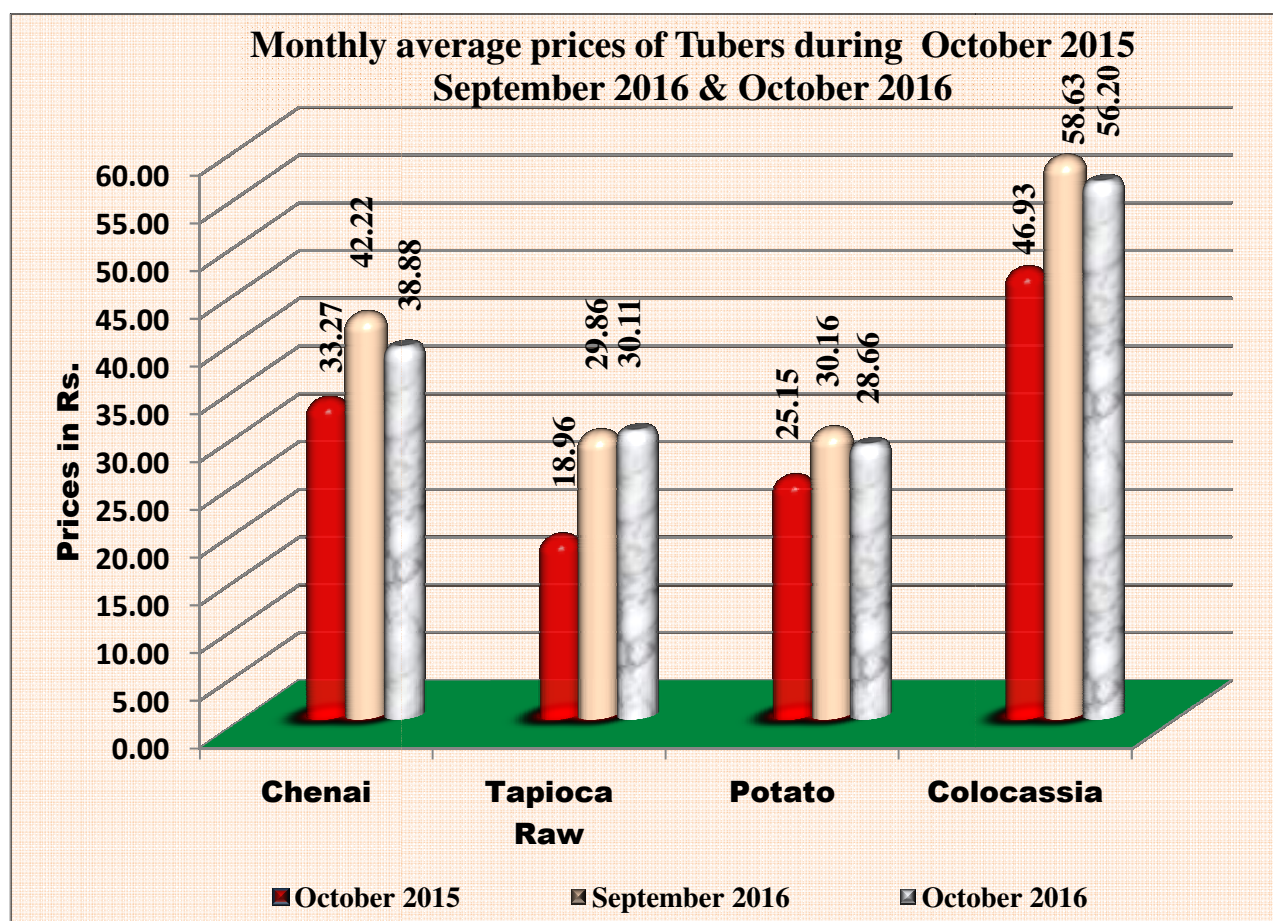
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend up to 7.92% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

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 upto 58.79%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (58.79%) 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	33.27	42.22	38.88	-7.92	16.83
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.96	29.86	30.11	0.83	58.79
3	Potato	Kg.	25.15	30.16	28.66	-4.97	13.98
4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.93	58.63	56.20	-4.15	19.74

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

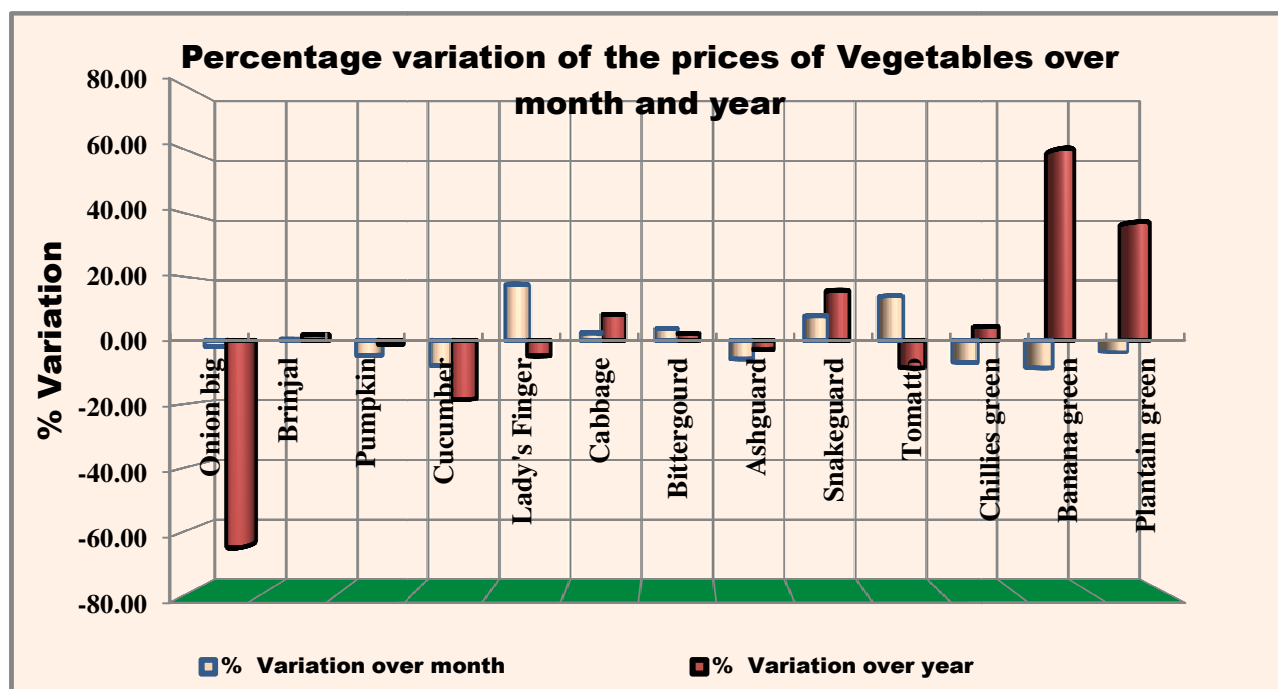
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Brinjal, Lady's Finger, Cabbage, Bittergourd, Snakegourd and Tomato showed an upward trend up to 17.65% while the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up to 8.68% 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, Pumpkin, Cucumber, Lady's Finger, Ashgourd and Tomato showed a downward trend up to 65.20% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 60.32% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (60.32%) and Plantain green (37.24%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (65.20%) 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	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	49.42	17.54	17.20	-1.94	-65.20
2	Brinjal	Kg.	27.24	27.64	27.74	0.34	1.81
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.38	19.05	18.15	-4.74	-1.26
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.03	19.47	17.93	-7.91	-18.64
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.60	28.78	33.86	17.65	-4.88
6	Cabbage	Kg	25.33	26.78	27.41	2.34	8.22
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.89	41.26	42.79	3.71	2.14
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.40	20.03	18.86	-5.87	-2.80
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.80	30.93	33.33	7.73	15.70
10	Tomatto	Kg.	24.99	20.01	22.82	14.02	-8.70
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.18	4.69	4.37	-6.92	4.39
12	Banana green	Kg.	31.22	54.81	50.06	-8.68	60.32
13	Plantain green	Kg.	23.74	33.82	32.58	-3.68	37.24

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8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

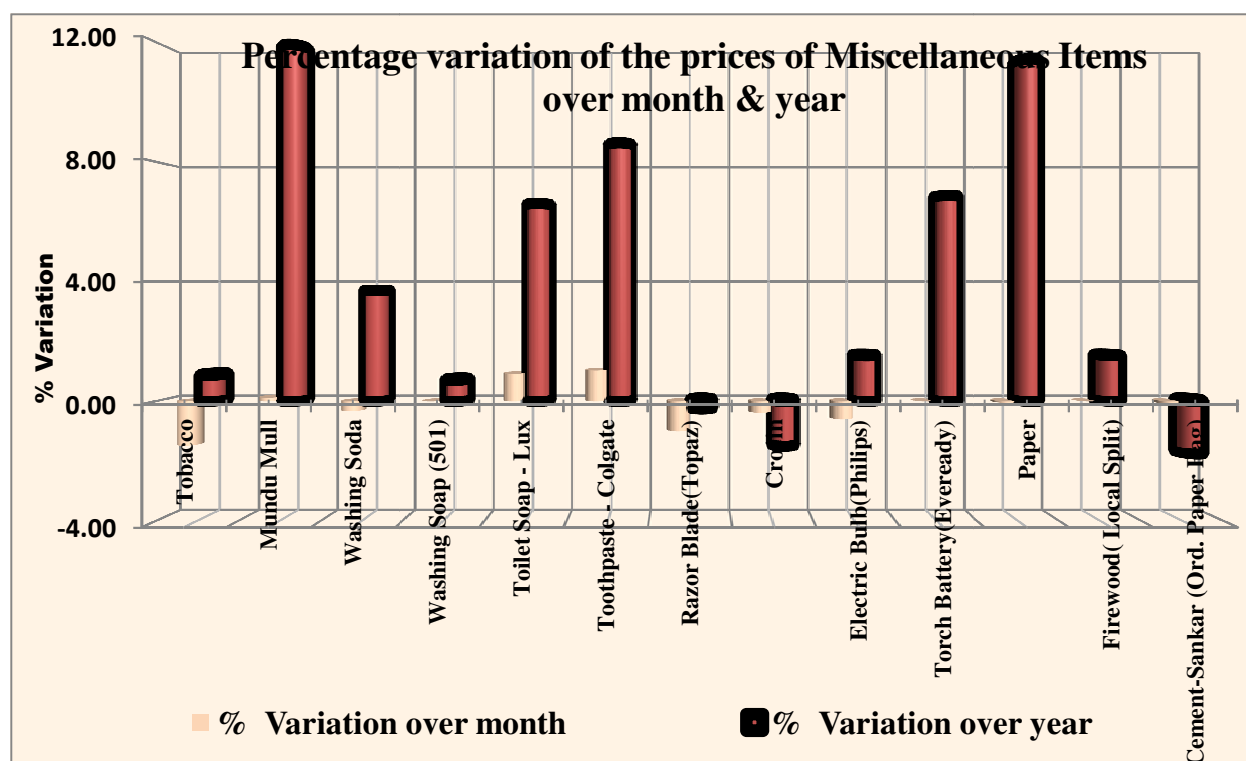
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco, Washing Soda, Razor Blade (Topaz), Crocin, Electric Bulb (Philips), paper 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 Razor Blade (Topaz), Crocin and Cement – Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 11.88%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	159.78	163.57	161.16	-1.47	0.86
2	Mundu Mull	Each	119.25	133.25	133.42	0.13	11.88
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	42.50	44.21	44.07	-0.33	3.69
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.89	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.69
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.04	25.39	25.62	0.92	6.58
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	42.22	45.39	45.86	1.03	8.61
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.02	8.08	8.00	-0.99	-0.25
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.69	2.66	2.65	-0.38	-1.49
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.53	14.84	14.75	-0.60	1.51
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.61	17.75	17.75	0.00	6.85
11	Paper	24 Sheet	15.19	16.93	16.92	-0.05	11.40
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	471.43	478.57	478.57	0.00	1.51
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	426.04	418.91	418.60	-0.08	-1.75

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of October 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	33.57	35.26	35.40	0.38	5.42
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	34.00	34.00	0.00	-4.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.36	31.91	32.37	1.45	3.22
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	111.61	86.96	86.07	-1.02	-22.88
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	122.36	104.37	103.91	-0.44	-15.07
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	155.51	150.78	144.40	-4.23	-7.14
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	137.95	146.84	142.75	-2.79	3.48
5	Redgram	Kg	61.82	80.90	81.84	1.16	32.38
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	161.98	131.82	134.02	1.67	-17.26
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	74.23	112.82	120.08	6.43	61.76
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	68.56	102.10	111.40	9.11	62.48
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	42.95	46.37	45.00	-2.95	4.77
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.78	40.15	39.91	-0.59	34.02
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.45	36.44	36.43	-0.02	-0.06
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.47	147.53	147.86	0.23	-0.41
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	157.50	160.15	159.43	-0.45	1.23
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	310.32	352.00	352.00	0.00	13.43
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	46.00	51.92	53.32	2.69	15.91
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	123.56	111.10	111.52	0.37	-9.75
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	110.87	120.00	126.21	5.17	13.84
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.34	89.14	89.12	-0.02	-1.35
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	151.46	137.71	139.29	1.14	-8.04
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	154.38	132.67	133.75	0.81	-13.36
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	143.55	114.58	113.82	-0.66	-20.71
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	147.16	159.93	156.95	-1.87	6.65
3	Onion small	Kg.	51.19	32.40	34.73	7.21	-32.15
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	91.45	109.75	115.18	4.95	25.95
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.17	27.60	27.74	0.50	10.17
6	Mustard	100gm	8.36	9.06	9.04	-0.15	8.14
7	Methy	100gm	12.00	11.42	11.09	-2.85	-7.58
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.19	19.05	18.82	-1.22	16.27
9	Garlic	100gm	11.25	15.94	16.27	2.07	44.65

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4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.93	58.63	56.20	-4.15	19.74
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	18.38	19.05	18.15	-4.74	-1.26
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.03	19.47	17.93	-7.91	-18.64
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	35.60	28.78	33.86	17.65	-4.88
6	Cabbage	Kg.	25.33	26.78	27.41	2.34	8.22
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.89	41.26	42.79	3.71	2.14
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.40	20.03	18.86	-5.87	-2.80
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	28.80	30.93	33.33	7.73	15.70
10	Tomato	Kg.	24.99	20.01	22.82	14.02	-8.70
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.18	4.69	4.37	-6.92	4.39
12	Banana green	Kg.	31.22	54.81	50.06	-8.68	60.32
13	Plantain green	Kg.	23.74	33.82	32.58	-3.68	37.24
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	159.78	163.57	161.16	-1.47	0.86
2	Mundu Mull	Each	119.25	133.25	133.42	0.13	11.88
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	42.50	44.21	44.07	-0.33	3.69
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.89	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.69
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	24.04	25.39	25.62	0.92	6.58
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	42.22	45.39	45.86	1.03	8.61
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.02	8.08	8.00	-0.99	-0.25
8	Crocine	2 tabs	2.69	2.66	2.65	-0.38	-1.49
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.53	14.84	14.75	-0.60	1.51
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	16.61	17.75	17.75	0.00	6.85
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