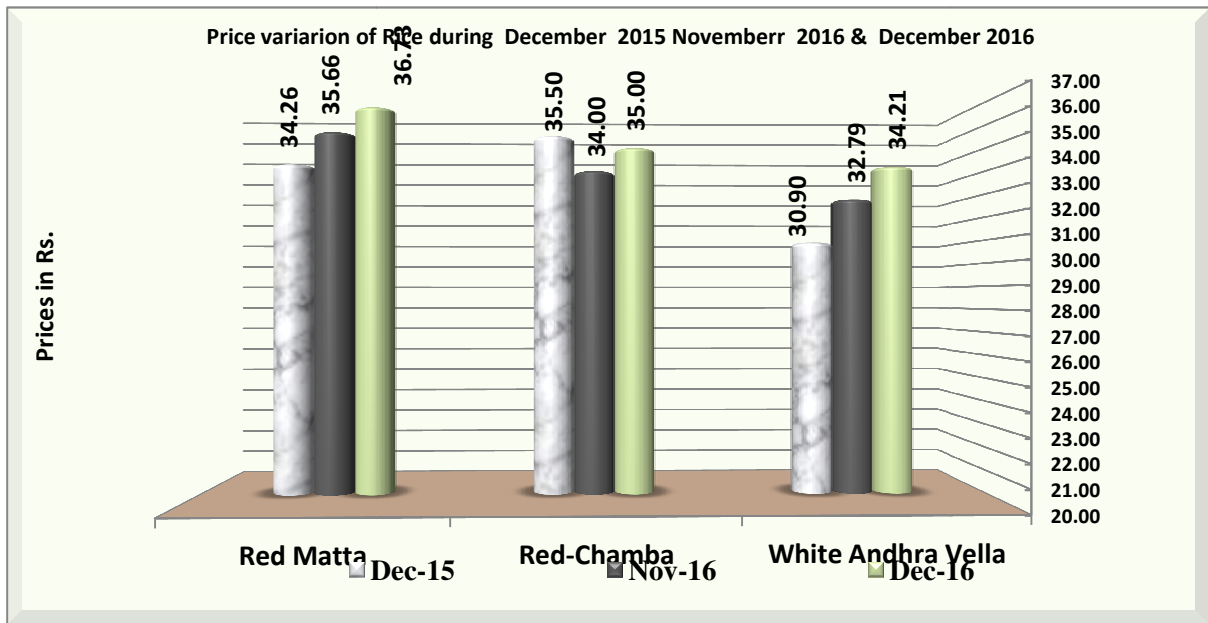




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**DECEMBER 2016**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

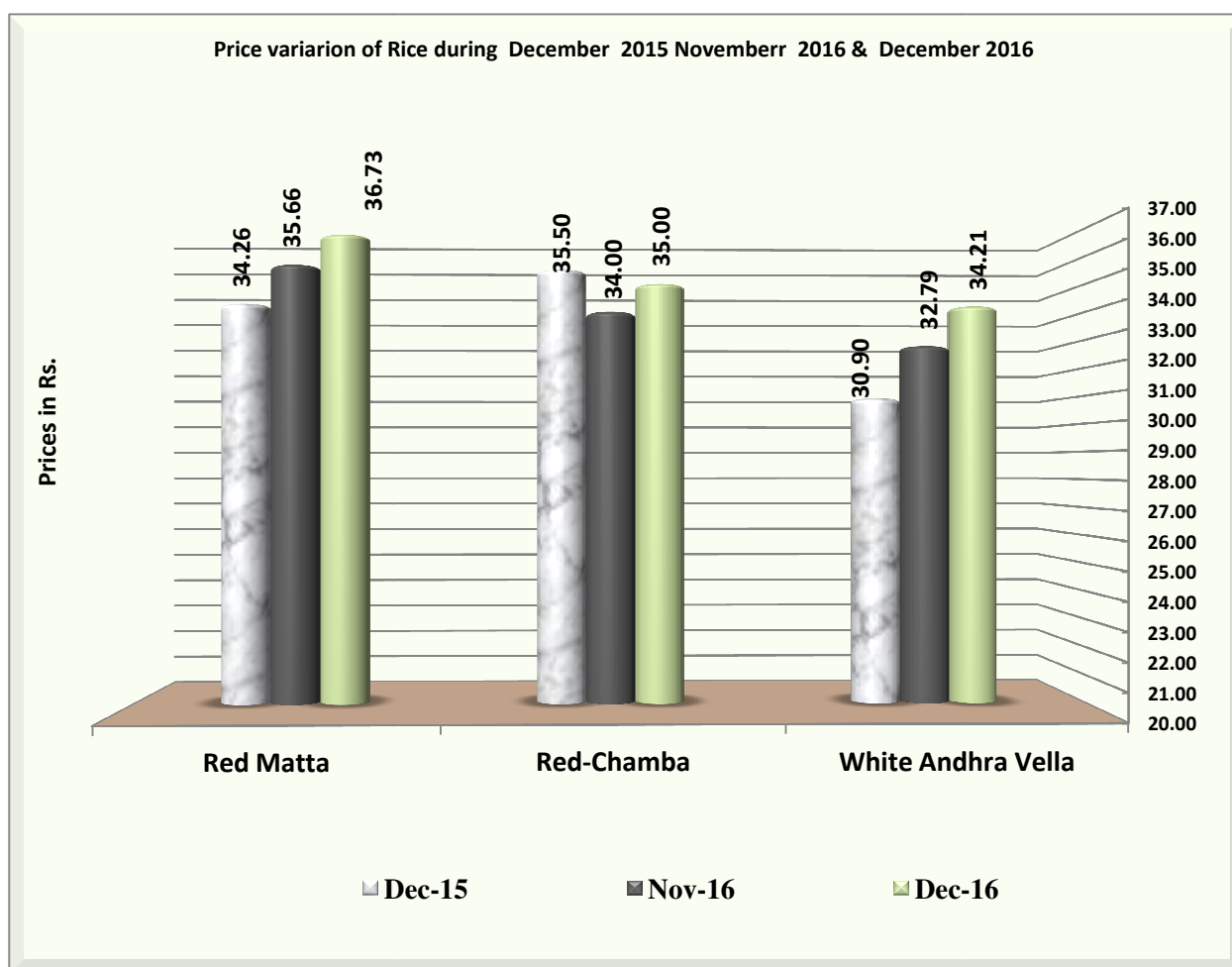
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 4.35% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra vella showed an upward trend up to 10.72% ,while the prices of Red Chamba showed a downward trend up to 1.41%. 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	34.26	35.66	36.73	3.02	7.22
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	34.00	35.00	2.94	-1.41
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.90	32.79	34.21	4.35	10.72

Graph-1





## 2. PULSES

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

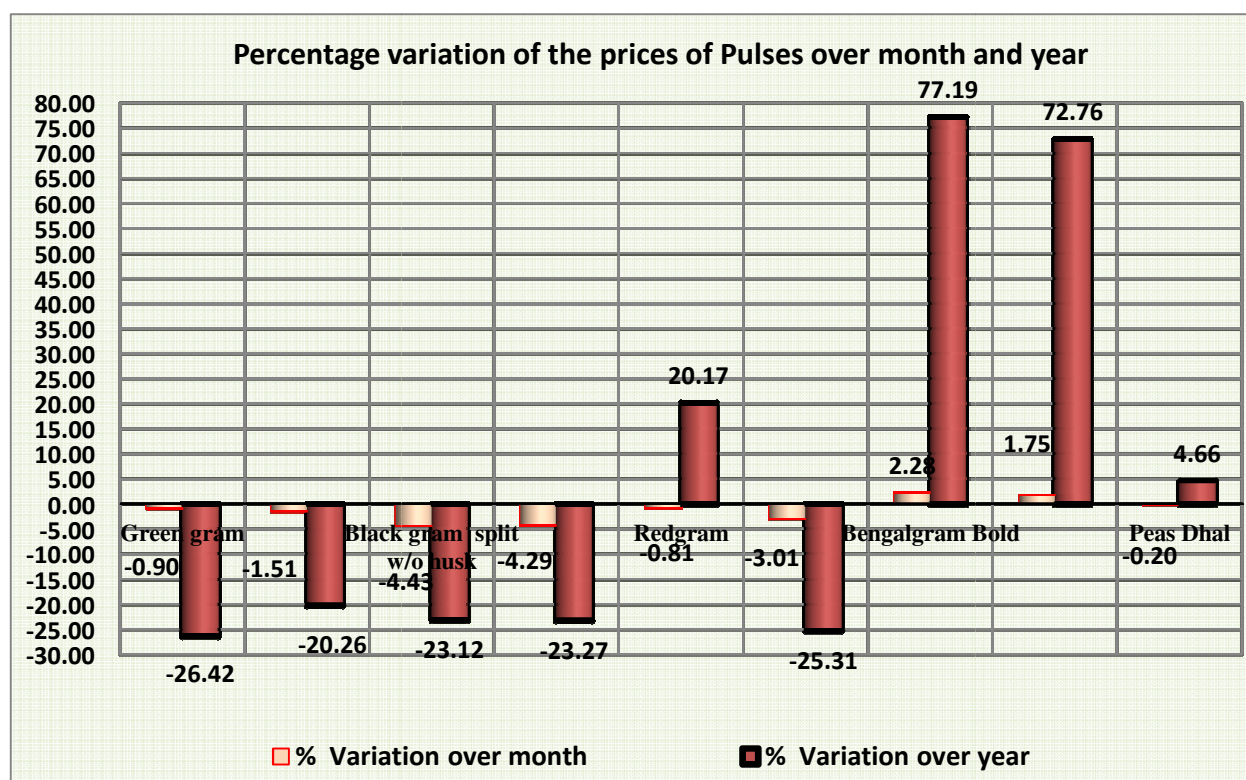
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Bengalgram Bold and Bengalgram small showed an upward trend up to 2.28%, while the price of all other items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 4.43% 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, and Dhal (Tur) showed a downward trend up to 25.31% while the price of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 77.19% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Bengalgram Bold (77.19%) and Bengalgram small (72.76%) 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	113.50	84.27	83.51	-0.90	-26.42
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	125.25	101.40	99.87	-1.51	-20.26
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	174.25	140.17	133.96	-4.43	-23.12
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	159.88	128.18	122.68	-4.29	-23.27
5	Redgram	Kg	65.02	78.77	78.13	-0.81	20.17
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	171.77	132.27	128.29	-3.01	-25.31
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	75.98	131.63	134.63	2.28	77.19
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	71.66	121.68	123.80	1.75	72.76
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	43.73	45.86	45.77	-0.20	4.66

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

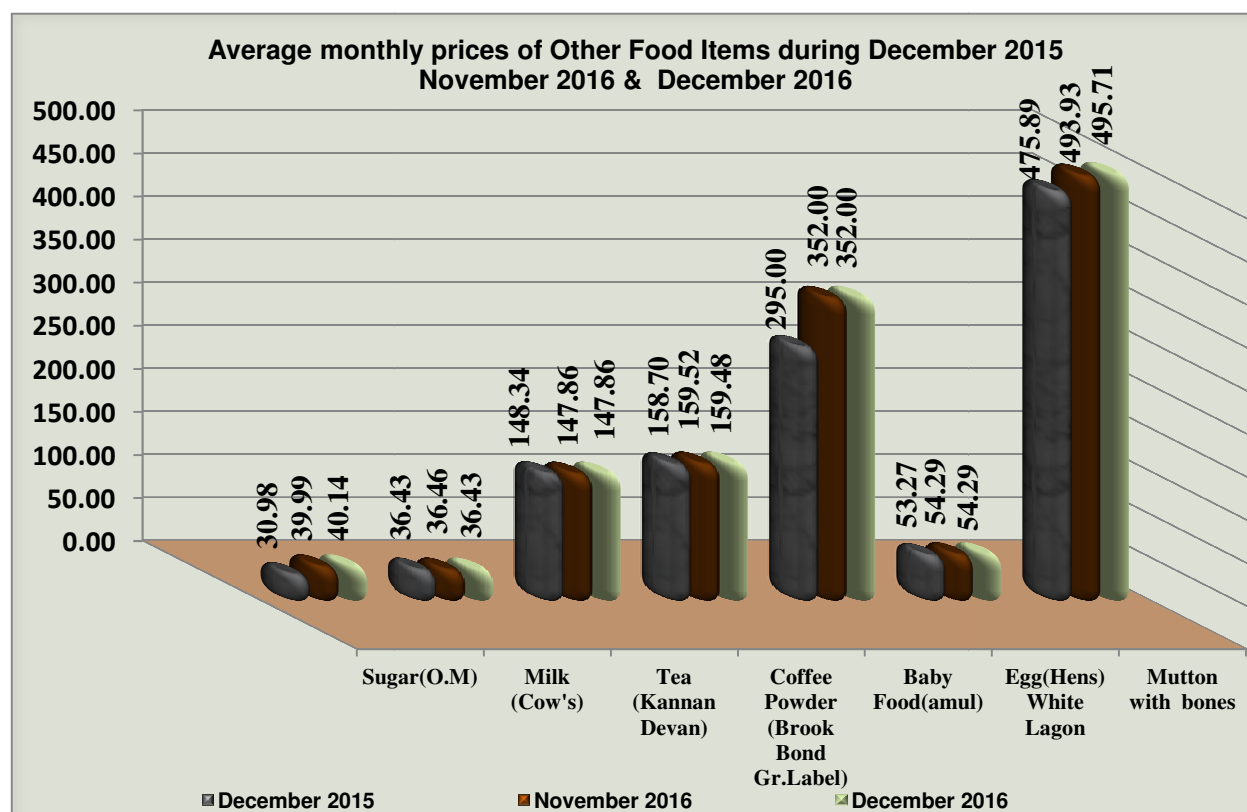
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Milk (Cow's) and Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label) Showed a negative trend, while the price of all other items of other food 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 the state average retail price of all items of other food items except Tea (Kannan Devan) showed an upward trend up to 29.54%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Sugar (O.M) (29.54%) 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.98	39.99	40.14	0.38	29.54
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	36.46	36.43	-0.08	0.00
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.34	147.86	147.86	0.00	-0.33
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	158.70	159.52	159.48	-0.02	0.50
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	295.00	352.00	352.00	0.00	19.32
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.27	54.29	54.29	0.00	1.92
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	475.89	493.93	495.71	0.36	4.16

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

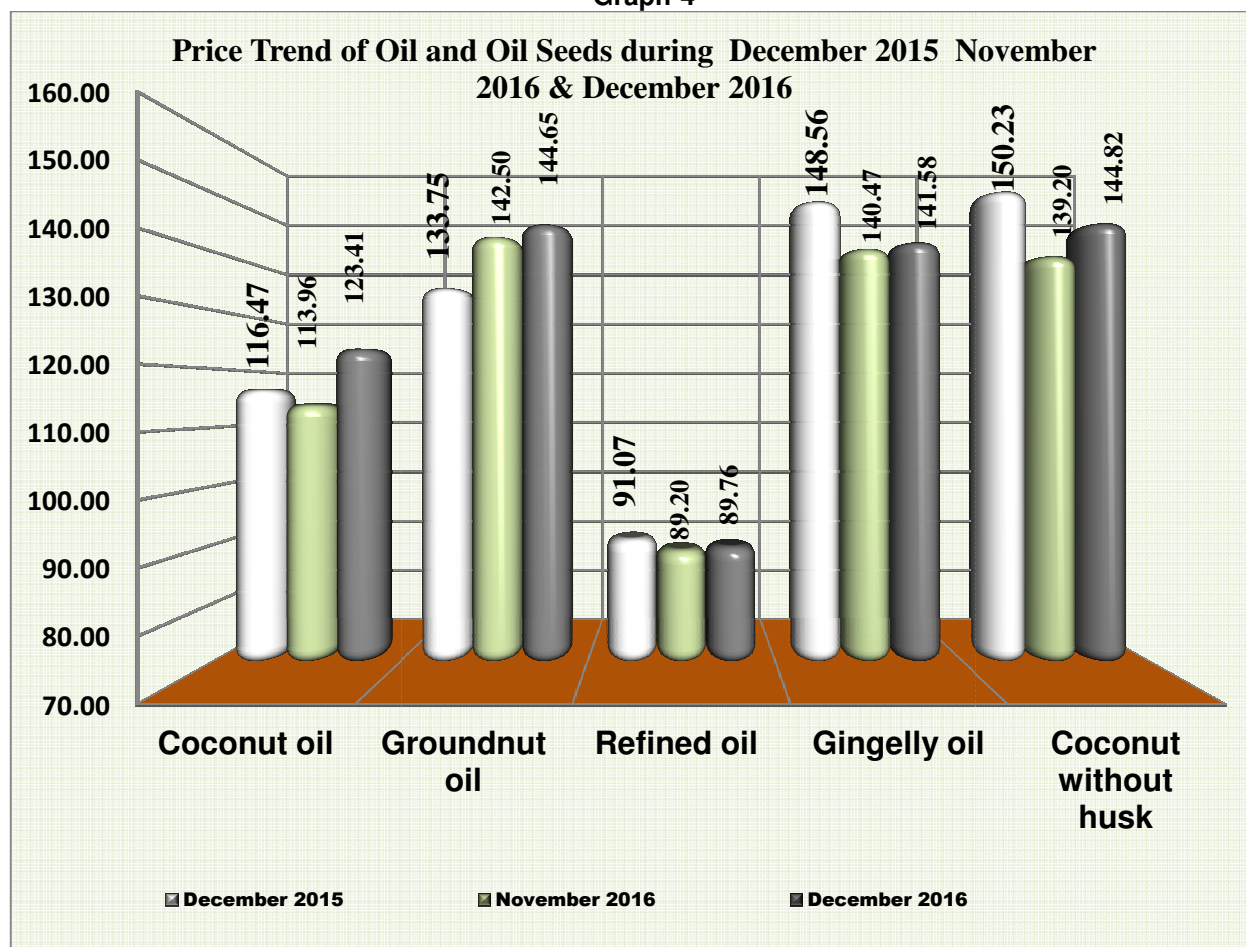
During this period an upward trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of all items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 8.30 % when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Coconut Oil and Groundnut Oil showed an upward trend up to 8.15% ,while the prices of all other items of oil and oilseeds showed a downward trend up to 4.70% .

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	116.47	113.96	123.41	8.30	5.97
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	133.75	142.50	144.65	1.51	8.15
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	91.07	89.20	89.76	0.62	-1.44
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	148.56	140.47	141.58	0.80	-4.70
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	150.23	139.20	144.82	4.03	-3.60

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

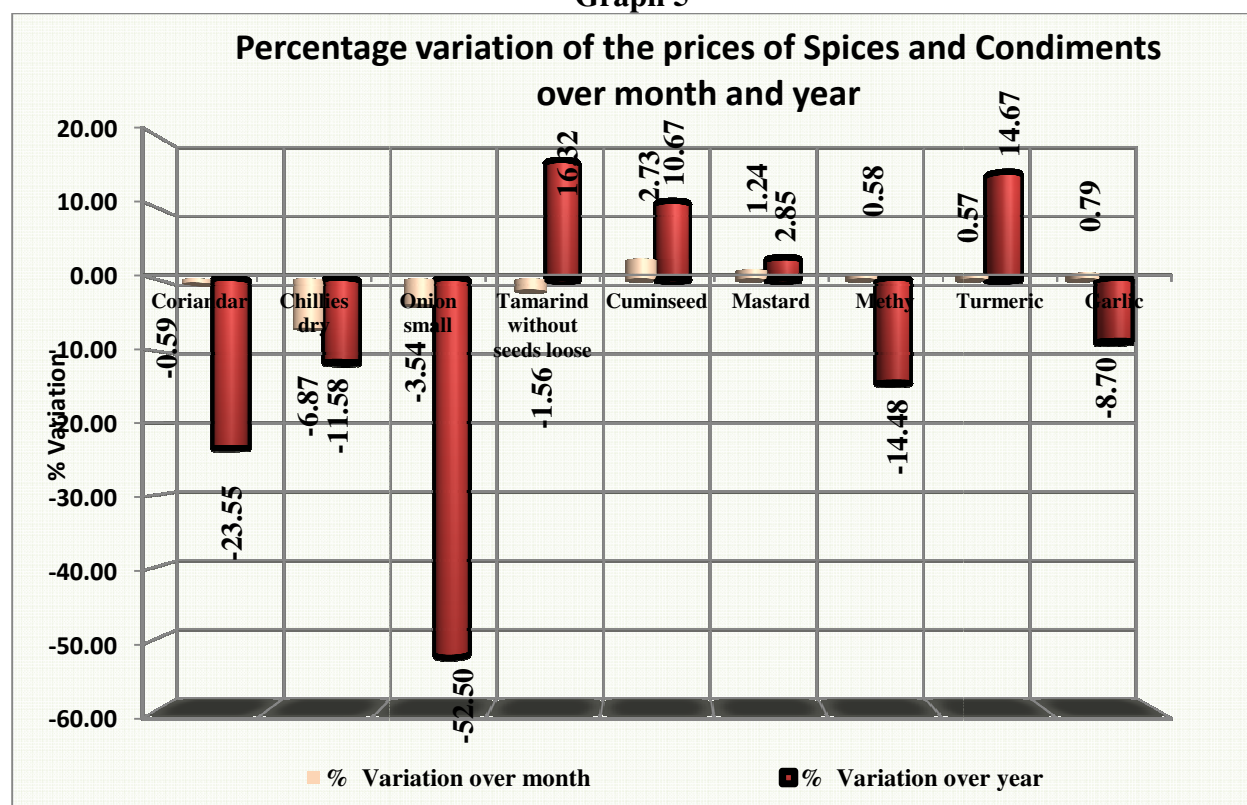
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Condiments except Coriander, Chillies dry, Onion small and Tamarind without seeds loose showed a downward trend up to 6.87% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 2.73% 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 Coriander, Chillies dry, Onion small, Methy and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 52.50% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 16.32% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (23.55%) and Onion small (52.50%) 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	145.18	111.65	110.98	-0.59	-23.55
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	155.41	147.55	137.41	-6.87	-11.58
3	Onion small	Kg.	71.38	35.14	33.90	-3.54	-52.50
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	96.41	113.92	112.14	-1.56	16.32
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.48	27.45	28.20	2.73	10.67
6	Mustard	100gm	8.81	8.95	9.06	1.24	2.85
7	Methy	100gm	12.68	10.78	10.84	0.58	-14.48
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.41	18.71	18.82	0.57	14.67
9	Garlic	100gm	17.82	16.15	16.27	0.79	-8.70

**Graph 5**



## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

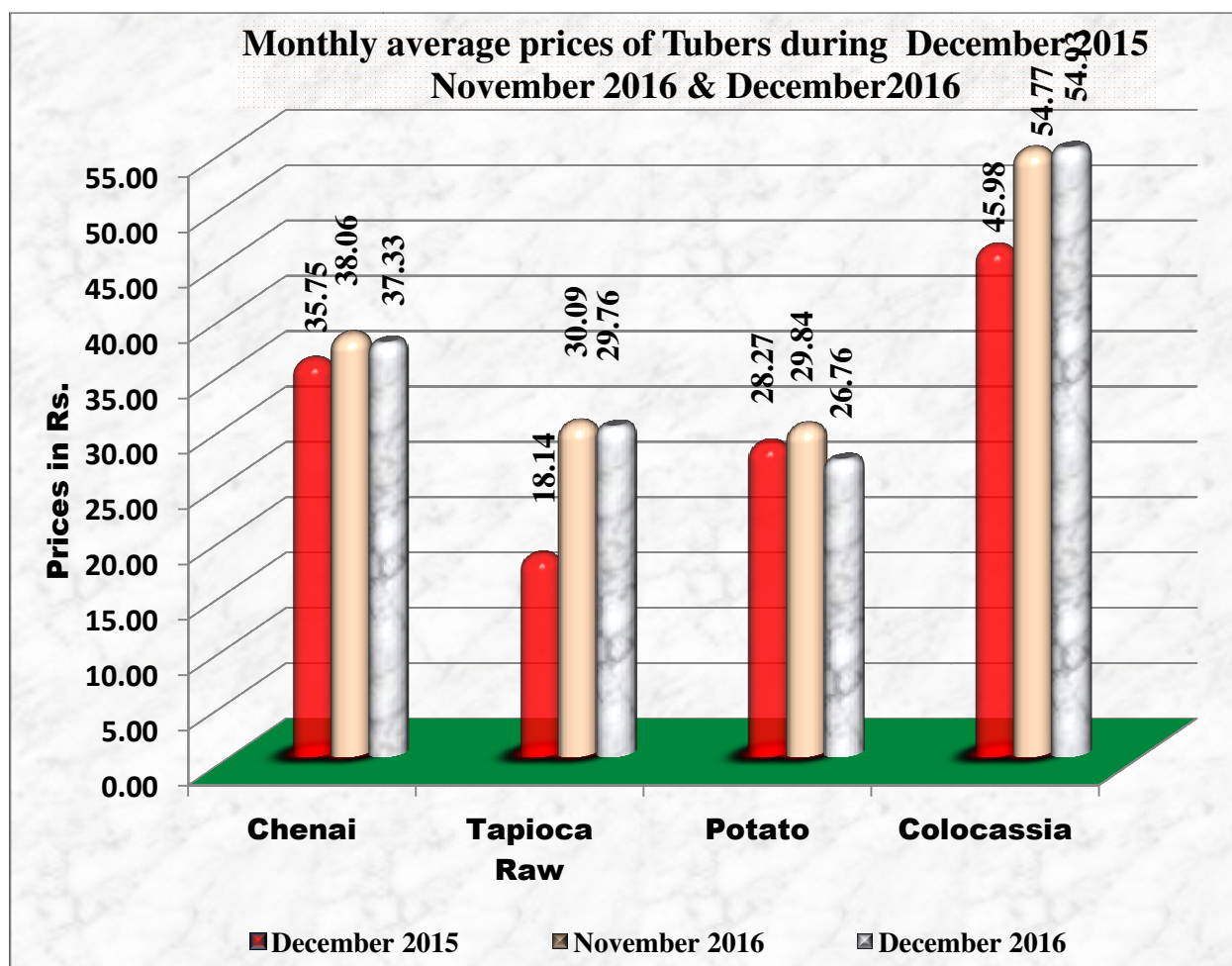
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Colocassia showed a downward trend up to 10.32% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

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 64.04%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (64.04%) 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	35.75	38.06	37.33	-1.91	4.42
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	18.14	30.09	29.76	-1.10	64.04
3	Potato	Kg.	28.27	29.84	26.76	-10.32	-5.34
4	Colocassia	Kg.	45.98	54.77	54.93	0.29	19.45

**Graph 6**





## 7. VEGETABLES

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

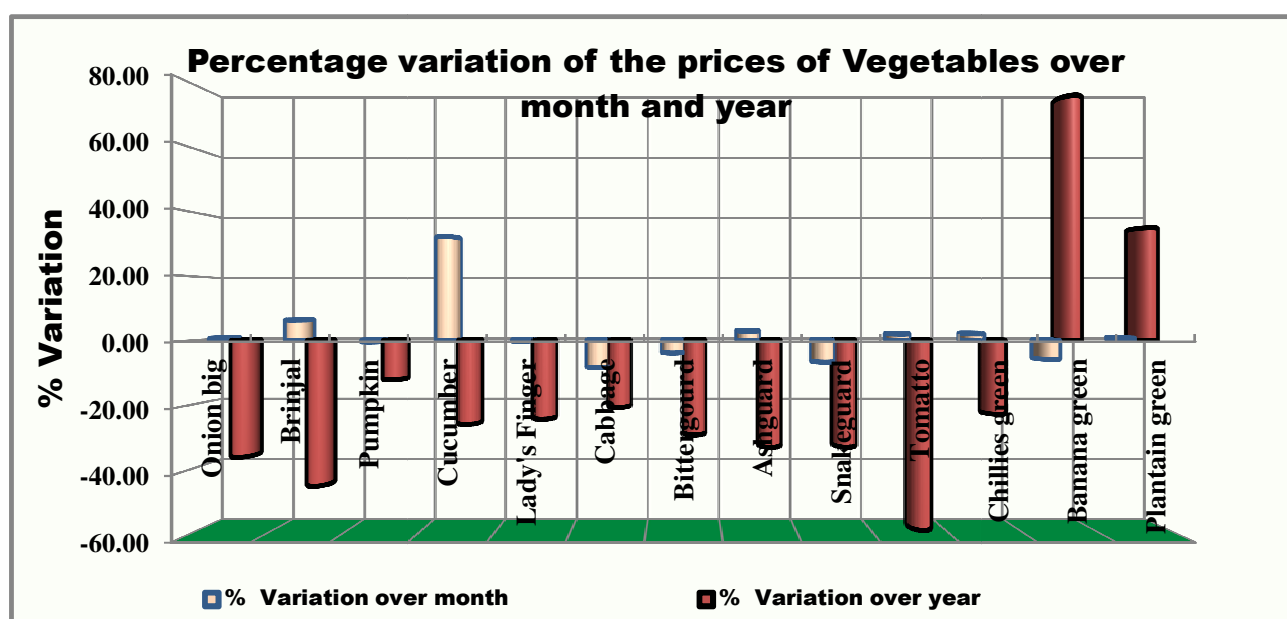
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Brinjal, Cucumber, Ashgourd, Tomato, Chillies green and Plantain green showed an upward trend up to 32.17% while the prices of all other items of vegetables showed a downward trend up to 8.36% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cucumber (32.17%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Banana green and Plantain green showed an upward trend up to 75.77%, while the prices of all other items showed a downward trend up to 58.58% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (75.77%) and Plantain green (34.86%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (36.04%), Brinjal (45.01%), Ashgourd (32.96%), Snakegourd (32.92%) and Tomato (58.58%) 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	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	30.64	19.48	19.60	0.59	-36.04
2	Brinjal	Kg.	52.22	27.00	28.71	6.35	-45.01
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.36	17.98	17.90	-0.46	-12.06
4	Cucumber	Kg.	31.15	17.47	23.09	32.17	-25.88
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.64	30.09	30.02	-0.25	-24.28
6	Cabbage	Kg	29.91	25.91	23.74	-8.36	-20.62
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	54.61	40.25	38.70	-3.84	-29.12
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.89	18.82	19.37	2.92	-32.96
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	44.68	32.11	29.97	-6.65	-32.92
10	Tomatto	Kg.	37.29	15.14	15.44	1.99	-58.58
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.65	4.28	4.37	2.07	-22.76
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.50	55.05	51.86	-5.80	75.77
13	Plantain green	Kg.	23.75	31.75	32.03	0.90	34.86

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

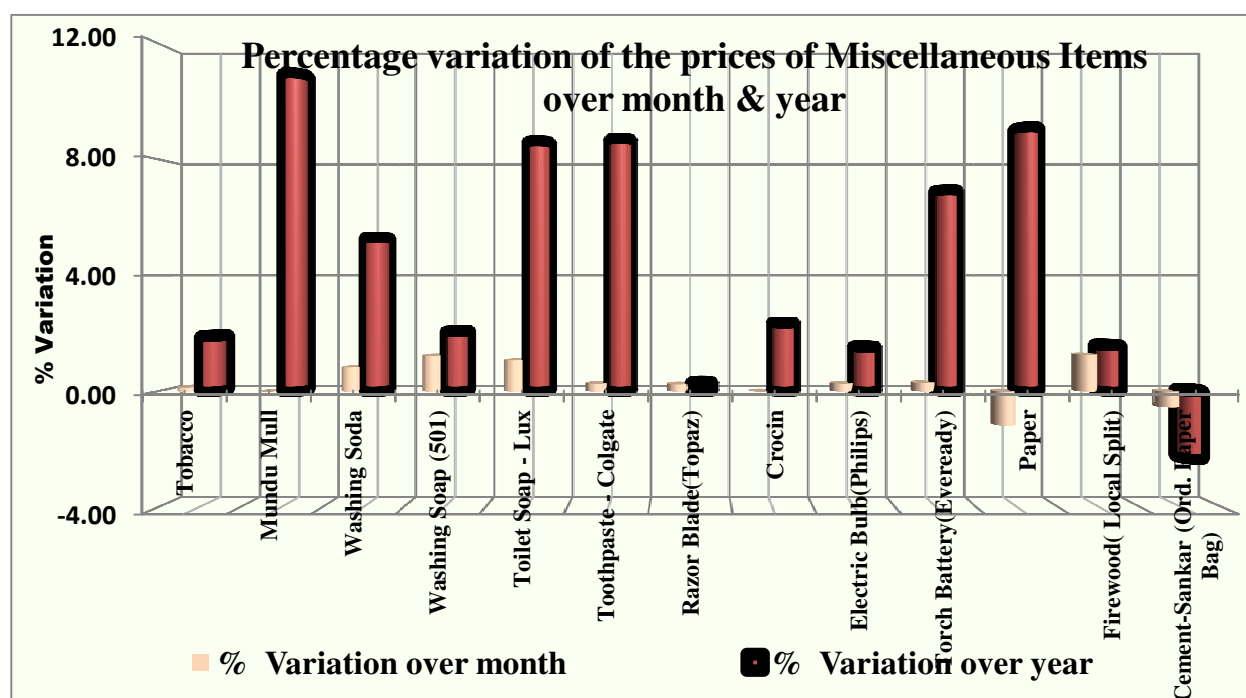
An upward trend in almost all items can be seen in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Paper and Cement –Sankar (Ord 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 most all items of miscellaneous except Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 10.93%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	158.57	161.34	161.57	0.14	1.89
2	Mundu Mull	Each	120.50	133.67	133.67	0.00	10.93
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	42.47	44.34	44.71	0.83	5.29
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.87	16.00	16.20	1.24	2.05
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.98	25.77	26.04	1.08	8.60
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	42.79	46.38	46.50	0.27	8.68
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.00	8.00	8.02	0.25	0.25
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.56	2.62	2.62	0.00	2.34
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.57	14.75	14.79	0.27	1.51
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	16.65	17.75	17.80	0.29	6.92
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.33	16.92	16.72	-1.17	9.08
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	476.79	478.21	484.28	1.27	1.57
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	421.25	413.75	411.50	-0.54	-2.31

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of December 2016							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2015	November 2016	December 2016	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	34.26	35.66	36.73	3.02	7.22
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	35.50	34.00	35.00	2.94	-1.41
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.90	32.79	34.21	4.35	10.72
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	113.50	84.27	83.51	-0.90	-26.42
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9	Peas Dhal	Kg	43.73	45.86	45.77	-0.20	4.66
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.98	39.99	40.14	0.38	29.54
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.43	36.46	36.43	-0.08	0.00
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.34	147.86	147.86	0.00	-0.33
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	158.70	159.52	159.48	-0.02	0.50
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	295.00	352.00	352.00	0.00	19.32
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.27	54.29	54.29	0.00	1.92
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	475.89	493.93	495.71	0.36	4.16
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	91.07	89.20	89.76	0.62	-1.44
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	148.56	140.47	141.58	0.80	-4.70
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	150.23	139.20	144.82	4.03	-3.60
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2	Chilies dry	Kg.	155.41	147.55	137.41	-6.87	-11.58
3	Onion small	Kg.	71.38	35.14	33.90	-3.54	-52.50
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	96.41	113.92	112.14	-1.56	16.32
5	Cuminseed	100gm	25.48	27.45	28.20	2.73	10.67
6	Mustard	100gm	8.81	8.95	9.06	1.24	2.85
7	Methy	100gm	12.68	10.78	10.84	0.58	-14.48
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.41	18.71	18.82	0.57	14.67
9	Garlic	100gm	17.82	16.15	16.27	0.79	-8.70



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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.36	17.98	17.90	-0.46	-12.06
4	Cucumber	Kg.	31.15	17.47	23.09	32.17	-25.88
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.64	30.09	30.02	-0.25	-24.28
6	Cabbage	Kg.	29.91	25.91	23.74	-8.36	-20.62
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	54.61	40.25	38.70	-3.84	-29.12
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.89	18.82	19.37	2.92	-32.96
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	44.68	32.11	29.97	-6.65	-32.92
10	Tomato	Kg.	37.29	15.14	15.44	1.99	-58.58
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.65	4.28	4.37	2.07	-22.76
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.50	55.05	51.86	-5.80	75.77
13	Plantain green	Kg.	23.75	31.75	32.03	0.90	34.86
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	158.57	161.34	161.57	0.14	1.89
2	Mundu Mull	Each	120.50	133.67	133.67	0.00	10.93
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	42.47	44.34	44.71	0.83	5.29
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.87	16.00	16.20	1.24	2.05
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