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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.

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Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2015

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2015. 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 the previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March of the previous year 2014, the previous month February 2015 and the current month of March 2015 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are attached. Group Wise 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

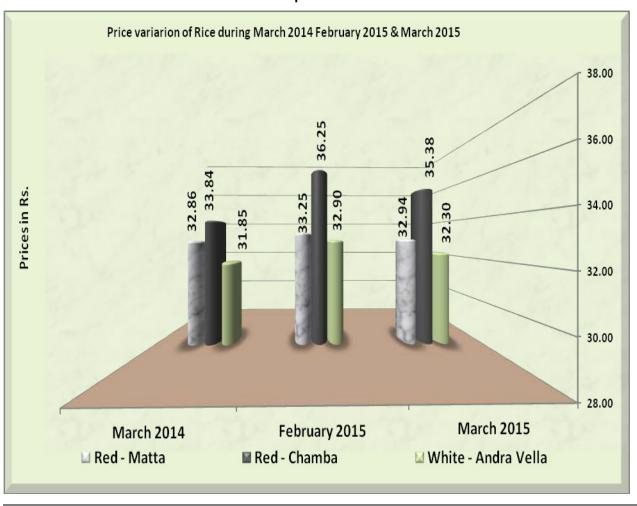
During this period a downward trend was observed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed a downward trend up to 2.41% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 5%. The state average retail price of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 0.24%, 4.55% and 1.41% respectively when compared with the prices of the Previous year. The following table and diagrame represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	Prices (in Rs.) or	Percentage Variation		
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over month	Over year
I	Red - Matta	Kg	32.86	33.25	32.94	-0.93	0.24
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.84	36.25	35.38	-2.41	4.55
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.85	32.90	32.30	-1.84	1.41

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

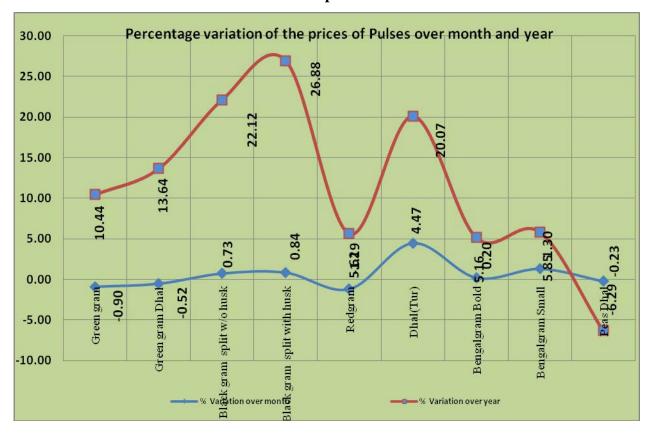
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Greengram, Greengram dhal, Redgram and Peas Dhal showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 4.47% 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 Peas Dhal had decreased by 6.29%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 27%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split with husk (26.88%) 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	P	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Of Variation		
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	97.70	108.87	107.90	-0.90	10.44
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	102.25	116.81	116.20	-0.52	13.64
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	73.46	89.06	89.72	0.73	22.12
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	67.55	85.00	85.71	0.84	26.88
5	Redgram	Kg	56.14	60.01	59.30	-1.19	5.62
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	75.54	86.82	90.70	4.47	20.07
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	57.25	60.09	60.20	0.20	5.16
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	51.23	53.53	54.23	1.30	5.85
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	44.80	42.08	41.99	-0.23	-6.29

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

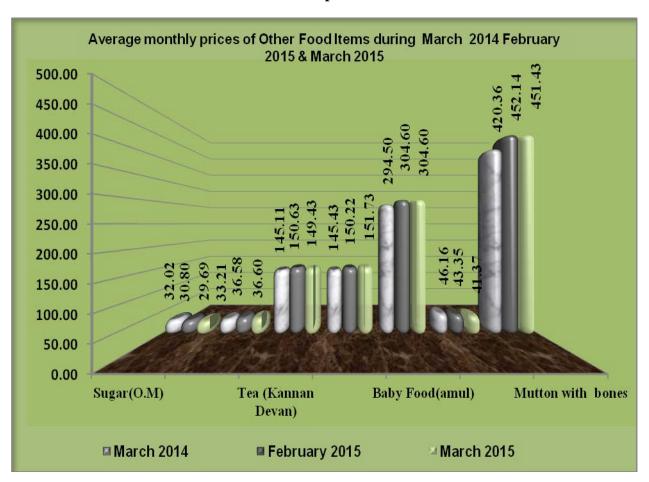
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

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 price of Sugar (O.M),), Tea (Kannan Devan), Egg (Hens) White Lagon and Mutton with bones showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 1.01% 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 Sugar (O.M) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed an upward trend up to 10%

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	F	Prices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation		
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.02	30.80	29.69	-3.60	-7.28
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.21	36.58	36.60	0.05	10.21
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	145.11	150.63	149.43	-0.80	2.98
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	145.43	150.22	151.73	1.01	4.33
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	294.50	304.60	304.60	0.00	3.43
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	46.16	43.35	41.37	-4.57	-10.39
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	420.36	452.14	451.43	-0.16	7.39

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

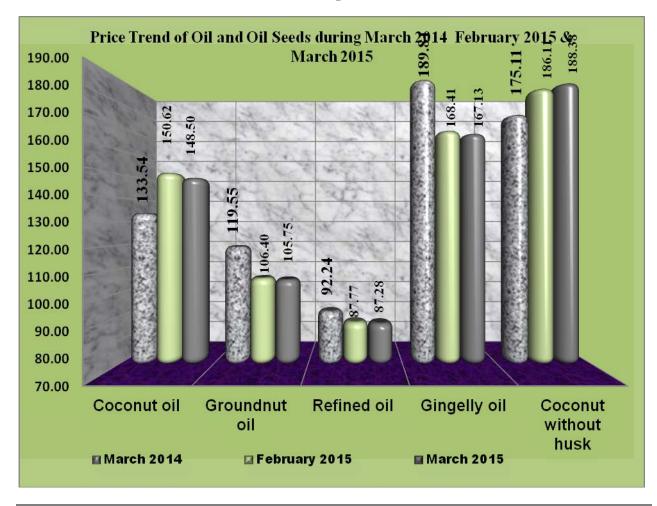
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

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 oil seeds except Coconut without husk, showed an downward trend up to 1.41% 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 Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil showed a negative trend of 11.54%, 5.38% and 11.95% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upword trend up to 11%.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	Prices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation		
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	133.54	150.62	148.50	-1.41	11.20
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	119.55	106.40	105.75	-0.61	-11.54
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	92.24	87.77	87.28	-0.56	-5.38
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	189.81	168.41	167.13	-0.76	-11.95
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	175.11	186.11	188.38	1.22	7.58

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

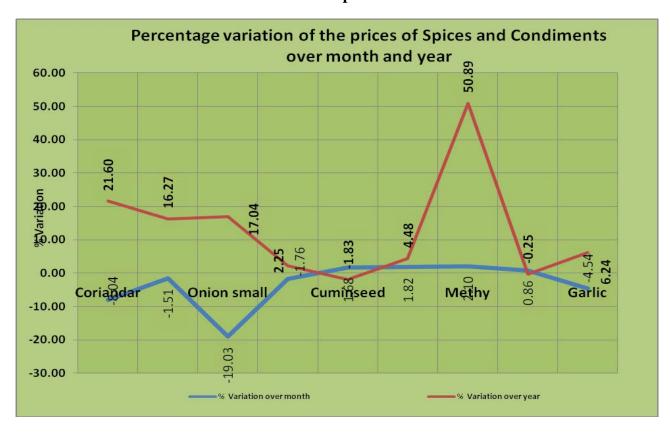
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coriander, Chillies dry, Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose and Garlic showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 2.1% 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 Cuminseed and Turmeric showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 51% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (21.60%), and Methy (50.89%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	Prices (in Rs.)	Percentage of Variation		
	v		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	104.95	138.77	127.62	-8.04	21.60
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	96.70	114.15	112.42	-1.51	16.27
3	Onion small	Kg.	26.68	38.57	31.23	-19.03	17.04
4	Tamarind without	Kg.					
	seeds loose		85.08	88.55	86.99	-1.76	2.25
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.14	21.38	21.74	1.68	-1.83
6	Mustard	100gm	7.65	7.85	7.99	1.82	4.48
7	Methy	100gm	7.00	10.35	10.56	2.10	50.89
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.93	14.77	14.89	0.86	-0.25
9	Garlic	100gm	9.26	10.31	9.84	-4.54	6.24

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

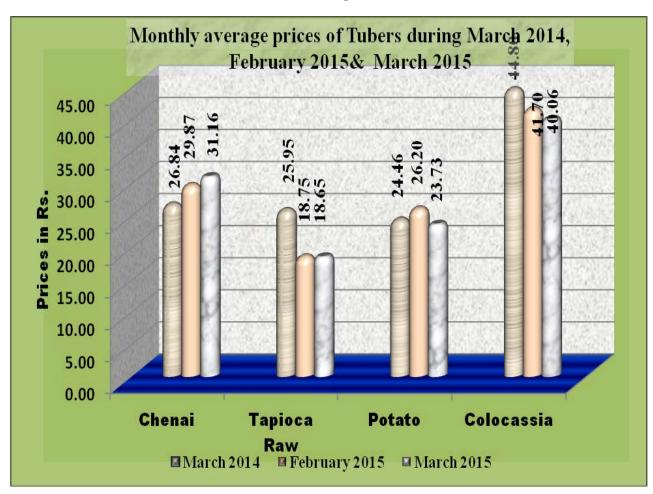
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the price 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 showed a downward trend up to 9% 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 Chenai increased by 16.08%, while the state average retail prices of Tapioca Raw, Potato and Colocassia showed a negative trend of 28.14%, 3.00% and 10.60% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation		
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Chenai	Kg.	26.84	29.87	31.16	4.34	16.08	
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.95	18.75	18.65	-0.55	-28.14	
3	Potato	Kg.	24.46	26.20	23.73	-9.42	-3.00	
4	Colocassia	Kg.	44.80	41.70	40.06	-3.94	-10.60	

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

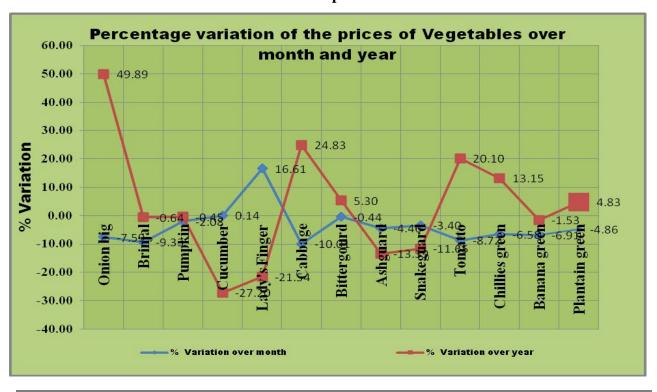
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables except Cucumber and Lady's Finger showed a downward trend up to 10% 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 Brinjal, Pumpkin, Cucumber, Lady's Finger, Ashgourd, Snakegourd and Banana green showed a downward trend 0.64%, 0.45%, 27.2%, 21.54%, 13.39%, 11.65% and 1.53% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 50% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Big (49.89%) and Cabbage (24.83%) 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.	Name of	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.)	n	Percentage (Of Variation
No.	Commodity		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.45	26.68	24.65	-7.59	49.89
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.66	25.93	23.51	-9.33	-0.64
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.00	16.27	15.93	-2.08	-0.45
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.77	16.55	16.58	0.14	-27.20
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.06	24.26	28.29	16.61	-21.54
6	Cabbage	Kg	18.54	25.71	23.14	-10.01	24.83
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	34.75	36.75	36.59	-0.44	5.30
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.50	17.68	16.89	-4.46	-13.39
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	26.18	23.94	23.13	-3.40	-11.65
10	Tomato	Kg.	14.47	19.03	17.37	-8.72	20.10
11	Chilies green	100gm	3.67	4.45	4.15	-6.58	13.15
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.84	31.56	29.38	-6.91	-1.53
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.58	27.08	25.76	-4.86	4.83

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 Tobacco, Toilet Soap(Lux) and 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 Razor Blade (Topaz) and Crocin showed an increasing trend up to 23.49%.

Table-8

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Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pı	rices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage	e Of Variation				
			March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year				
1	Tobacco	Kg.	156.07	159.02	158.93	-0.06	1.83				
2	Mundu Mull	Each	117.08	118.42	118.42	0.00	1.14				
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.64	40.64	40.64	0.00	2.52				
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.32				
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.75	24.30	24.04	-1.08	10.53				
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	37.65	40.36	40.86	1.23	8.53				
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.90	7.90	0.00	-4.82				
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.22	2.89	2.83	-1.99	-12.11				
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.21	14.29	14.29	0.00	0.56				
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.57	16.14	16.32	1.13	4.83				
11	Paper	24Sheet	13.89	14.43	14.64	1.46	5.40				
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	406.67	443.57	447.14	0.80	9.95				
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	342.00	421.61	422.33	0.17	23.49				

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

	Statement Showing T	he State A		il Prices Of E	ssential Con	nmodities	
	<u> </u>		month of M				
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			March	February	March	Over	Over
			2014	2015	2015	month	year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
I	Red - Matta	Kg	32.86	33.25	32.94	-0.93	0.24
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.84	36.25	35.38	-2.41	4.55
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.85	32.90	32.30	-1.84	1.41
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	97.70	108.87	107.90	-0.90	10.44
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	102.25	116.81	116.20	-0.52	13.64
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	73.46	89.06	89.72	0.73	22.12
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	67.55	85.00	85.71	0.84	26.88
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8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	51.23	53.53	54.23	1.30	5.85
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	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.02	30.80	29.69	-3.60	-7.28
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.21	36.58	36.60	0.05	10.21
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	145.11	150.63	149.43	-0.80	2.98
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	E. SPICES AND						
1	CONDIMENTS Corriander	Κα	104.05	120 77	407.00	0.04	21.60
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3	Onion small	Kg.	26.68	114.15	112.42	-1.51	
4	Tamarind without seeds	Kg.	20.00	38.57	31.23	-19.03	17.04
	loose		85.08	88.55	86.99	-1.76	2.25
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.14	21.38	21.74	1.68	-1.83
6	Mustard	100gm	7.65	7.85	7.99	1.82	4.48
7	Methy	100gm	7.00	10.35	10.56	2.10	50.89
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.93	14.77	14.89	0.86	-0.25
9	Garlic	100gm	9.26	10.31	9.84	-4.54	6.24

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	G. VEGETABLES							
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.45	26.68	24.65	-7.59	49.89	
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.66	25.93	23.51	-9.33	-0.64	
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.00	16.27	15.93	-2.08	-0.45	
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.77	16.55	16.58	0.14	-27.20	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.06	24.26	28.29	16.61	-21.54	
6	Cabbage	Kg	18.54	25.71	23.14	-10.01	24.83	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	34.75	36.75	36.59	-0.44	5.30	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	19.50	17.68	16.89	-4.46	-13.39	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	26.18	23.94	23.13	-3.40	-11.65	
10	Tomatto	Kg.	14.47	19.03	17.37	-8.72	20.10	
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.67	4.45	4.15	-6.58	13.15	
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.84	31.56	29.38	-6.91	-1.53	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.58	27.08	25.76	-4.86	4.83	
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS							
1	Tobacco	Kg.	156.07	159.02	158.93	-0.06	1.83	
2	Mundu Mull	Each	117.08	118.42	118.42	0.00	1.14	
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.64	40.64	40.64	0.00	2.52	
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.32	
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.75	24.30	24.04	-1.08	10.53	
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	37.65	40.36	40.86	1.23	8.53	
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.90	7.90	0.00	-4.82	
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.22	2.89	2.83	-1.99	-12.11	
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.21	14.29	14.29	0.00	0.56	
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	15.57	16.14	16.32	1.13	4.83	
11	Paper	24 Sheets	13.89	14.43	14.64	1.46	5.40	
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	406.67	443.57	447.14	0.80	9.95	
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	342.00	421.61	422.33	0.17	23.49	