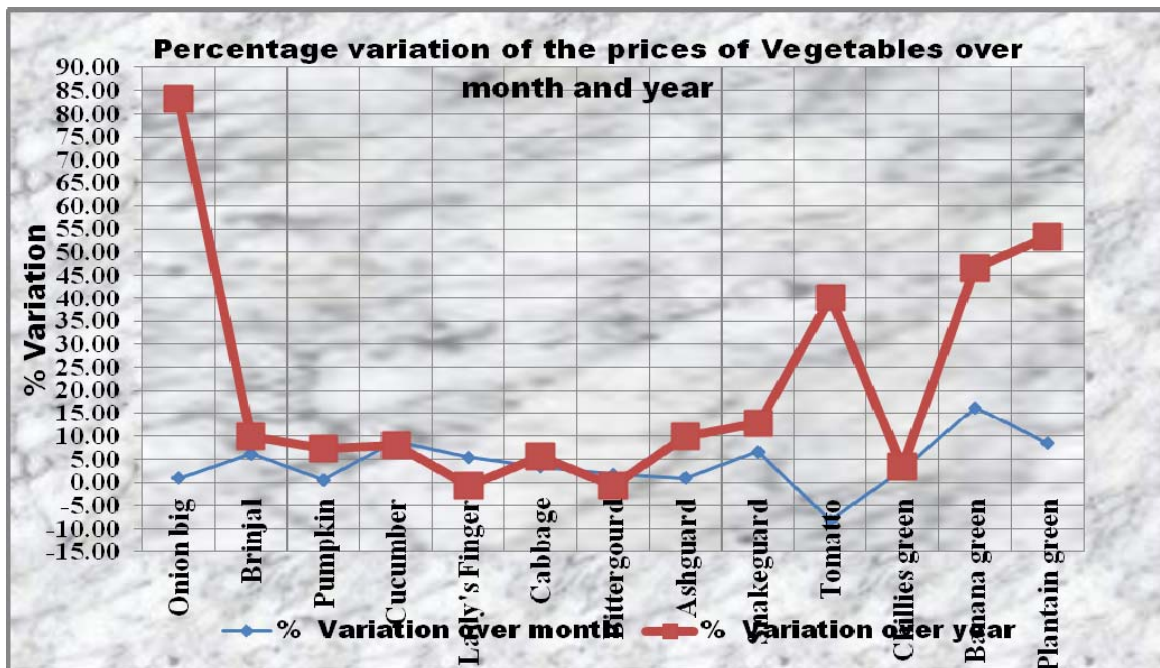




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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

JANUARY 2013

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2013. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the corresponding period of the last year as well as the last month. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January of the previous year 2012, previous month December 2012 and current month of January 2013 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. GroupWise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

1. RICE

Comparison of State average retail prices of different varieties of Rice

A mixed trend has been observed in the retail prices of Rice during the period under report when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Red Matta and Red Chamba has gone up by 5.61% and 4.51% respectively, while the price of white Andra Vella has decreased by 0.38% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous

Year all the items show an upward trend by about of 24% to 52%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of prices.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.16	34.64	36.59	5.61	51.44
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.55	32.53	34.00	4.51	44.37
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.44	30.66	30.54	-0.38	24.96

Graph-1



2. PULSES

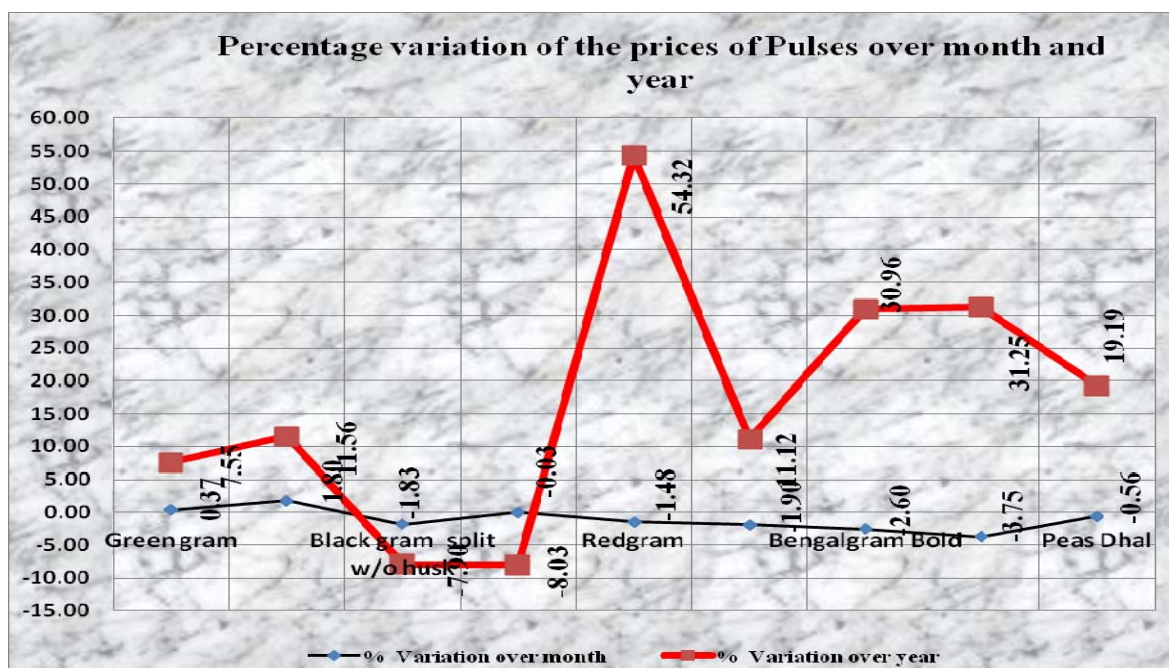
Comparison of State average retail prices of Pulses.

A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of pulses during the period under report when compared with both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A nominal increase in the price of Green gram and Green gram dhal was noticed, while all other items decreased by 1% to 4% when compared with price of the previous month. When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year Black gram split without husk and with husk showed a negative change and the price of all other items increased by 7% to 55%. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Red gram, Bengal gram bold, Bengal gram small and Peas Dhal when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	67.45	72.27	72.54	0.37	7.55
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	73.22	80.23	81.68	1.80	11.56
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.68	67.25	66.02	-1.83	-7.90
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.04	64.44	64.42	-0.03	-8.03
5	Redgram	Kg	46.47	72.79	71.71	-1.48	54.32
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.88	79.14	77.64	-1.90	11.12
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.46	74.56	72.63	-2.60	30.96
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.70	69.14	66.55	-3.75	31.25
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	37.04	44.39	44.14	-0.56	19.19

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

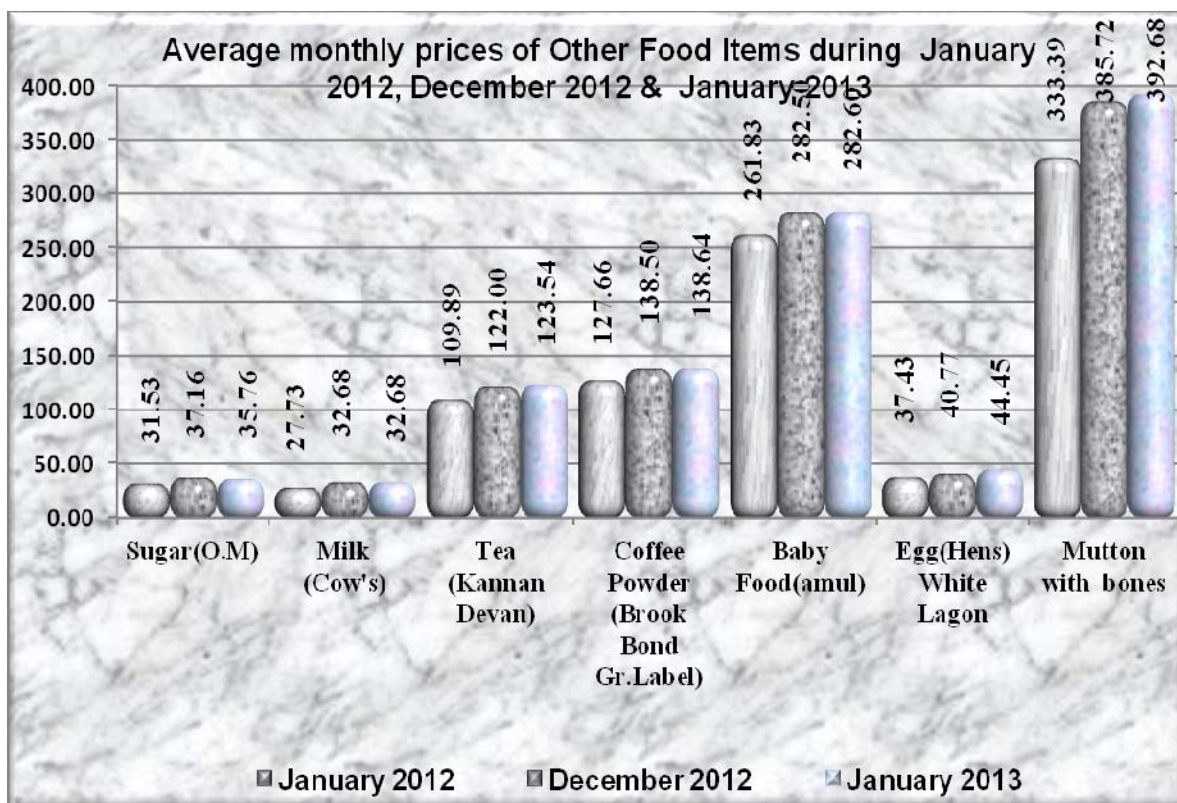
Comparison of State average retail prices of other food items.

During this period the state average retail price of all the items of other food items except sugar showed a nominal increase when compared with the price of the previous month. Sugar (OM) showed a marginal decrease by 3.77% when compared with the price of previous month. The prices of all the other items of this group increased by 7% to 19% 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	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.53	37.16	35.76	-3.77	13.43
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.73	32.68	32.68	0.00	17.84
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	109.89	122.00	123.54	1.26	12.42
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	127.66	138.50	138.64	0.10	8.60
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	261.83	282.50	282.60	0.04	7.93
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	37.43	40.77	44.45	9.05	18.75
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	333.39	385.72	392.68	1.81	17.78

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

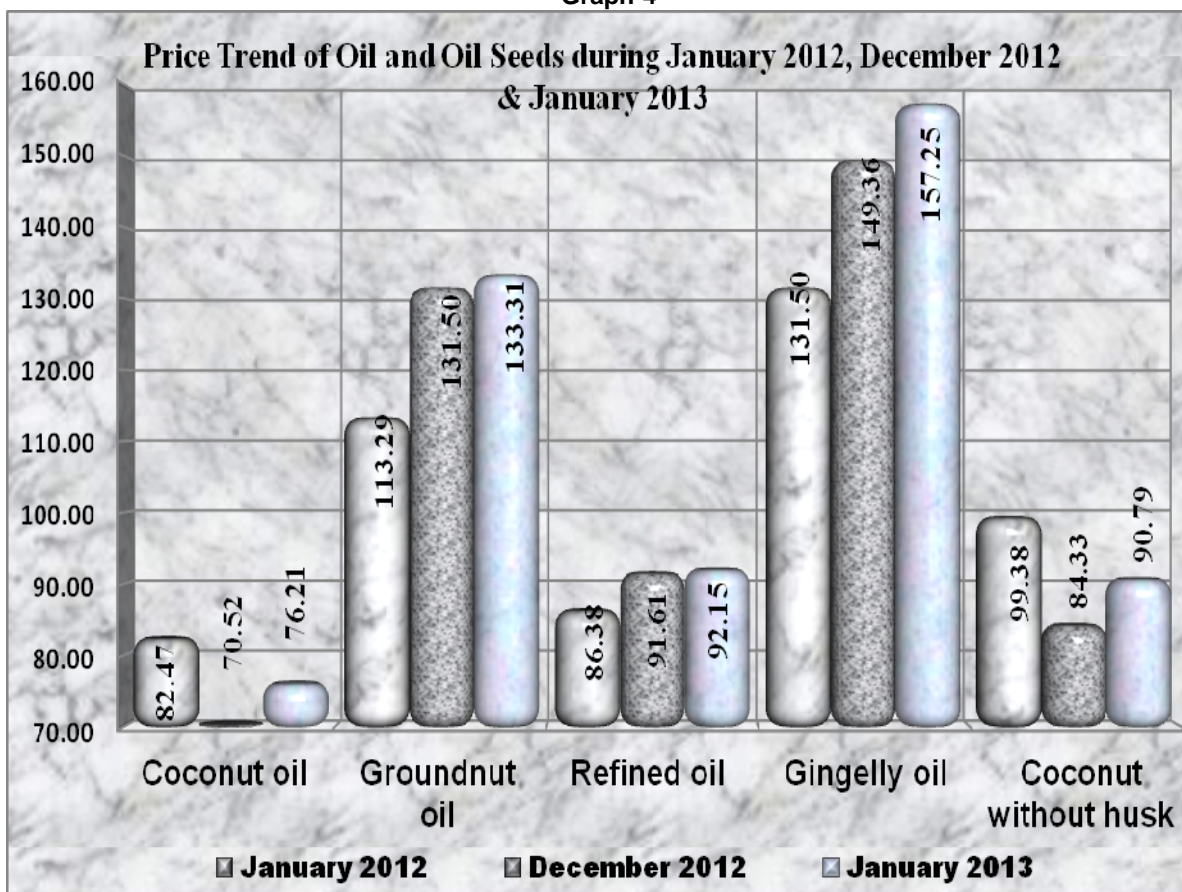
Comparison of State average retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period the prices of all items of oil and oilseeds showed an upward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of coconut oil and coconut without husk decreased by 7.59% and 8.64% while the prices of Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 17.68%, 6.68% and 19.58% respectively.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	82.47	70.52	76.21	8.07	-7.59
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	113.29	131.50	133.31	1.38	17.68
Refined oil	Ltr.	86.38	91.61	92.15	0.59	6.68
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	131.50	149.36	157.25	5.29	19.58
Coconut without husk	10 nos	99.38	84.33	90.79	7.66	-8.64

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State average retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

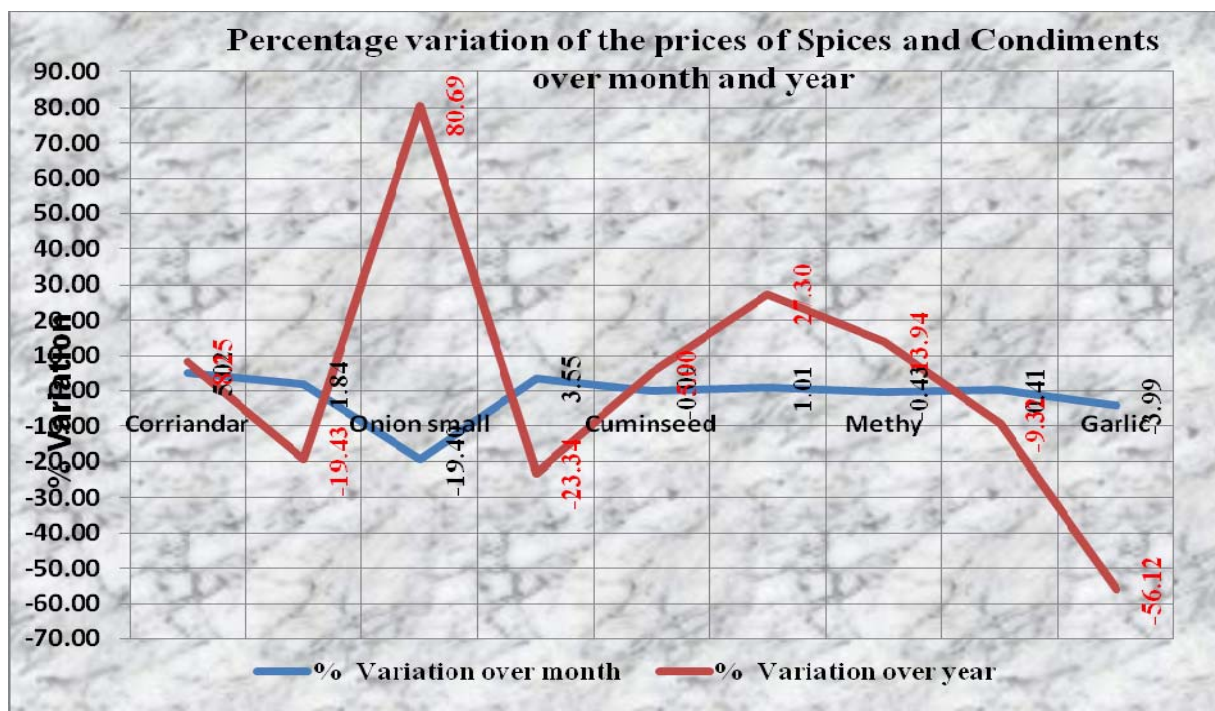
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail prices of spices and condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of onion small (19.40%), cumin seed (0.09%), Methy (0.43%) and garlic (3.99%) while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month.

Corriander, Onion small, Cuminseed, Mustard and Methy showed an upward trend of 8.25%, 80.69%, 5%, 27.30% and 13.94% respectively, while all the other items showed a downward trend 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	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	69.09	71.22	74.79	5.02	8.25
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	100.71	79.68	81.14	1.84	-19.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	23.13	51.84	41.79	-19.40	80.69
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	104.75	77.56	80.31	3.55	-23.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.26	23.39	23.37	-0.09	5.00
6	Mustard	100gm	6.12	7.71	7.79	1.01	27.30
7	Methy	100gm	6.15	7.04	7.01	-0.43	13.94
8	Turmeric	100gm	13.61	12.29	12.34	0.41	-9.32
9	Garlic	100gm	9.73	4.45	4.27	-3.99	-56.12

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State average retail prices of Tubers

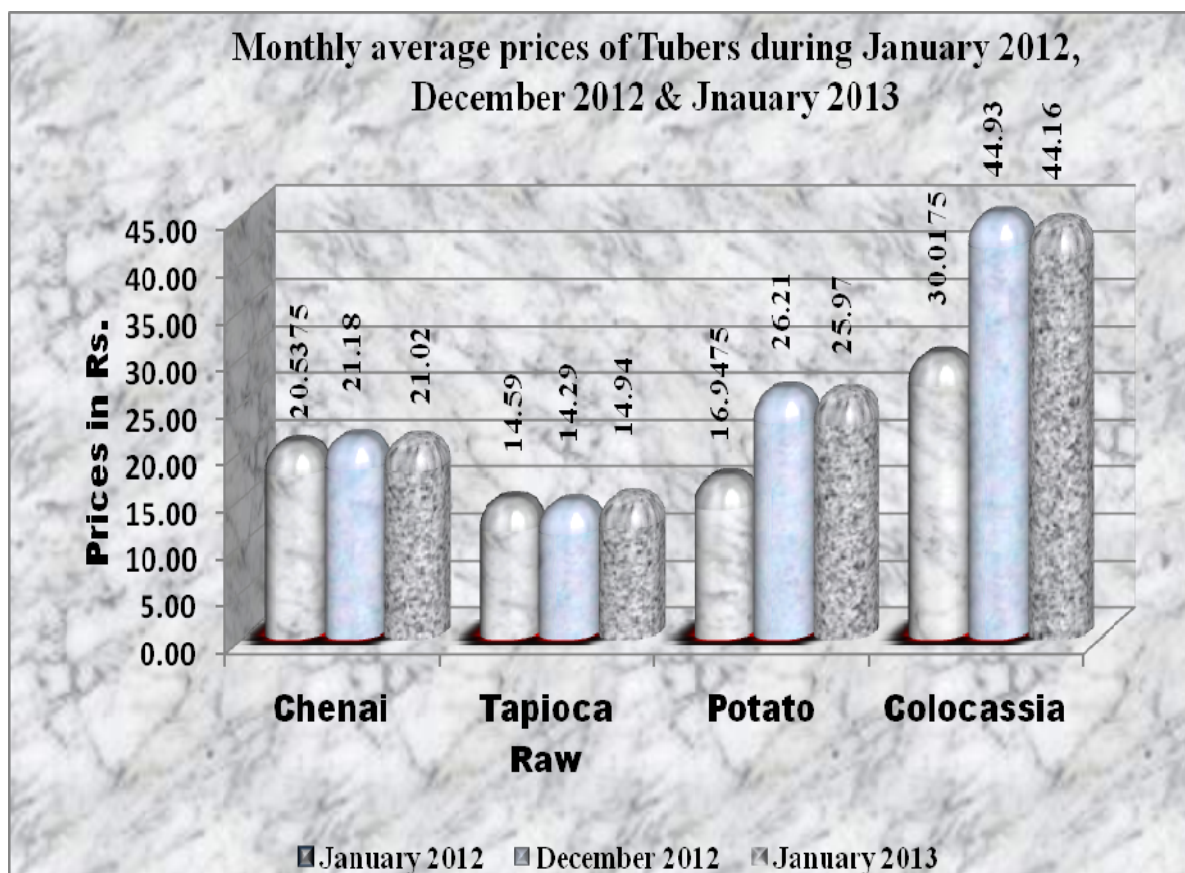
During this period the prices of all items of tubers except Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the prices of all items showed an increasing trend. The prices of all the four items have increased by about 2% to 54%.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	20.54	21.18	21.02	-0.76	2.34
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.59	14.29	14.94	4.58	2.42
3	Potato	Kg.	16.95	26.21	25.97	-0.94	53.21
4	Colocassia	Kg.	30.02	44.93	44.16	-1.71	47.11

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State average retail prices of Vegetables.

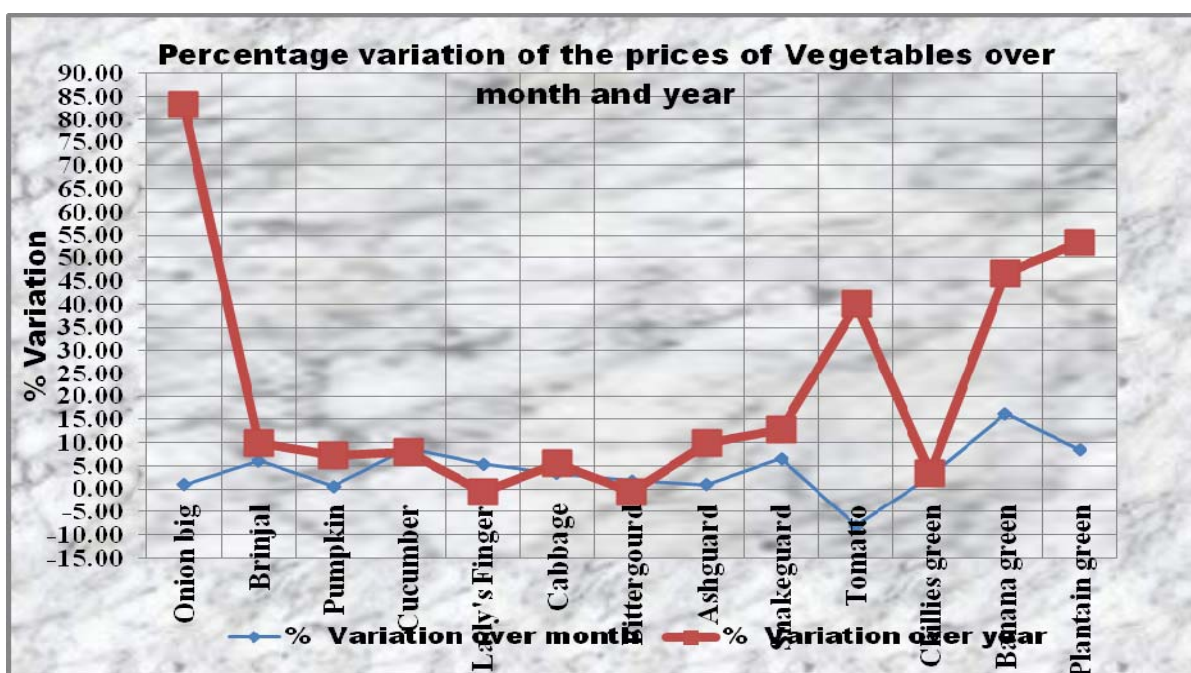
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the state average retail price of vegetables compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. During this period the prices of all items of vegetables except tomato showed as increasing trend by about 1% to 17% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The state average retail price of Bitter gourd (0.71%) and Ladies Finger (0.65%) showed a negative trend, while the prices of all other items increased by 3% to 84%. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Onion big, Tomato, Banana green and Plantain green when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	12.93	23.47	23.70	0.98	83.26
2	Brinjal	Kg.	20.47	21.22	22.52	6.14	10.03
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	13.73	14.65	14.73	0.58	7.26
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.45	17.32	18.86	8.85	8.08
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	27.50	25.91	27.32	5.45	-0.65
6	Cabbage	Kg.	17.43	17.80	18.40	3.33	5.54
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.77	31.95	32.54	1.85	-0.71
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.22	16.56	16.71	0.95	9.84
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.31	21.48	22.89	6.58	12.73
10	Tomato	Kg.	14.21	21.64	19.90	-8.07	39.98
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.50	3.52	3.62	2.84	3.43
12	Banana green	Kg.	27.91	35.16	40.89	16.30	46.51
13	Plantain green	Kg.	16.81	23.77	25.77	8.41	53.32

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of State average retail prices of miscellaneous items

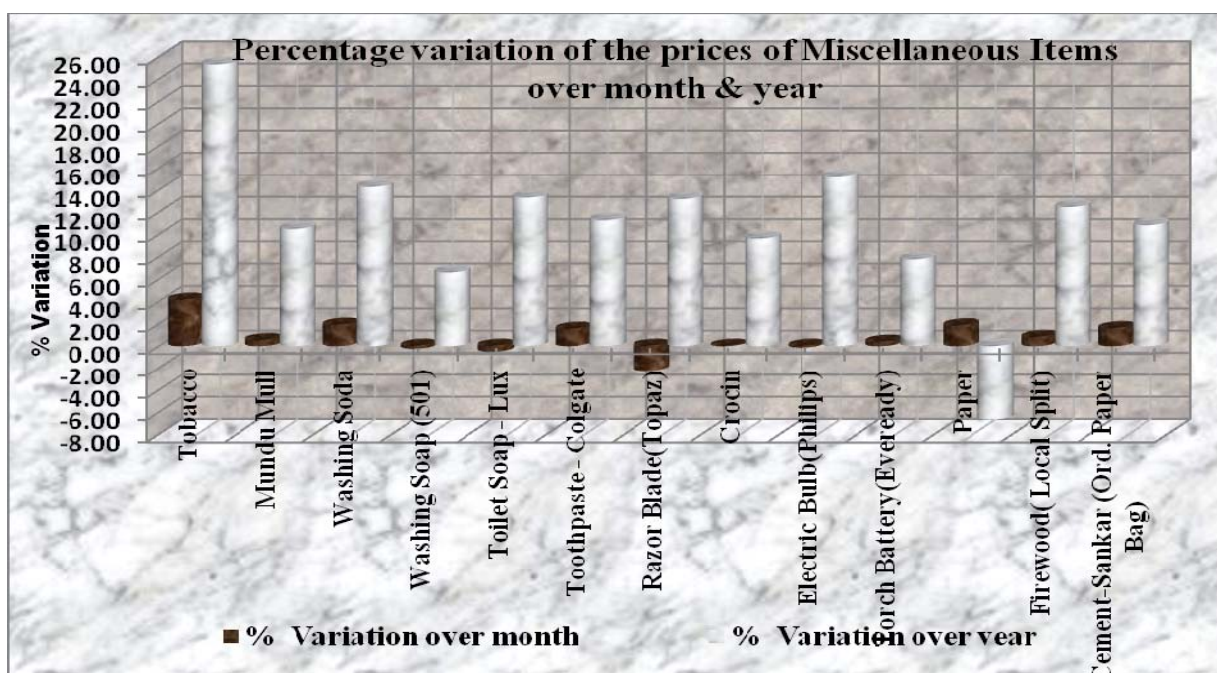
A mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of washing soap (0.23%), Toilet Soap-Lux (0.50%) Razor Blade (Topaz) (2.23%) and Electric Bulb (Philips) (0.13%) while 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 paper showed an increasing trend while the State average retail prices of paper decreased by 6.65%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	107.86	129.83	135.18	4.12	25.33
2	Mundu Mull	Each	95.86	105.40	105.93	0.51	10.50
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.97	35.86	36.54	1.90	14.30
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.07	15.04	15.00	-0.23	6.61
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	18.41	20.97	20.86	-0.50	13.32
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.93	35.00	35.54	1.53	11.29
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.54	8.73	8.54	-2.23	13.20
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.49	2.73	2.73	0.00	9.64
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.68	13.47	13.45	-0.13	15.18
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	14.00	15.04	15.09	0.37	7.79
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.00	13.75	14.00	1.84	-6.65
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	336.00	375.00	377.92	0.78	12.47
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	333.07	363.45	369.20	1.58	10.85

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of January 2013							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.16	34.64	36.59	5.61	51.44
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.55	32.53	34.00	4.51	44.37
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.44	30.66	30.54	-0.38	24.96
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	67.45	72.27	72.54	0.37	7.55
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	73.22	80.23	81.68	1.80	11.56
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.68	67.25	66.02	-1.83	-7.90
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.04	64.44	64.42	-0.03	-8.03
5	Redgram	Kg	46.47	72.79	71.71	-1.48	54.32
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.88	79.14	77.64	-1.90	11.12
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.46	74.56	72.63	-2.60	30.96
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.70	69.14	66.55	-3.75	31.25
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	37.04	44.39	44.14	-0.56	19.19
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.53	37.16	35.76	-3.77	13.43
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.73	32.68	32.68	0.00	17.84
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	109.89	122.00	123.54	1.26	12.42
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	127.66	138.50	138.64	0.10	8.60
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	82.47	70.52	76.21	8.07	-7.59
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	113.29	131.50	133.31	1.38	17.68
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	86.38	91.61	92.15	0.59	6.68
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	131.50	149.36	157.25	5.29	19.58
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	99.38	84.33	90.79	7.66	-8.64
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	69.09	71.22	74.79	5.02	8.25
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	100.71	79.68	81.14	1.84	-19.43
3	Onion small	Kg.	23.13	51.84	41.79	-19.40	80.69
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	104.75	77.56	80.31	3.55	-23.34
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.26	23.39	23.37	-0.09	5.00
6	Mustard	100gm	6.12	7.71	7.79	1.01	27.30
7	Methy	100gm	6.15	7.04	7.01	-0.43	13.94
8	Turmeric	100gm	13.61	12.29	12.34	0.41	-9.32
9	Garlic	100gm	9.73	4.45	4.27	-3.99	-56.12

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6	Cabbage	Kg	17.43	17.80	18.40	3.33	5.54
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.77	31.95	32.54	1.85	-0.71
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.22	16.56	16.71	0.95	9.84
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10	Tomatto	Kg.	14.21	21.64	19.90	-8.07	39.98
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.50	3.52	3.62	2.84	3.43
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	16.81	23.77	25.77	8.41	53.32
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	107.86	129.83	135.18	4.12	25.33
2	Mundu Mull	Each	95.86	105.40	105.93	0.51	10.50
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.97	35.86	36.54	1.90	14.30
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.07	15.04	15.00	-0.23	6.61
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	18.41	20.97	20.86	-0.50	13.32
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.93	35.00	35.54	1.53	11.29
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.54	8.73	8.54	-2.23	13.20
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9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.68	13.47	13.45	-0.13	15.18
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