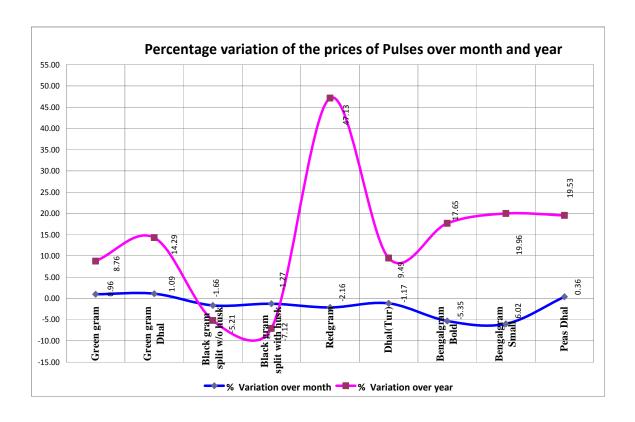


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PREFACE

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 Farmer's and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assumes significance, because the same 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, Agr. Production Commissioner, 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 corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

This publication is being prepared and published by Prices Division under the supervision of Sri.T.Gorkey Jose, Additional Director (Prices). I appreciate the work done by Smt.L.Sheeja (Assistant Director), Smt.K.Indira Devi (Research Officer), Sri.Sooraj Cheruthottathil (Statistical Assistant Grade I) and all the Price Reporters and Price Supervisers 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

MARCH 2013

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 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 March of the previous year 2012, previous month February 2013 and current month of March 2013 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. Group Wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, 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 mixed trend was observed in the state average retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. A nominal increase is seen in the price of Red-Matta and Red-Chamba, the price of White-Andra Vella shows a negative change when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year state average retail prices of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and White Andra Vella had increased by 50.78%, 49.72% & 20.00% respectively. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

SI.No. Name of Unit Prices (in Rs.) on Percentage Variation Commodity Over year March-**February** March -Over 2012 2013 month -2013 Red - Matta Kg 24.25 36.40 36.57 0.48 50.78 2 Red - Chamba Kg 23.10 34.08 34.59 1.47 49.72 3 White - Andra Vella Kg 25.11 30.61 30.14 -1.53 20.00

Table-1





2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

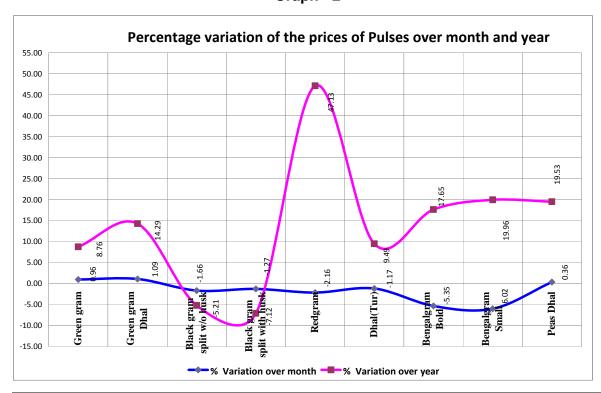
A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of green gram, green gram dhall and Peas dhall had increased by 0.96%, 1.09% and 0.36% respectively, while the price of all other items decreased by 1% to 7% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year state average retail price of Blackgram split without husk and with husk had decreased by 5.21% and 7.12% respectively, while all other items showed an upward trend of 8% to 48%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pr	ices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation		
			March-2012	February - 2013	March - 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	66.99	72.16	72.86	0.96	8.76
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	72.32	81.77	82.66	1.09	14.29
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	67.14	64.72	63.64	-1.66	-5.21
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.88	62.92	62.12	-1.27	-7.12
5	Redgram	Kg	47.29	71.11	69.57	-2.16	47.13
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	68.44	75.82	74.93	-1.17	9.49
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.12	68.52	64.86	-5.35	17.65
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.02	63.84	60.00	-6.02	19.96
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	36.86	43.89	44.05	0.36	19.53

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 prices of other food items when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Sugar (OM) and Egg hens (White Lagoon) had decreased by 2.23% and 4.12%, while all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. The prices of all other food items in this group increased by 6% to 26% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-3

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation		
			March- 2012	February - 2013	March - 2013	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.26	34.87	34.09	-2.23	9.06
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.62	32.68	32.68	0.00	18.31
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	111.51	125.07	126.13	0.84	13.10
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond	500gms					
	Gr.Label)		129.87	139.00	139.80	0.58	7.64
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	264.93	282.60	282.60	0.00	6.67
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	35.42	46.42	44.51	-4.12	25.64
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	341.57	392.14	394.29	0.55	15.43

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

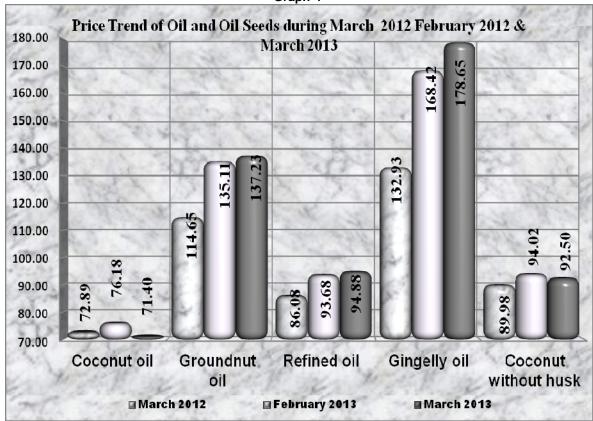
A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of Oil and Oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. During this period the prices of all items in this group except Coconut oil and Coconut without husk, showed an upward trend when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, state average retail price of Coconut Oil had decreased by 2.05%, while the prices of all other items had increased by 2% to 35%.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Pr	rices (in Rs.)	on		
		March-2012	February - 2013	March - 2013	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	72.89	76.18	71.40	-6.28	-2.05
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	114.65	135.11	137.23	1.56	19.69
Refined oil	Ltr.	86.08	93.68	94.88	1.28	10.22
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	132.93	168.42	178.65	6.07	34.39
Coconut without husk	10 nos	89.98	94.02	92.50	-1.61	2.80





5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

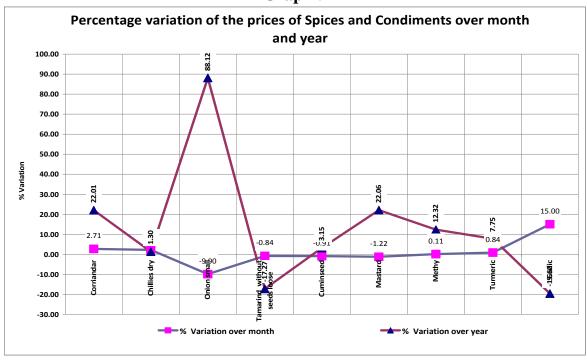
A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of spices and condiments compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose, Cumin seed and Mustard showed a negative change of 9.90%, 0.84%, 0.91% and 1.22% respectively, while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed an upward trend of 1% to 15% when compared with the price of the previous month.

Tamarind without seeds loose, and Garlic showed a downward trend of 17.27% and 19.62% respectively while the prices of all other items has increased by 1% to 89%. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of Onion small (88.12%), when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation		
	·		March- 2012	February -2013	March - 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Corriandar	Kg.	66.56	79.07	81.22	2.71	22.01	
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	83.45	82.70	84.54	2.23	1.30	
3	Onion small	Kg.	19.09	39.86	35.91	-9.90	88.12	
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	94.64	78.97	78.30	-0.84	-17.27	
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.57	23.50	23.29	-0.91	3.15	
6	Mustard	100gm	6.28	7.77	7.67	-1.22	22.06	
7	Methy	100gm	6.27	7.04	7.04	0.11	12.32	
8	Turmeric	100gm	11.75	12.56	12.66	0.84	7.75	
9	Garlic	100gm	5.96	4.17	4.79	15.00	-19.62	

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

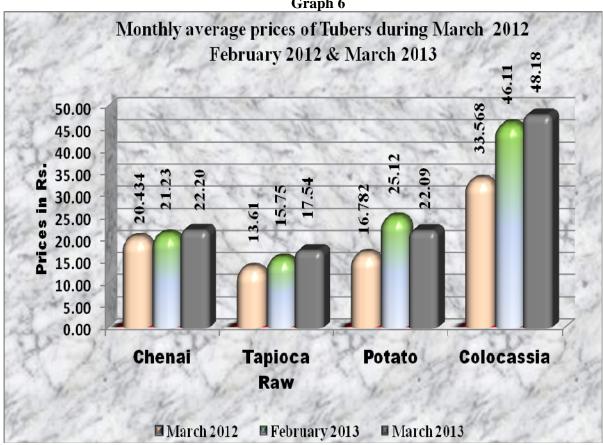
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of Tubers except Potato showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year all items showed an increasing trend by 8% to 44%.

Table-6

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation		
			March- 2012	February -2013	March - 2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Chenai	Kg.	20.43	21.23	22.20	4.53	8.62	
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	13.61	15.75	17.54	11.38	28.88	
3	Potato	Kg.	16.78	25.12	22.09	-12.08	31.61	
4	Colocassia	Kg.	33.57	46.11	48.18	4.49	43.52	





7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

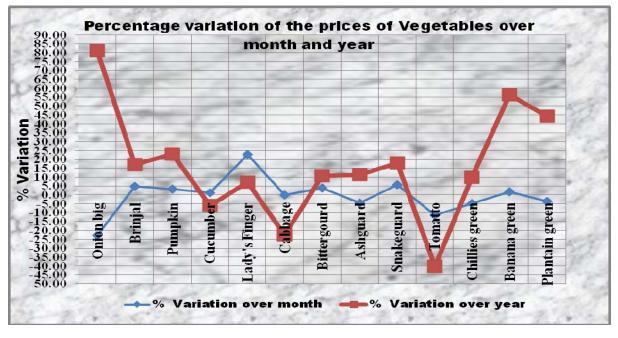
A mixed trend is seen in the State average retail prices of Vegetables compared with that of previous month as well as the corresponding month of previous year. The price of Onion big, Ash gourd, Tomato, Chilies green and Plantain green showed a downward trend of 22.87%, 4.47%, 11.37%, 4.95% and 3.49% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed on upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The state average retail price of Cucumber, Cabbage and Tomato showed a negative trend while the prices of all other items increased by 7% to 82%. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Onion big (81.15%), Banana green (56.33%), and Plantain green (44.18%) 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 Unit Name of Prices (in Rs.) on **Percentage Of Variation** No. Commodity March-February -March -Over previous Over previous 2012 2013 Year 2013 month 1 Onion big Kg. 11.10 26.07 20.11 81.15 -22.87 Brinjal 2 Kg. 21.44 23.97 25.07 4.61 16.95 3 Pumpkin 13.30 16.38 Kg. 15.88 23.08 3.15 4 Cucumber 18.90 17.54 Kg. 17.75 1.24 -6.07 Lady's Finger 5 36.42 38.98 7.04 Kg. 31.77 22.70 6 Cabbage Kg 23.81 18.43 18.43 -22.60 0.00 Bitter gourd 30.74 32.70 34.00 Kg. 3.99 10.61 Ash gourd 15.13 17.63 8 Kg. 16.84 -4.47 11.27 Snake gourd 9 Kg. 21.50 23.98 25.32 5.58 17.79 10 Tomatto Kg. 26.06 17.61 15.61 -40.11 -11.37 Chillies green 11 100gm 3.15 3.64 3.46 9.91 -4.95

Banana green 12 Kg. 26.73 41.11 41.79 56.33 1.65 Plantain green 13 Kg. 17.30 25.85 24.94 -3.49 44.18

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the state average retail prices of the miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month. Firewood (local split) and Cement-Sankar showed a negative change while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items showed an increasing trend by 1% to 39%. Notable increase was seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco (38.52%).

Table-8

SI.N	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pri	ices (in Rs) on	Percentage Of Variation		
	Name of Commodity	Offic		<u> </u>				
0			March-	Februar	March -	Over	Over	
			2012	y -2013	2013	previous	previous	
						month	Year	
1	Tobacco	Kg.	109.64	146.34	151.88	3.78	38.52	
2	Mundu Mull	Each	96.57	105.93	106.05	0.11	9.81	
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.80	36.79	37.00	0.58	16.36	
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.17	15.04	15.18	0.93	7.11	
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	19.03	20.84	20.93	0.42	9.97	
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	32.03	36.21	36.43	0.60	13.74	
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.04	8.50	8.55	0.59	6.34	
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.60	2.65	2.65	0.00	1.77	
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.71	13.43	13.43	0.00	14.69	
10	Torch Battery	Each						
	(Eveready)		14.04	15.13	15.21	0.51	8.33	
11	Paper	24Sheet	13.12	14.04	14.04	0.00	6.98	
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	336.67	377.92	377.75	-0.04	12.20	
13	Cement - Sankar	Packet						
	(Ord.Paper Bag)		341.08	369.45	367.33	-0.57	7.70	

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities										
		for The	month of N	March 2013						
SI.	Name of Commodity	Unit	F	Prices (in Rs.)	on		ntage of iation			
No.			March-2012	February2013	March 2013	Over month	Over year			
	A. RICE - Open Market	14								
ı	Red - Matta	Kg	24.25	36.40	36.57	0.48	50.78			
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.10	34.08	34.59	1.47	49.72			
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	25.11	30.61	30.14	-1.53	20.00			
	B. PULSES									
1	Green gram	Kg	66.99	72.16	72.86	0.96	8.76			
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	72.32	81.77	82.66	1.09	14.29			
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	67.14	64.72	63.64	-1.66	-5.21			
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.88	62.92	62.12	-1.27	-7.12			
5	Redgram	Kg	47.29	71.11	69.57	-2.16	47.13			
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	68.44	75.82	74.93	-1.17	9.49			
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.12	68.52	64.86	-5.35	17.65			
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.02	63.84	60.00	-6.02	19.96			
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	36.86	43.89	44.05	0.36	19.53			
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS									
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.26	34.87	34.09	-2.23	9.06			
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS									
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5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	89.98	94.02	92.50	-1.61	2.80			
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS									
1	Corriander	Kg.	66.56	79.07	81.22	2.71	22.01			
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4	Cucumber	Kg.	18.90	17.54	17.75	1.24	-6.07	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	36.42	31.77	38.98	22.70	7.04	
6	Cabbage	Kg	23.81	18.43	18.43	0.00	-22.60	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	30.74	32.70	34.00	3.99	10.61	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.13	17.63	16.84	-4.47	11.27	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	21.50	23.98	25.32	5.58	17.79	
10	Tomatto	Kg.	26.06	17.61	15.61	-11.37	-40.11	
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.15	3.64	3.46	-4.95	9.91	
12	Banana green	Kg.	26.73	41.11	41.79	1.65	56.33	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	17.30	25.85	24.94	-3.49	44.18	
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS							
1	Tobacco	Kg.	109.64	146.34	151.88	3.78	38.52	
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6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	32.03	36.21	36.43	0.60	13.74	
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.04	8.50	8.55	0.59	6.34	
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.60	2.65	2.65	0.00	1.77	
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.71	13.43	13.43	0.00	14.69	
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