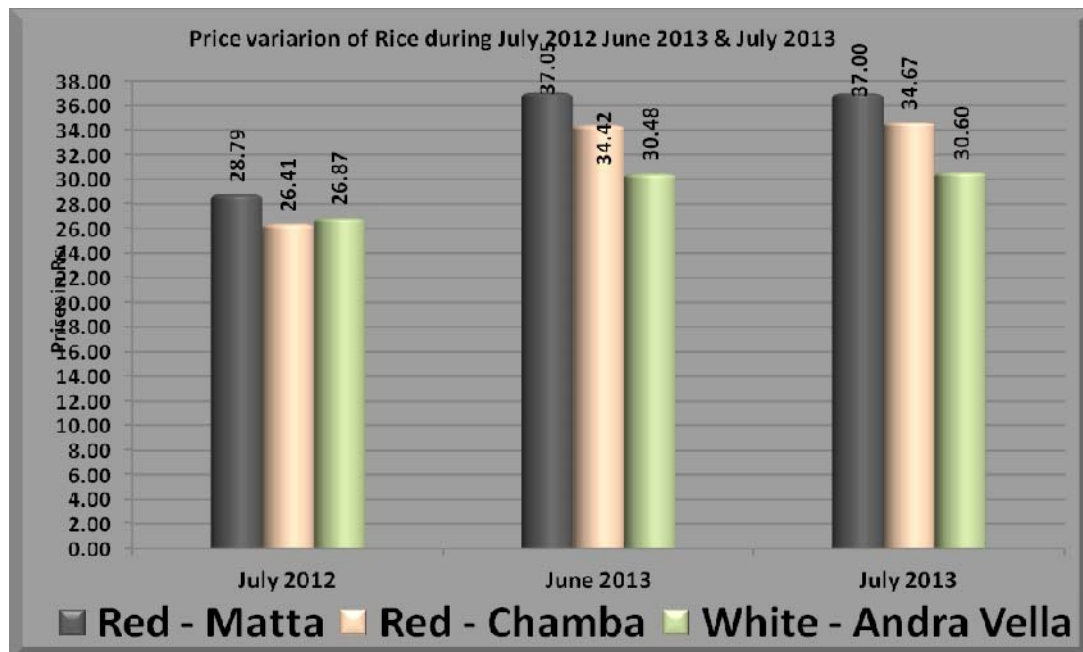




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

**JULY 2013**

### **Introduction**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of July 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 July of the previous year 2012, previous month June 2013 and current month of July 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 representation.*

# 1. RICE

## Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

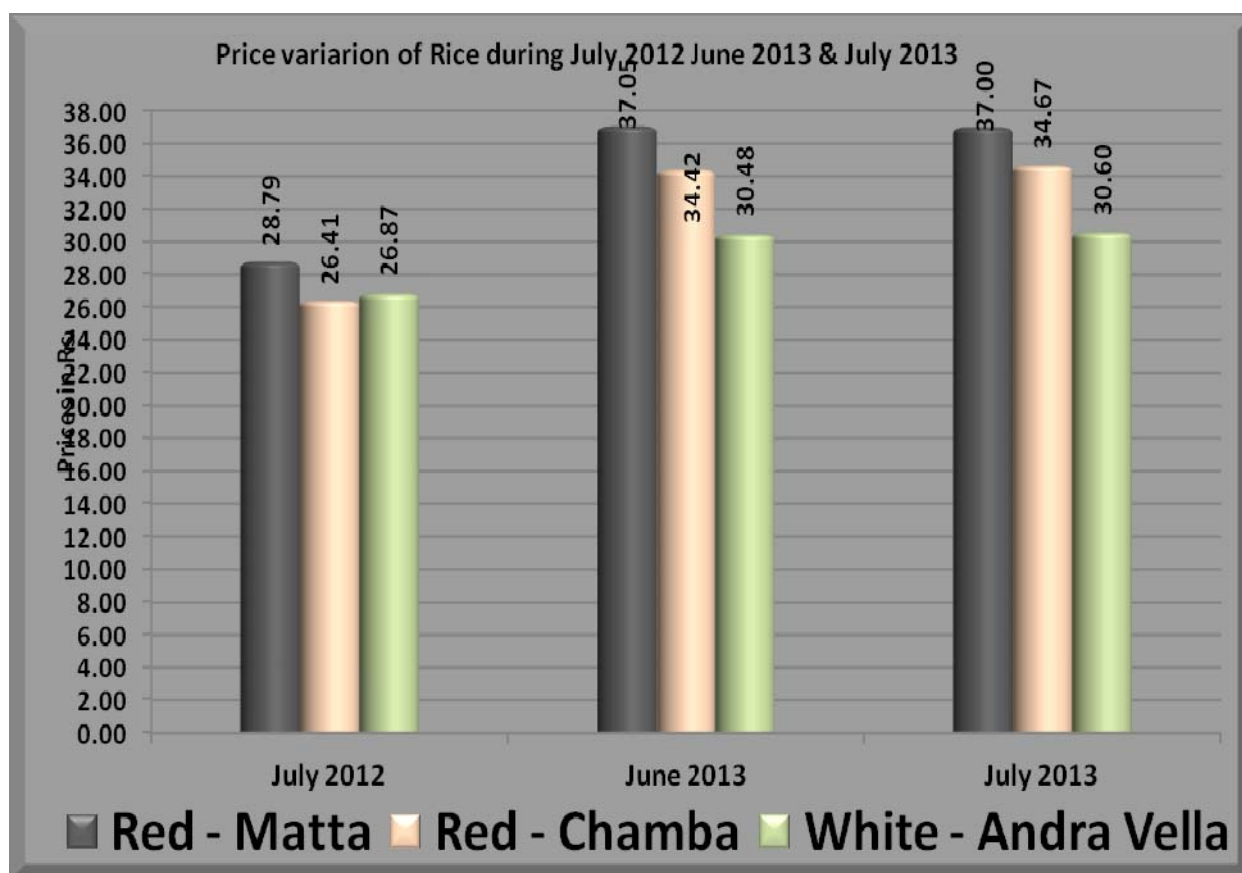
A mixed trend has been observed in the retail prices of Rice during the period under report when compared with the price of the previous month. A nominal increase is seen in the price of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella, the price of Red Matta showed a negative change when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 28.51%, 31.25% and 13.91% respectively. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	28.79	37.05	37.00	-0.14	28.51
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	26.41	34.42	34.67	0.73	31.25
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	26.87	30.48	30.60	0.40	13.91

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

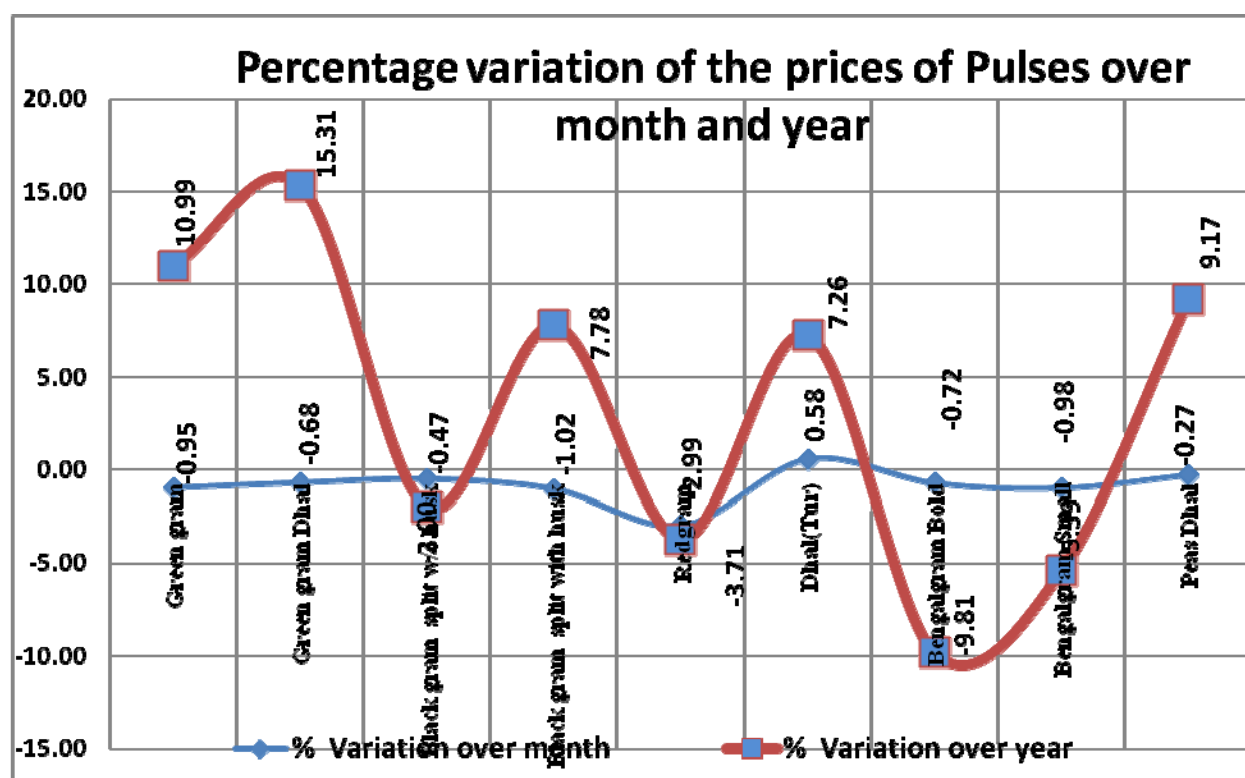
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

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. During this period the prices of all items of Pulses except Dhal (Tur) showed a negative change up to 3%, 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 price of Black gram split w/o husk, Redgram, Bengalgram Bold and Bengalgram Small had decreased by 2.00%,3.71%,9.81% and 5.39% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 7% to 16% . 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	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	67.13	75.22	74.50	-0.95	10.99
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	72.57	84.25	83.68	-0.68	15.31
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	65.31	64.30	64.00	-0.47	-2.00
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	56.75	61.79	61.17	-1.02	7.78
5	Redgram	Kg	65.04	64.55	62.62	-2.99	-3.71
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	72.82	77.66	78.11	0.58	7.26
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	66.88	60.75	60.31	-0.72	-9.81
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	60.25	57.57	57.00	-0.98	-5.39
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	42.87	46.93	46.80	-0.27	9.17

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

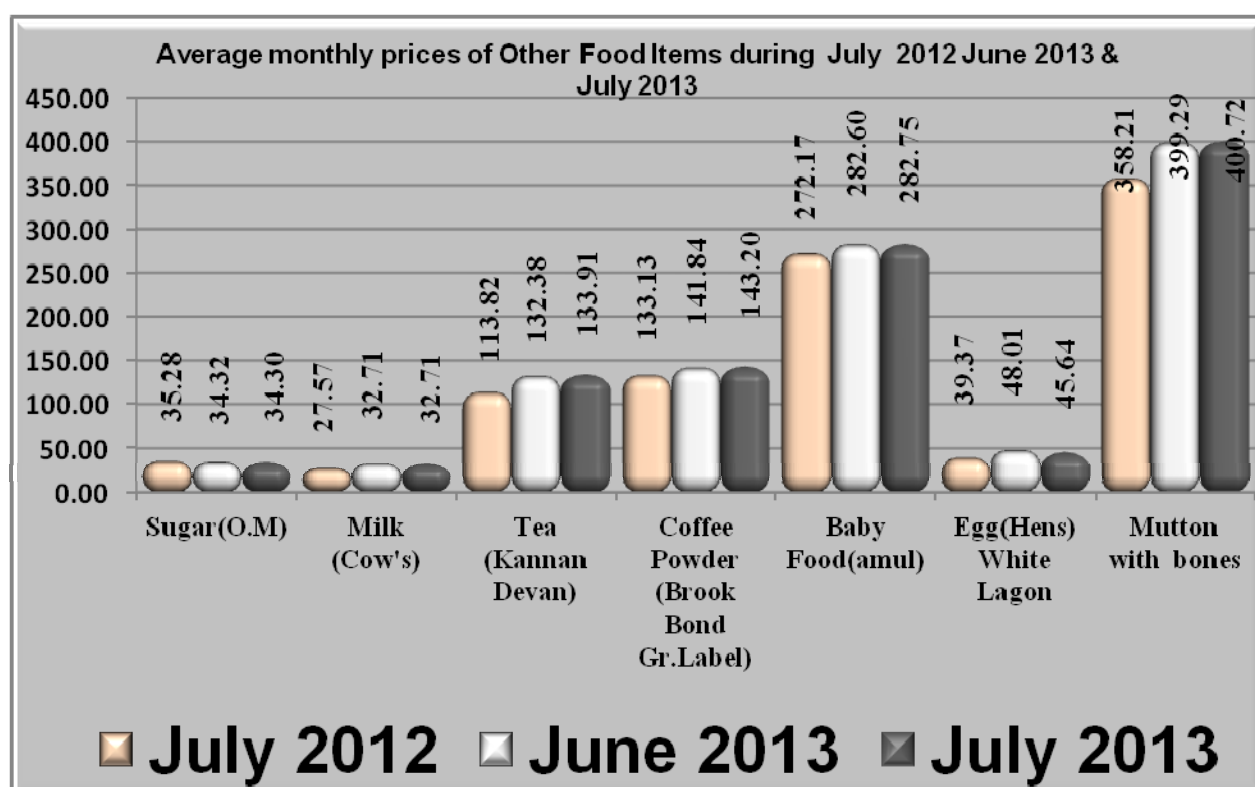
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Sugar (OM) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon had decreased by 0.07% and 4.93%, while all other items showed an upward trend 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 Sugar (OM) had decreased by 2.78%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 3% to 19%.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.28	34.32	34.30	-0.07	-2.78
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.57	32.71	32.71	0.00	18.64
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	113.82	132.38	133.91	1.16	17.65
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	133.13	141.84	143.20	0.96	7.57
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	272.17	282.60	282.75	0.05	3.89
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	39.37	48.01	45.64	-4.93	15.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	358.21	399.29	400.72	0.36	11.87

Graph-3



#### 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

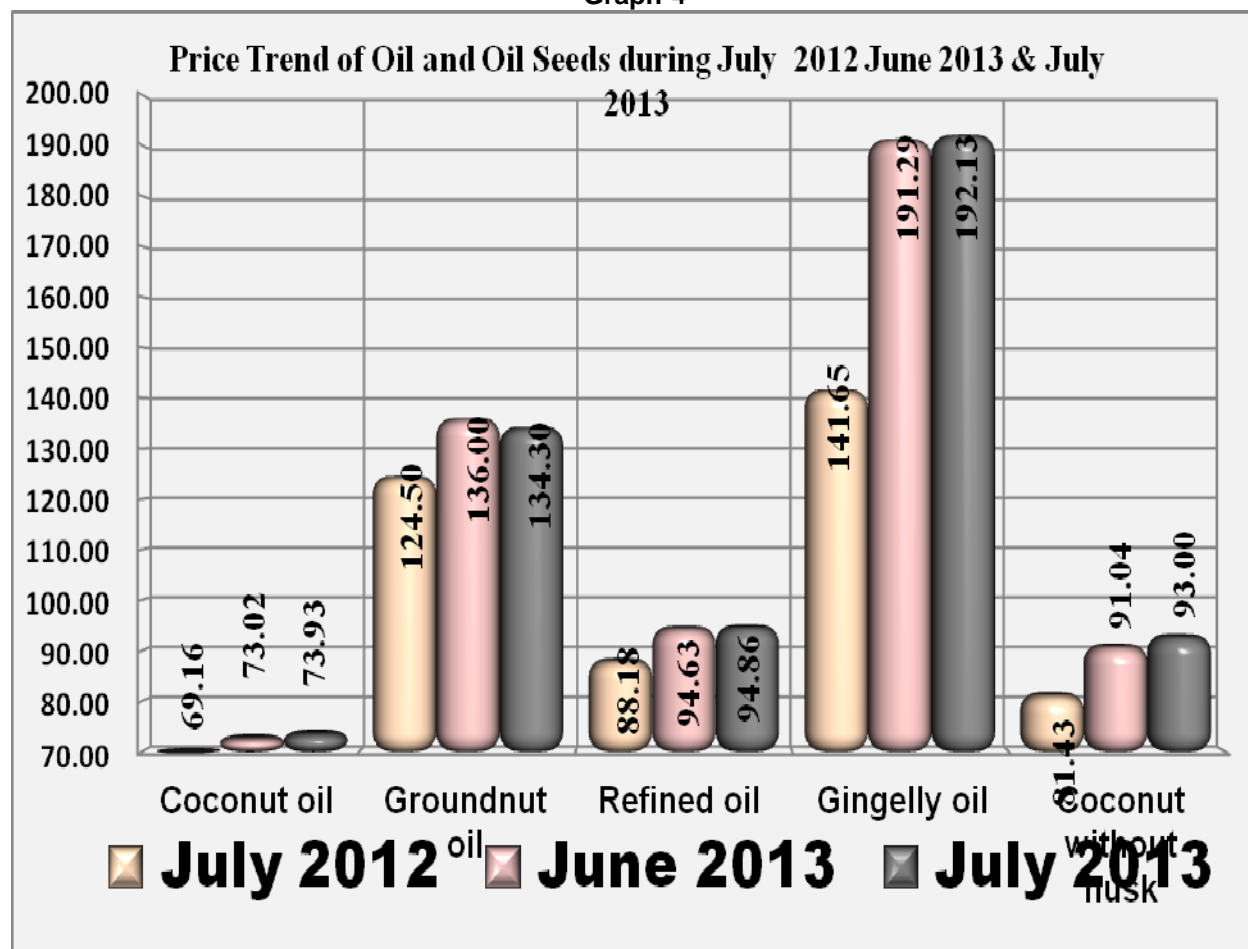
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month. The prices of all items except Groundnut oil showed a negative change when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items increased by 6% to 36%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (35.64%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-4**

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Over month	Over year
		July -2012	June-2013	July -2013		
Coconut oil	Ltr.	69.16	73.02	73.93	1.25	6.90
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	124.50	136.00	134.30	-1.25	7.87
Refined oil	Ltr.	88.18	94.63	94.86	0.25	7.58
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	141.65	191.29	192.13	0.44	35.64
Coconut without husk	10 nos	81.43	91.04	93.00	2.16	14.22

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

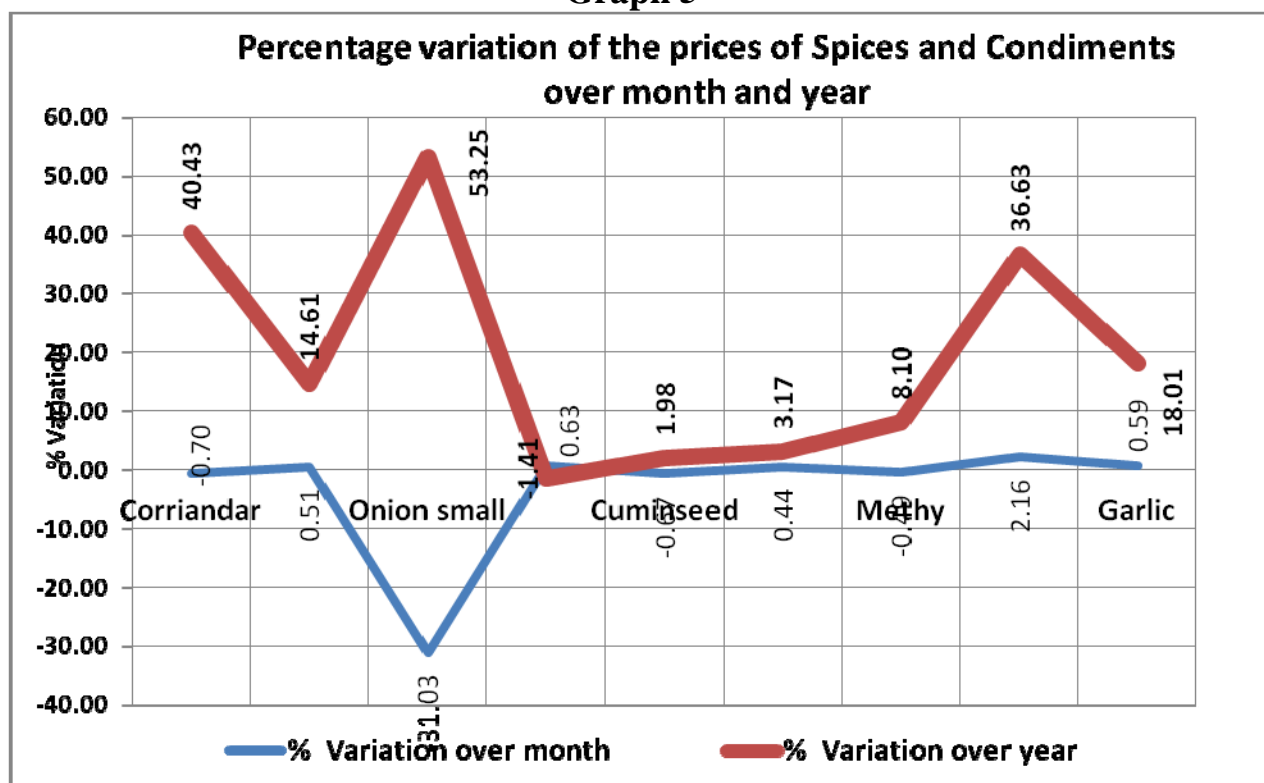
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of spices and condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Coriander, Onion small, Cuminseed and Methy, while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month.

Tamarind without seeds loose showed a negative change of (1.41 %), while the state average retail prices of all other items increased by 1% to 54 % when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of Onion small (53.25%) Coriander (40.43%), and Turmeric (36.63%) when compared with the prices of the the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	65.46	92.58	91.93	-0.70	40.43
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	76.73	87.50	87.95	0.51	14.61
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.96	84.36	58.18	-31.03	53.25
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	81.29	79.64	80.14	0.63	-1.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.45	23.05	22.89	-0.67	1.98
6	Mustard	100gm	7.18	7.38	7.41	0.44	3.17
7	Methy	100gm	6.51	7.07	7.04	-0.49	8.10
8	Turmeric	100gm	10.48	14.02	14.32	2.16	36.63
9	Garlic	100gm	5.03	5.90	5.93	0.59	18.01

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

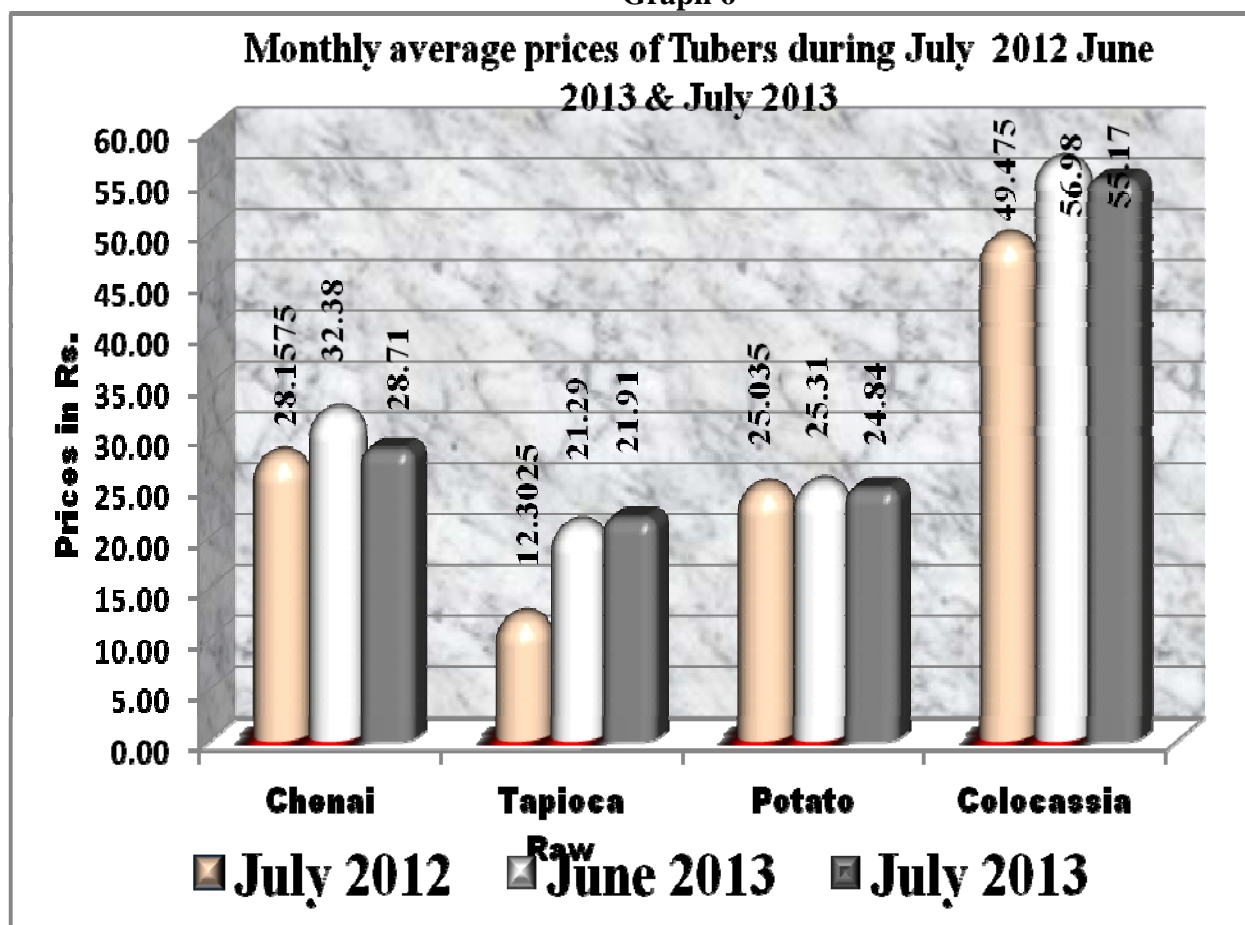
During this period the prices of all items of tubers except Tapioca raw showed a downward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of corresponding month of the previous year the prices of all items except Potato showed an increasing trend by 1% to 78%. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of Tapioca Raw (78.09%), 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	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	28.16	32.38	28.71	-11.31	1.97
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	12.30	21.29	21.91	2.94	78.09
3	Potato	Kg.	25.04	25.31	24.84	-1.84	-0.78
4	Colocassia	Kg.	49.48	56.98	55.17	-3.18	11.51

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

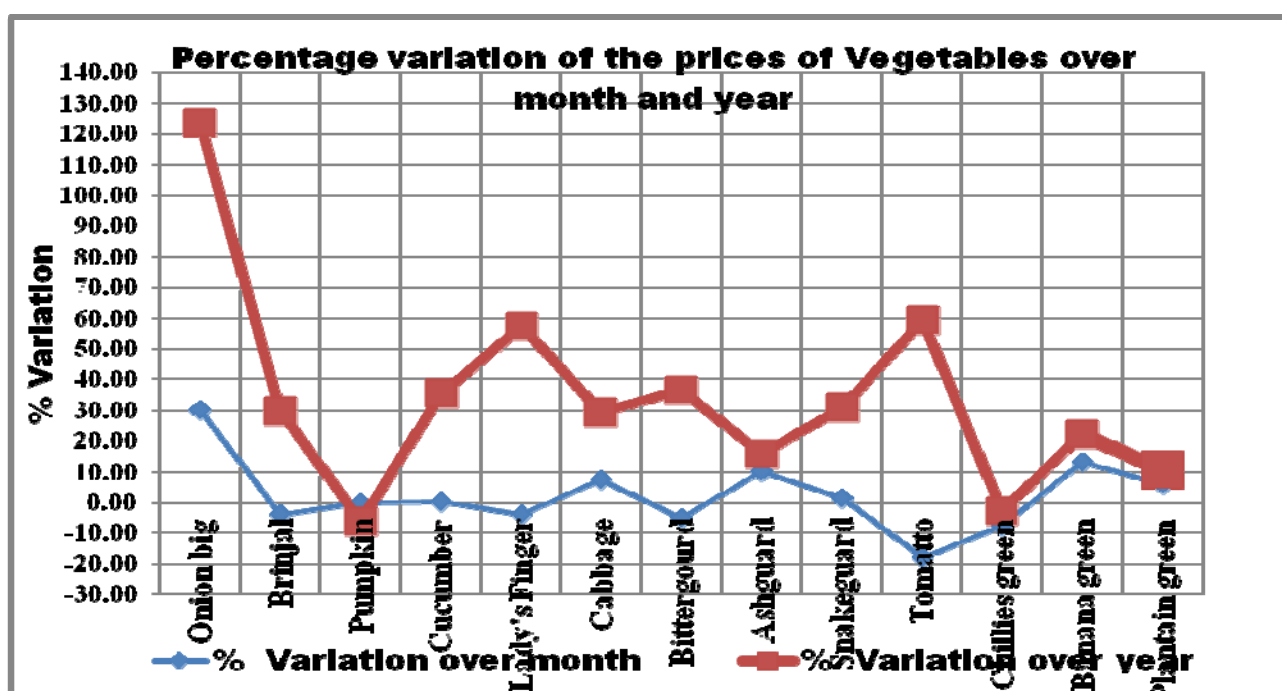
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Brinjal, Pumpkin, Lady's Finger, Bittergourd, Tomatto and Chillies green showed a downward trend of 3.81%, 0.29%, 4.05%, 4.97%, 17.85% and 7.66% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 1% to 31% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The state average a retail prices of Pumpkin (6.37%) and Chillies green (2.83%) and showed a negative trend, while the prices of all other items increased by 10% to 123% when compared with the prices of corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (123.87%), Cucumber (35.39%), Ladies Finger (57.31%) Bittergourd (36.46%) and Tomato (59.30%), 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 Vegetables.

**Table-7**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	14.06	24.16	31.47	30.24	123.87
2	Brinjal	Kg.	22.63	30.52	29.36	-3.81	29.75
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	19.57	18.38	18.32	-0.29	-6.37
4	Cucumber	Kg.	14.74	19.89	19.95	0.33	35.39
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.00	34.43	33.04	-4.05	57.31
6	Cabbage	Kg	25.34	30.47	32.75	7.50	29.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	31.79	45.65	43.38	-4.97	36.46
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.84	18.73	20.63	10.13	15.64
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	24.52	31.63	32.05	1.35	30.73
10	Tomatto	Kg.	24.93	48.34	39.71	-17.85	59.30
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.78	5.03	4.64	-7.66	-2.83
12	Banana green	Kg.	39.22	42.41	47.95	13.05	22.27
13	Plantain green	Kg.	22.67	23.67	25.08	5.94	10.61

**Graph-7**



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

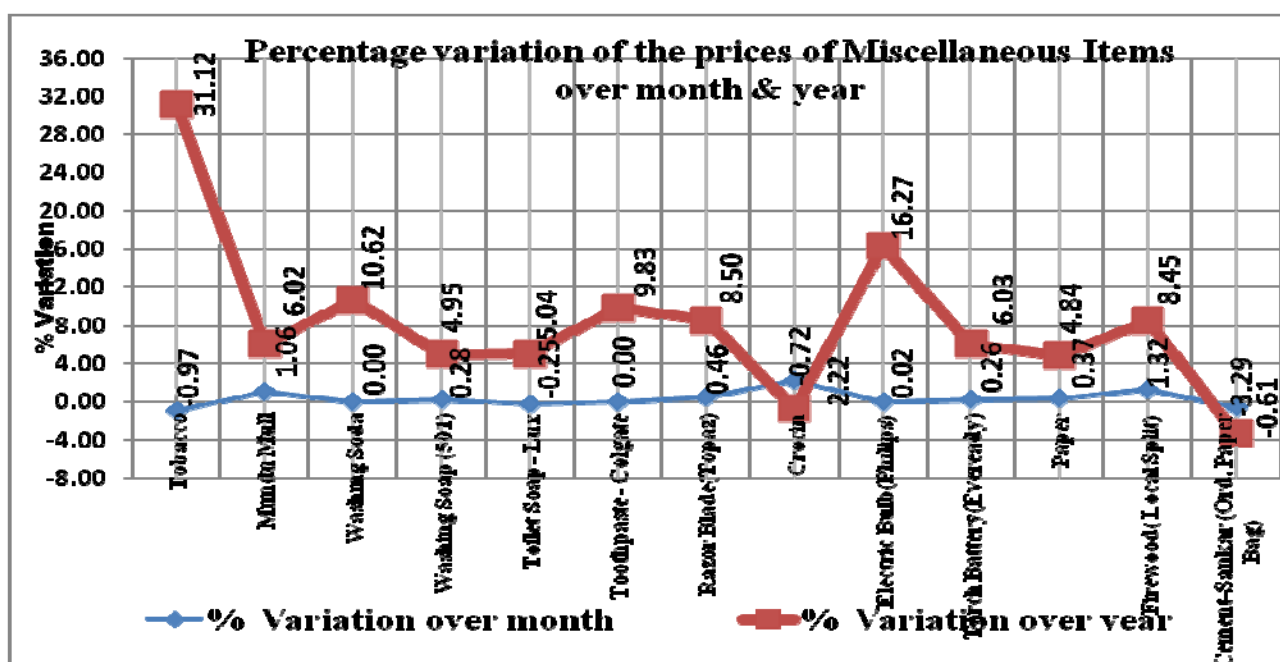
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco (0.97%), Toilet Soap- Lux (0.25%) and Cement – Sankar (0.61%) 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 Crocin and Cement – Sankar showed an increasing trend by 4% to 31%. Notable increase was seen in the state average retail price of Tobacco (31.12%).

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	118.48	156.88	155.36	-0.97	31.12
2	Mundu Mull	Each	102.43	107.47	108.60	1.06	6.02
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	33.45	37.00	37.00	0.00	10.62
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.75	15.44	15.48	0.28	4.95
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	19.86	20.91	20.86	-0.25	5.04
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	33.23	36.50	36.50	0.00	9.83
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.00	8.64	8.68	0.46	8.50
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.78	2.70	2.76	2.22	-0.72
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.86	13.79	13.79	0.02	16.27
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	14.42	15.25	15.29	0.26	6.03
11	Paper	24Sheet	13.44	14.04	14.09	0.37	4.84
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	355.00	380.00	385.00	1.32	8.45
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	360.89	351.13	349.00	-0.61	-3.29

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of July 2013							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			July -2012	June-2013	July -2013	Over month	Over year
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	28.79	37.05	37.00	-0.14	28.51
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	26.41	34.42	34.67	0.73	31.25
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	26.87	30.48	30.60	0.40	13.91
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	67.13	75.22	74.50	-0.95	10.99
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	72.57	84.25	83.68	-0.68	15.31
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	65.31	64.30	64.00	-0.47	-2.00
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7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	66.88	60.75	60.31	-0.72	-9.81
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	60.25	57.57	57.00	-0.98	-5.39
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	42.87	46.93	46.80	-0.27	9.17
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	35.28	34.32	34.30	-0.07	-2.78
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.57	32.71	32.71	0.00	18.64
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	113.82	132.38	133.91	1.16	17.65
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	133.13	141.84	143.20	0.96	7.57
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	272.17	282.60	282.75	0.05	3.89
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	39.37	48.01	45.64	-4.93	15.93
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	358.21	399.29	400.72	0.36	11.87
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	69.16	73.02	73.93	1.25	6.90
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	124.50	136.00	134.30	-1.25	7.87
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	88.18	94.63	94.86	0.25	7.58
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	141.65	191.29	192.13	0.44	35.64
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	81.43	91.04	93.00	2.16	14.22
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Corriander	Kg.	65.46	92.58	91.93	-0.70	40.43
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	76.73	87.50	87.95	0.51	14.61
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.96	84.36	58.18	-31.03	53.25
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	81.29	79.64	80.14	0.63	-1.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.45	23.05	22.89	-0.67	1.98
6	Mustard	100gm	7.18	7.38	7.41	0.44	3.17
7	Methy	100gm	6.51	7.07	7.04	-0.49	8.10
8	Turmeric	100gm	10.48	14.02	14.32	2.16	36.63
9	Garlic	100gm	5.03	5.90	5.93	0.59	18.01

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1	Chennai	Kg.	28.16	32.38	28.71	-11.31	1.97
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	12.30	21.29	21.91	2.94	78.09
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4	Cucumber	Kg.	14.74	19.89	19.95	0.33	35.39
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.00	34.43	33.04	-4.05	57.31
6	Cabbage	Kg.	25.34	30.47	32.75	7.50	29.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	31.79	45.65	43.38	-4.97	36.46
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.84	18.73	20.63	10.13	15.64
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	24.52	31.63	32.05	1.35	30.73
10	Tomatto	Kg.	24.93	48.34	39.71	-17.85	59.30
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.78	5.03	4.64	-7.66	-2.83
12	Banana green	Kg.	39.22	42.41	47.95	13.05	22.27
13	Plantain green	Kg.	22.67	23.67	25.08	5.94	10.61
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	118.48	156.88	155.36	-0.97	31.12
2	Mundu Mull	Each	102.43	107.47	108.60	1.06	6.02
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	33.45	37.00	37.00	0.00	10.62
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.75	15.44	15.48	0.28	4.95
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	19.86	20.91	20.86	-0.25	5.04
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	33.23	36.50	36.50	0.00	9.83
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.00	8.64	8.68	0.46	8.50
8	Crocicn	2 tabs	2.78	2.70	2.76	2.22	-0.72
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.86	13.79	13.79	0.02	16.27
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	14.42	15.25	15.29	0.26	6.03
11	Paper	24 Sheets	13.44	14.04	14.09	0.37	4.84
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	355.00	380.00	385.00	1.32	8.45
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