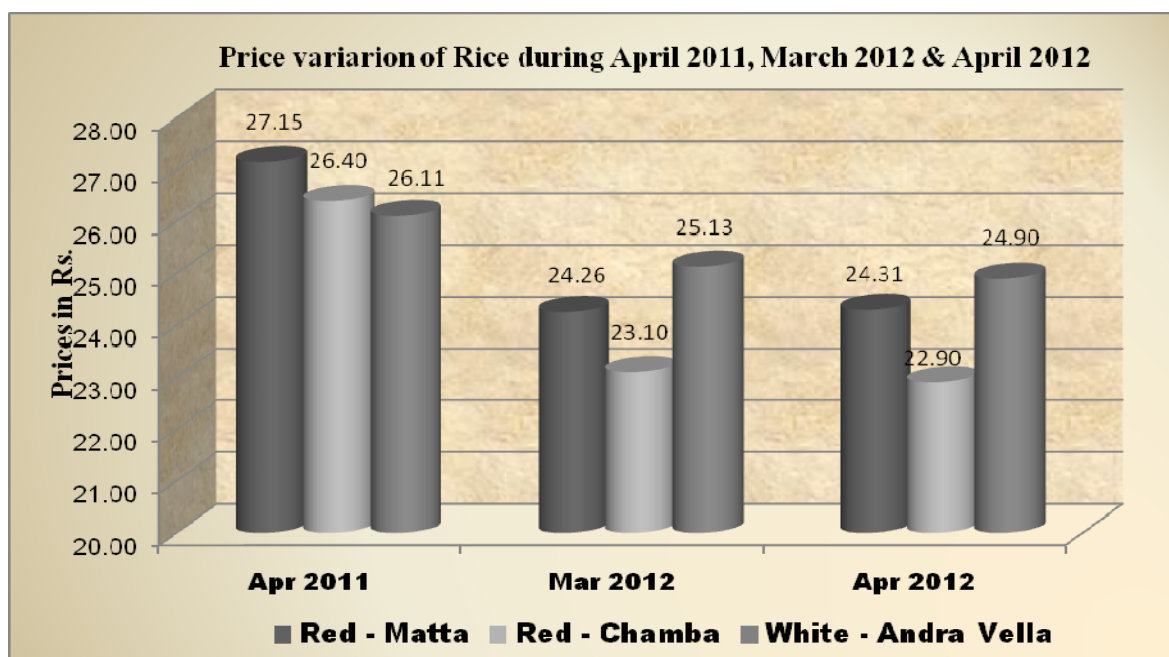




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

**APRIL 2012**

### **Introduction**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of April 2012. 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 on all Fridays of the month April of the previous year 2011, previous month March 2012 and current month April 2012 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

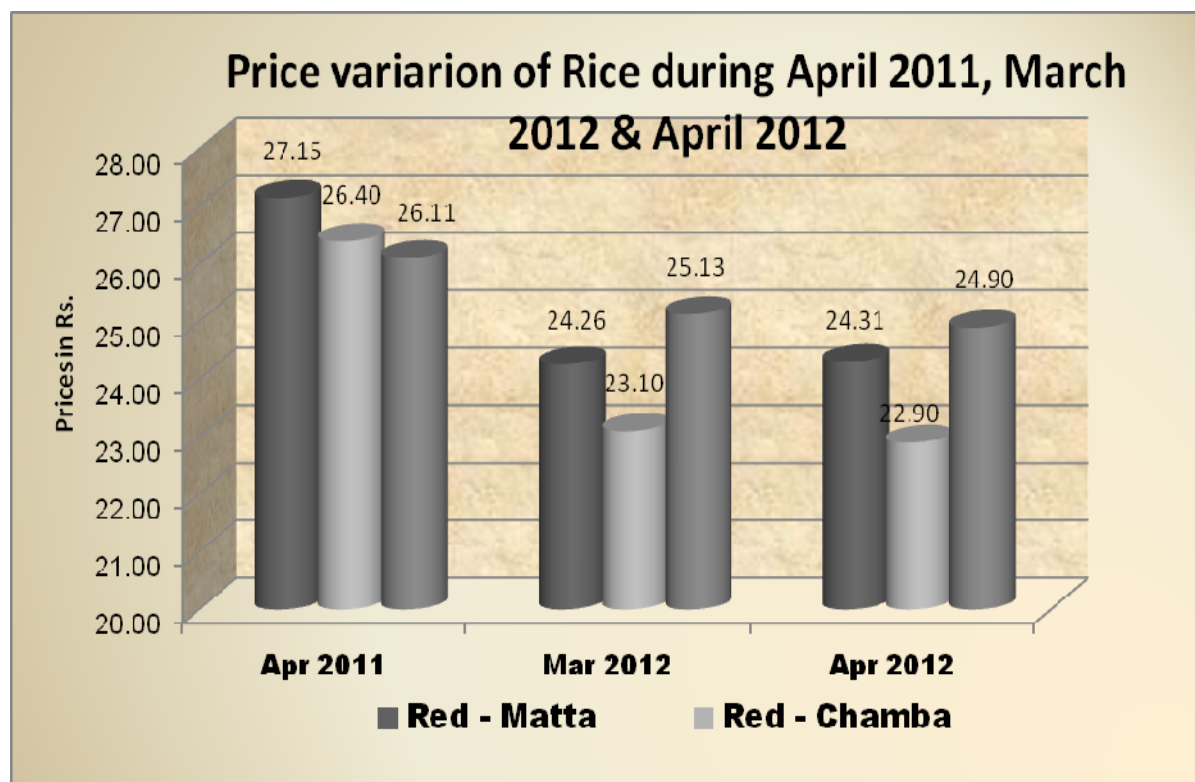
Only a minute variation has been observed in the retail prices of Red Rice (Matta & Chamba) and White rice (Andra Vella) during the period under report when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Red-Matta increased by 0.18% and price of Red-Chamba and White rice (Andra Vella) decreased by 0.87% and 0.94% respectively when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the price of previous year, the price of all the three items decreased. The prices of Red Rice (Matta, Chamba) and White rice (Andra Vella) decreased by 10.48%, 13.26% and 4.65% respectively.

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.15	24.26	24.31	0.18	-10.48
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	26.40	23.10	22.90	-0.87	-13.26
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	26.11	25.13	24.90	-0.94	-4.65

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

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

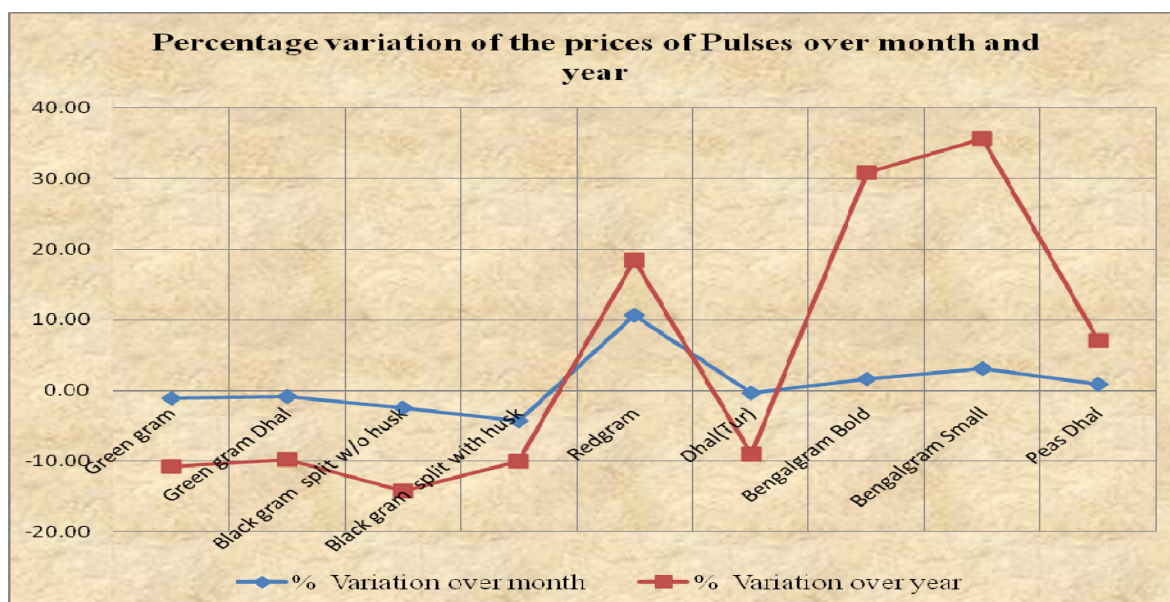
A mixed trend has been observed in the price of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The prices of Green gram, Green gram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk & with husk and Dhall (Tur) decreased by 1.15%, 0.81%, 2.43%, 4.31% and 0.42% respectively. The prices of Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhall increased by 10.64%, 1.60%, 3.08% and 0.94% respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhal increased by 18.46%, 30.79%, 35.66% and 7.12% respectively. The Prices of Greengram, Greengram Dhall, Black gram split w/o husk and with husk and Dhal(Tur) decreased by 10.81%, 9.77%, 14.24%, 9.99% and 8.98% respectively when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following Table & 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	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	74.20	66.95	66.18	-1.15	-10.81
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.50	72.32	71.73	-0.81	-9.77
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.40	67.15	65.52	-2.43	-14.24
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.10	66.88	64.00	-4.31	-9.99
5	Redgram	Kg	44.24	47.37	52.41	10.64	18.46
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	74.93	68.48	68.20	-0.42	-8.98
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.85	55.16	56.04	1.60	30.79
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.04	50.06	51.60	3.08	35.66
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	34.74	36.87	37.22	0.94	7.12

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

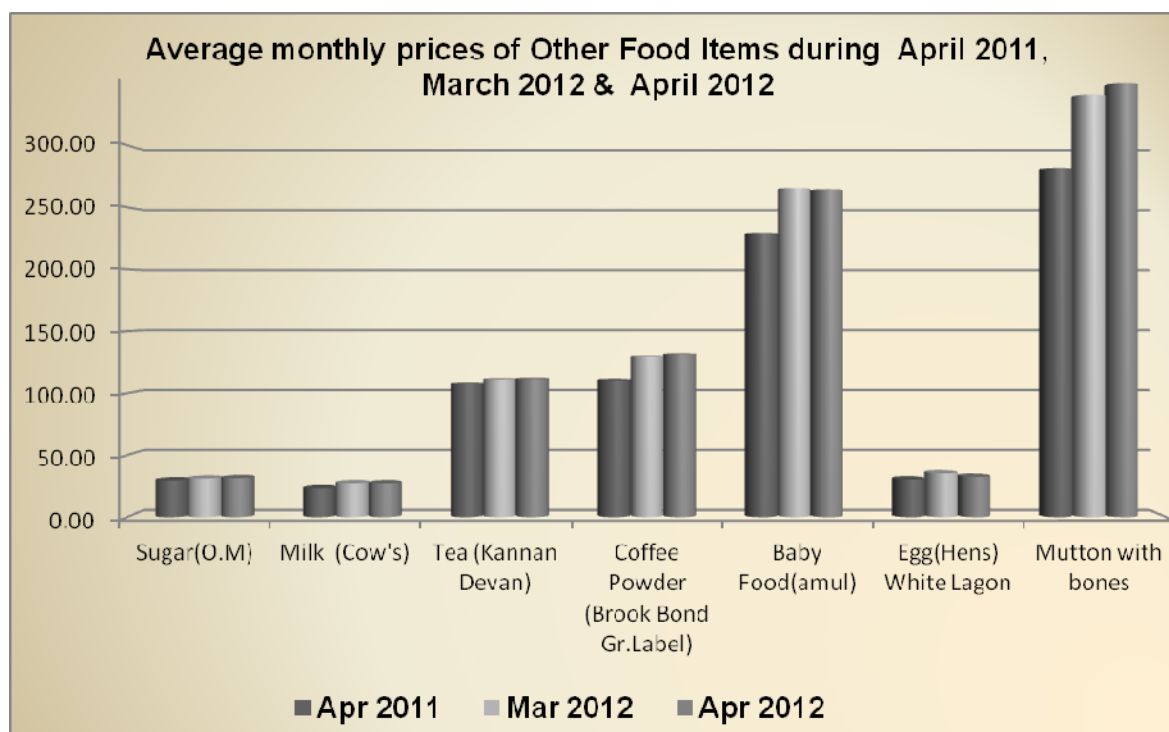
During this period, a mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Milk(Cows), Baby Food(Amul) and Egg(Hens) White Lagon has decreased by 0.19%, 0.35% and 7.72% respectively while the prices of Sugar(O.M), Tea(Kannan Devan), Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label) and Mutton with bones has gone up by 1.12%, 0.26%, 1.25% and 2.55% respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

But when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the price of all items in this group showed an increasing trend. The price of Sugar (O.M), Milk(Cows), Tea(Kannan Devan), Coffee Powder(Brooke Bond Gr.Label), Baby Food (Amul), Egg(Hens) White Lagon and Mutton with bones has increased by 6.04%, 19.87%, 3.51%, 18.63%, 15.31%, 6.91% and 24.30% respectively.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.81	31.26	31.61	1.12	6.04
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.62	27.57	-0.19	19.87
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.86	111.36	111.64	0.26	3.51
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	110.73	129.73	131.36	1.25	18.63
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	229.38	265.43	264.50	-0.35	15.31
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	30.56	35.41	32.67	-7.72	6.91
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	281.57	341.29	350.00	2.55	24.30

Graph-3



#### 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

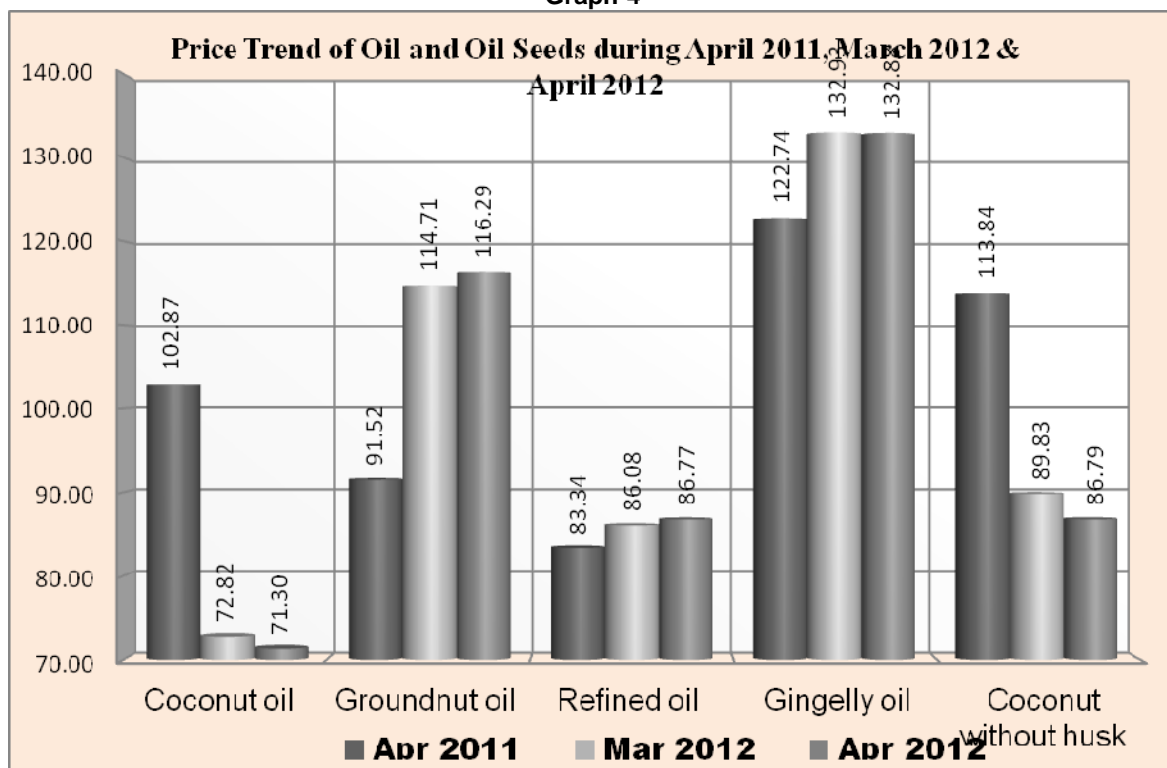
During this period, a mixed trend has been seen in the prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average price of Coconut oil, Gingly Oil and Coconut without husk decreased by 2.08%, 0.04% and 3.39% respectively while the price of Groundnut oil and Refined oil increased by 1.38% and 0.80% respectively.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, state average prices of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk has went down by 30.69% and 23.77% while Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingly oil has increased by 27.07%, 4.11% and 8.25% respectively.

**Table-4**

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	102.87	72.82	71.30	-2.08	-30.69
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	91.52	114.71	116.29	1.38	27.07
Refined oil	Ltr.	83.34	86.08	86.77	0.80	4.11
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.74	132.93	132.88	-0.04	8.25
Coconut without husk	10 nos	113.84	89.83	86.79	-3.39	-23.77

**Graph-4**



#### 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS



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

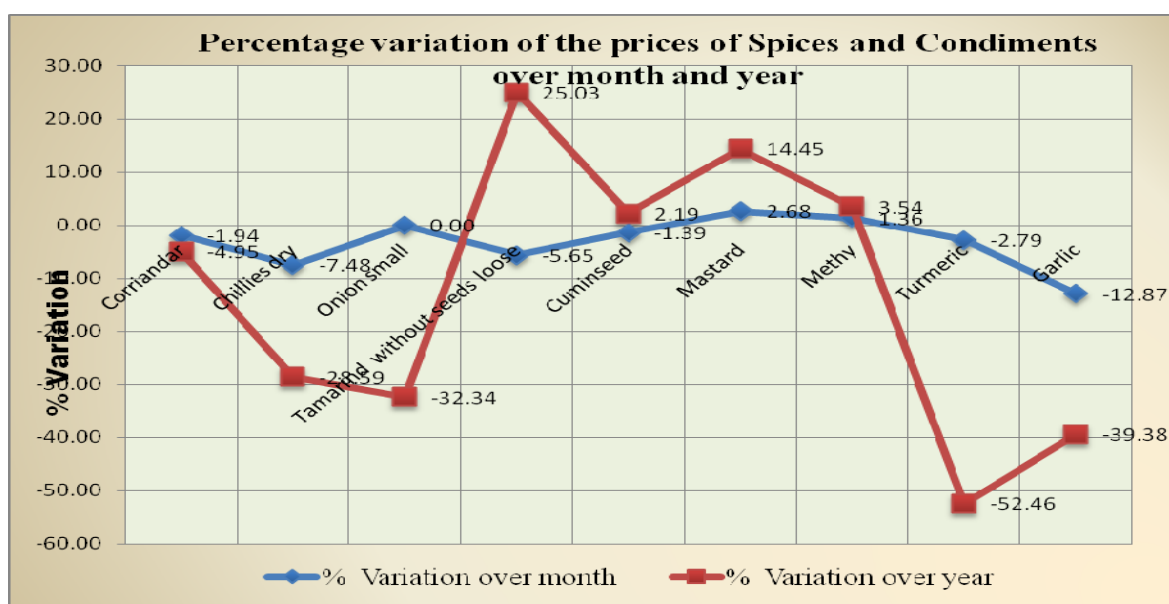
During this period, all items of Spices & Condiments except Onion Small, Mustard and Methy showed a downward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average prices of Chillies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose, Cuminseed, Turmeric and Garlic decreased by 1.94%, 7.48%, 5.65%, 1.39%, 2.79% and 12.87% respectively while Mustard and Methy increased by 2.68% and 1.36% Onion Small exhibited no price variation during the month.

The state average prices of Corriander, Chillies dry, Onion Small, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 4.95%, 28.59%, 32.34%, 52.46% and 39.38 % respectively while all the other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year. The state average prices of Tamarind without seeds loose, Cuminseed, Mustard and Methy increased by 25.03%, 2.19%, 14.45% and 3.54% respectively.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	68.70	66.59	65.30	-1.94	-4.95
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	108.09	83.42	77.18	-7.48	-28.59
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.21	19.09	19.09	0.00	-32.34
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	71.31	94.50	89.16	-5.65	25.03
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.78	22.57	22.26	-1.39	2.19
6	Mustard	100gm	5.64	6.28	6.45	2.68	14.45
7	Methy	100gm	6.14	6.27	6.36	1.36	3.54
8	Turmeric	100gm	24.06	11.77	11.44	-2.79	-52.46
9	Garlic	100gm	8.53	5.93	5.17	-12.87	-39.38

**Graph 5**



## **6. TUBERS**



### **Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers**

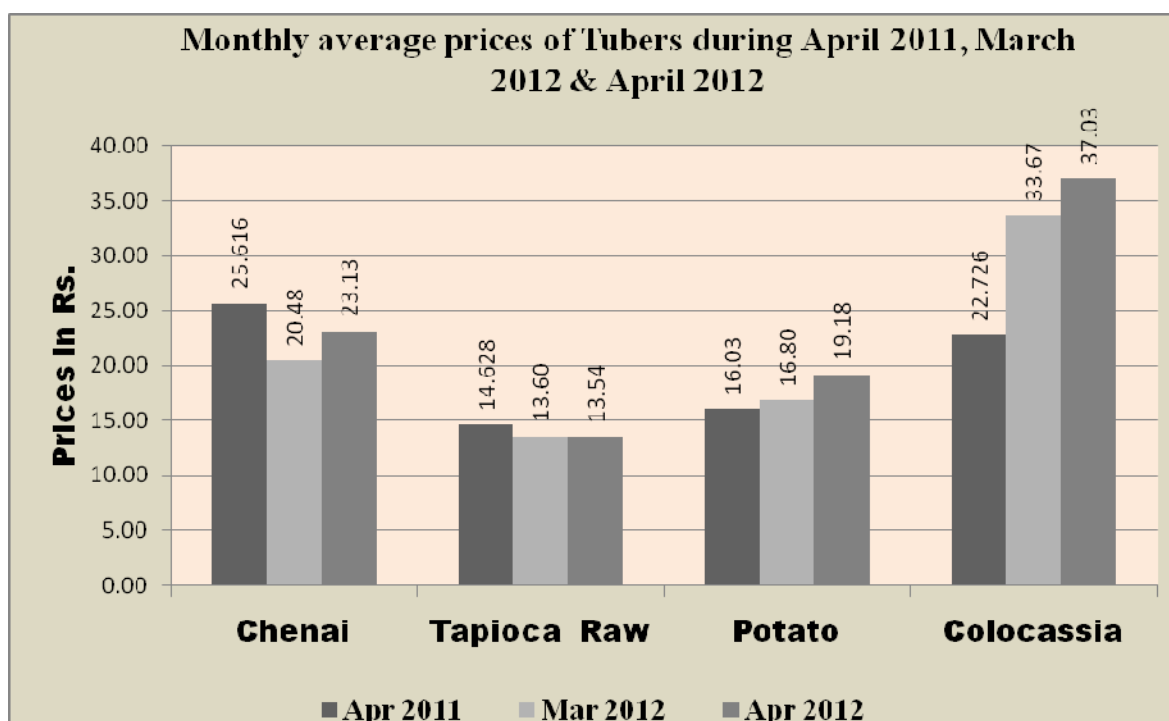
The price of all items except Tapioca raw showed an increasing trend when compared with the state average prices of previous month. The state average prices of Tapioca Raw decreased by 0.45% while the price of Chennai, Potato and Colocassia increased by 12.94%, 14.18% and 9.97% respectively.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year Chennai and Tapioca Raw decreased by 9.72% and 7.47% while the price of Potato and Colocasia increased by 19.64% and 62.92% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	25.62	20.48	23.13	12.94	-9.72
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.63	13.60	13.54	-0.45	-7.47
3	Potato	Kg.	16.03	16.80	19.18	14.18	19.64
4	Colocassia	Kg.	22.73	33.67	37.03	9.97	62.92

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

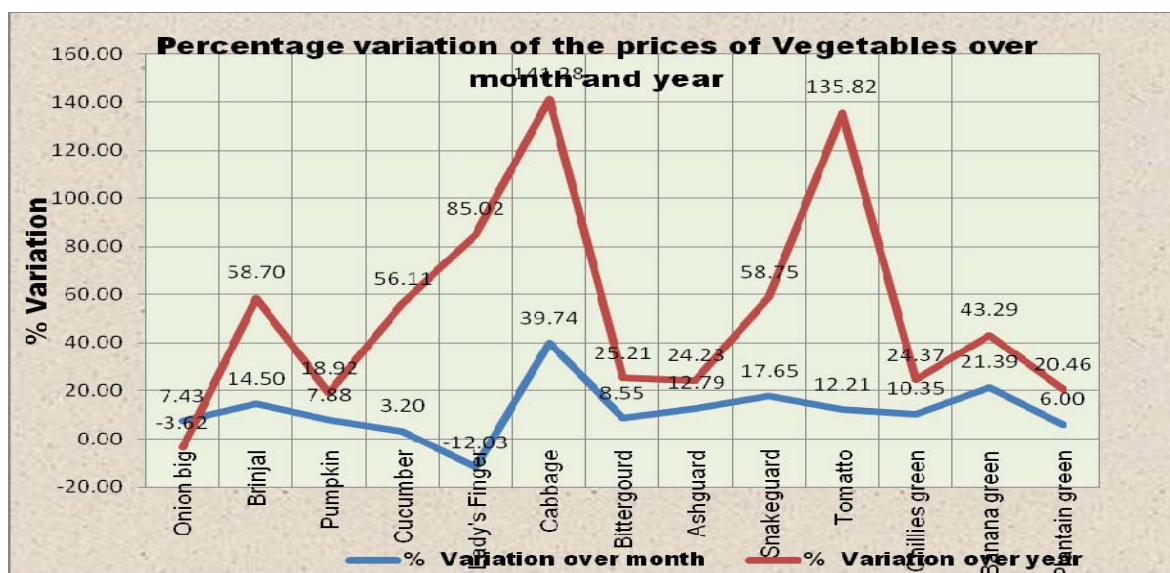
The state average price of all items except Ladies Finger increased when compared with the prices of previous month. The state average price of Onion big (7.43%), Brinjal (14.50%), Pumpkin (7.88%), Cucumber (3.20%), Cabbage (39.74%), Bitter gourd (8.55%), Snake gourd (17.65%), Tomato (12.21%), Chillies green (10.35%), Banana green (21.39%) and Plantain Green (6.00%) increased while the price of Ladies Finger decreased by 12.03% when compared with the state average prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year, all items except Onion Big has an increasing trend. The price of Onion Big decreased by 3.62% while the prices of Brinjal (58.70%), Pumpkin (18.92%), Cucumber (56.11%), Lady's Finger (85.02%), Cabbage (141.28%), Bittergourd (25.21%), Ash gourd (24.23%), Snake gourd (58.75%), Tomatto (135.82%), Chillies green (24.37%), Banana green (43.29%) and Plantain green (20.46%) showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	12.34	11.07	11.90	7.43	-3.62
2	Brinjal	Kg.	15.53	21.52	24.64	14.50	58.70
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.04	13.27	14.32	7.88	18.92
4	Cucumber	Kg.	12.56	19.00	19.61	3.20	56.11
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	17.37	36.54	32.14	-12.03	85.02
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.76	23.75	33.20	39.74	141.28
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	26.70	30.80	33.43	8.55	25.21
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	13.71	15.11	17.04	12.79	24.23
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	15.98	21.57	25.38	17.65	58.75
10	Tomatto	Kg.	12.36	25.97	29.14	12.21	135.82
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.79	3.14	3.47	10.35	24.37
12	Banana green	Kg.	22.64	26.73	32.45	21.39	43.29
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.18	17.25	18.29	6.00	20.46

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

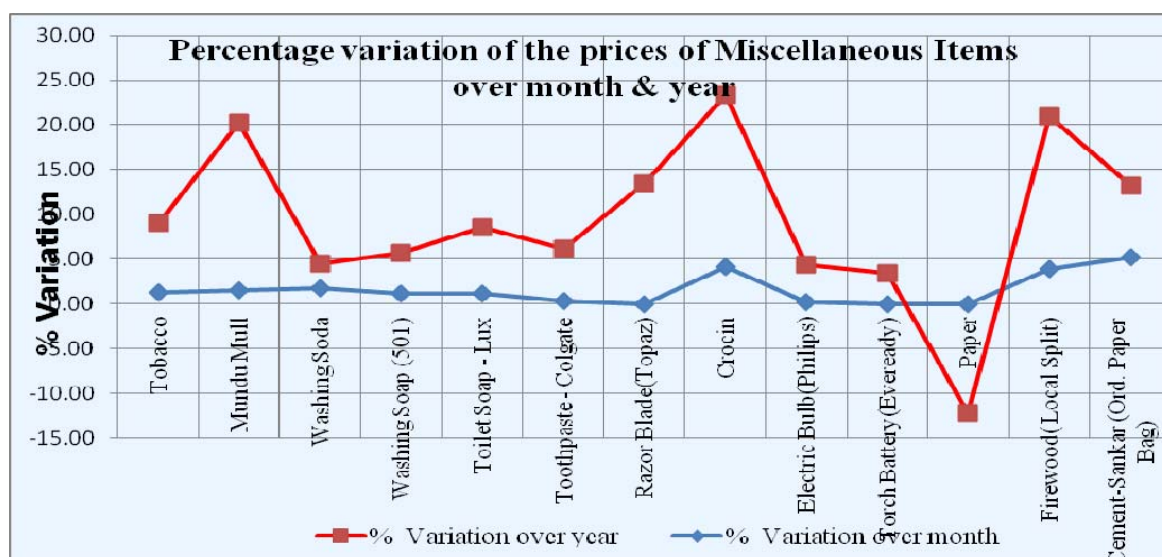
In this group the price of almost all the items exhibited minute variation with respect to the prices of the previous month. Tobacco, Mundu Mull, Washing Soap(501), Toilet Soap (Lux), Toothpaste-Colgate, Crocin, Electric Bulb(Philips), Paper, Firewood (Local Split) and Cement – Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag) showed a slight increase in price while Razor blade and Torch Battery (Eveready) showed no variation when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of previous year, Tobacco (7.66%), Mundu Mull (18.71%),Washing Soda (2.77%), Washing Soap-501 (4.54%), Toilet Soap –Lux (7.38%), Toothpaste-Colgate (5.81%), Razor Blade-Topaz (13.40%), Crocin (19.22%), Electric Bulb–Philips (4.27%), Torch Battery(3.46%), Firewood (17.11%) and Cement Sankar (8.04%) showed an increasing trend while the price of Paper decreased by 12.25%.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar -2012	Apr -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	102.26	108.64	110.09	1.33	7.66
2	Mundu Mull	Each	82.58	96.57	98.04	1.52	18.71
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.56	31.87	32.43	1.76	2.77
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.68	14.14	14.31	1.17	4.54
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.88	18.98	19.20	1.15	7.38
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.36	32.01	32.12	0.34	5.81
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.58	2.68	4.13	19.22
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.25	11.71	11.73	0.17	4.27
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.57	14.04	14.04	0.00	3.46
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.96	13.12	13.13	0.03	-12.25
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	298.16	336.14	349.17	3.88	17.11
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	329.75	338.79	356.28	5.16	8.04

**Graph 8**



**ANNEXURE****Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities  
for The month of April 2012**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Apr-2011	Mar - 2012	Apr -2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.15	24.26	24.31	0.18	-10.48
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	26.40	23.10	22.90	-0.87	-13.26
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	26.11	25.13	24.90	-0.94	-4.65
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	74.20	66.95	66.18	-1.15	-10.81
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.50	72.32	71.73	-0.81	-9.77
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.40	67.15	65.52	-2.43	-14.24
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.10	66.88	64.00	-4.31	-9.99
5	Redgram	Kg	44.24	47.37	52.41	10.64	18.46
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	74.93	68.48	68.20	-0.42	-8.98
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.85	55.16	56.04	1.60	30.79
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.04	50.06	51.60	3.08	35.66
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	34.74	36.87	37.22	0.94	7.12
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.81	31.26	31.61	1.12	6.04
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.62	27.57	-0.19	19.87
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.86	111.36	111.64	0.26	3.51
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	110.73	129.73	131.36	1.25	18.63
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	229.38	265.43	264.50	-0.35	15.31
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	30.56	35.41	32.67	-7.72	6.91
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	281.57	341.29	350.00	2.55	24.30
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	102.87	72.82	71.30	-2.08	-30.69
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	91.52	114.71	116.29	1.38	27.07
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	83.34	86.08	86.77	0.80	4.11
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.74	132.93	132.88	-0.04	8.25
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	113.84	89.83	86.79	-3.39	-23.77
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Corriander	Kg.	68.70	66.59	65.30	-1.94	-4.95
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	108.09	83.42	77.18	-7.48	-28.59
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.21	19.09	19.09	0.00	-32.34
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	71.31	94.50	89.16	-5.65	25.03
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.78	22.57	22.26	-1.39	2.19
6	Mustard	100gm	5.64	6.28	6.45	2.68	14.45
7	Methy	100gm	6.14	6.27	6.36	1.36	3.54
8	Turmeric	100gm	24.06	11.77	11.44	-2.79	-52.46
9	Garlic	100gm	8.53	5.93	5.17	-12.87	-39.38

	<b>F. TUBERS</b>						
1	Chennai	Kg.	25.62	20.48	23.13	12.94	-9.72
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.63	13.60	13.54	-0.45	-7.47
3	Potato	Kg.	16.03	16.80	19.18	14.18	19.64
4	Colocassia	Kg.	22.73	33.67	37.03	9.97	62.92
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	12.34	11.07	11.90	7.43	-3.62
2	Brinjal	Kg.	15.53	21.52	24.64	14.50	58.70
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.04	13.27	14.32	7.88	18.92
4	Cucumber	Kg.	12.56	19.00	19.61	3.20	56.11
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	17.37	36.54	32.14	-12.03	85.02
6	Cabbage	Kg.	13.76	23.75	33.20	39.74	141.28
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	26.70	30.80	33.43	8.55	25.21
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	13.71	15.11	17.04	12.79	24.23
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	15.98	21.57	25.38	17.65	58.75
10	Tomatto	Kg.	12.36	25.97	29.14	12.21	135.82
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.79	3.14	3.47	10.35	24.37
12	Banana green	Kg.	22.64	26.73	32.45	21.39	43.29
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.18	17.25	18.29	6.00	20.46
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	102.26	108.64	110.09	1.33	7.66
2	Mundu Mull	Each	82.58	96.57	98.04	1.52	18.71
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.56	31.87	32.43	1.76	2.77
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.68	14.14	14.31	1.17	4.54
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.88	18.98	19.20	1.15	7.38
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.36	32.01	32.12	0.34	5.81
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.58	2.68	4.13	19.22
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.25	11.71	11.73	0.17	4.27
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	13.57	14.04	14.04	0.00	3.46
11	Paper	24 Sheets	14.96	13.12	13.13	0.03	-12.25
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	298.16	336.14	349.17	3.88	17.11
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	329.75	338.79	356.28	5.16	8.04