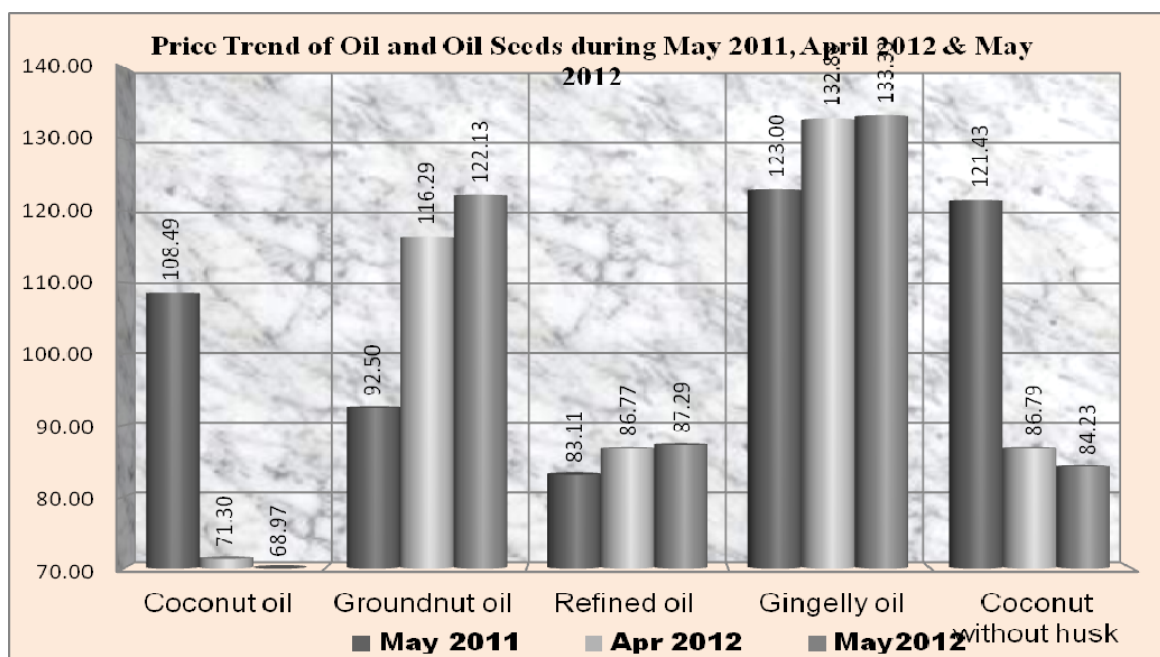




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

**MAY 2012**

### **Introduction**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May 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 for the month of May of the previous year 2011, previous month April 2012 and current month of May 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

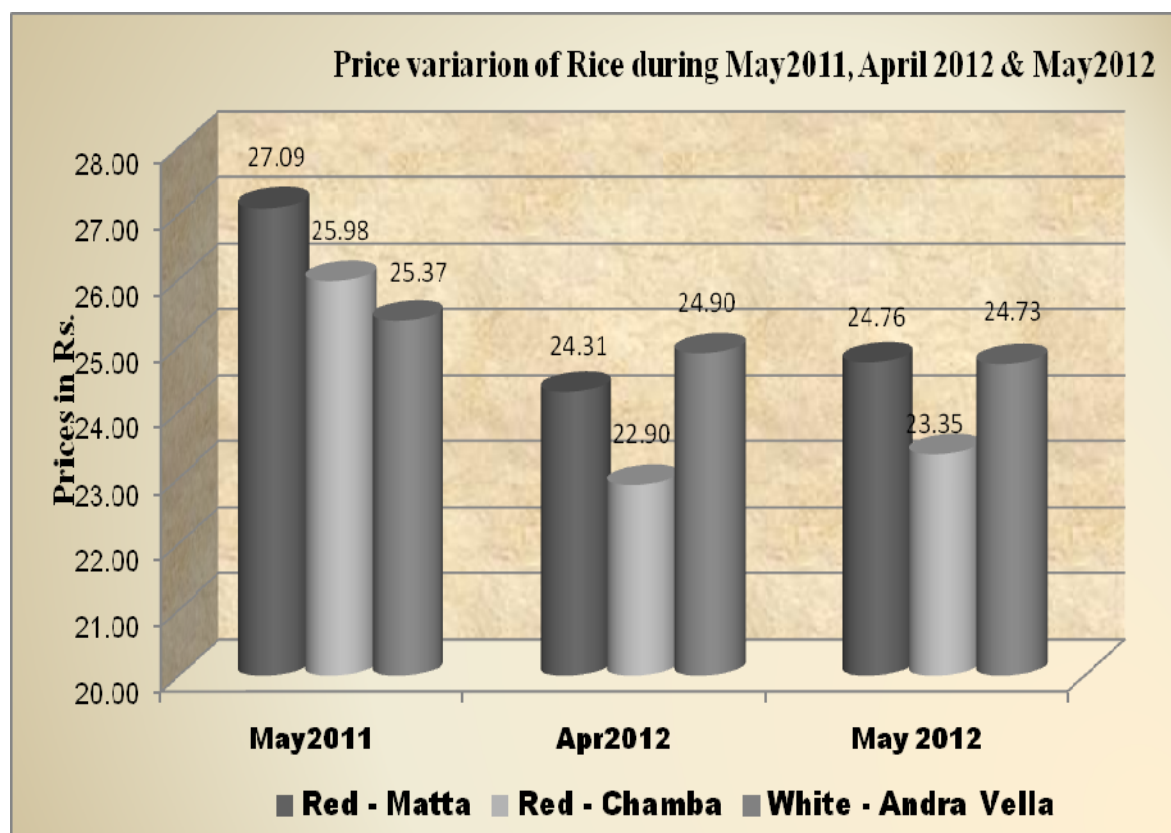
Only a marginal variation has been observed in the retail prices of Rice during the period under report when compared with the price of the previous month. The retail price of Red rice–Matta and Red rice Chamba has gone up by 1.85% and 1.97% respectively while the Price of White rice (Andra Vella) has decreased by 0.66% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the price of previous year the price of all three items shows a decreasing trend. The price of all the three items have decreased by about 3% to 10%.

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			May-2011	Apr - 2012	May -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.09	24.31	24.76	1.85	-8.62
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.98	22.90	23.35	1.97	-10.12
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	25.37	24.90	24.73	-0.66	-2.53

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

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

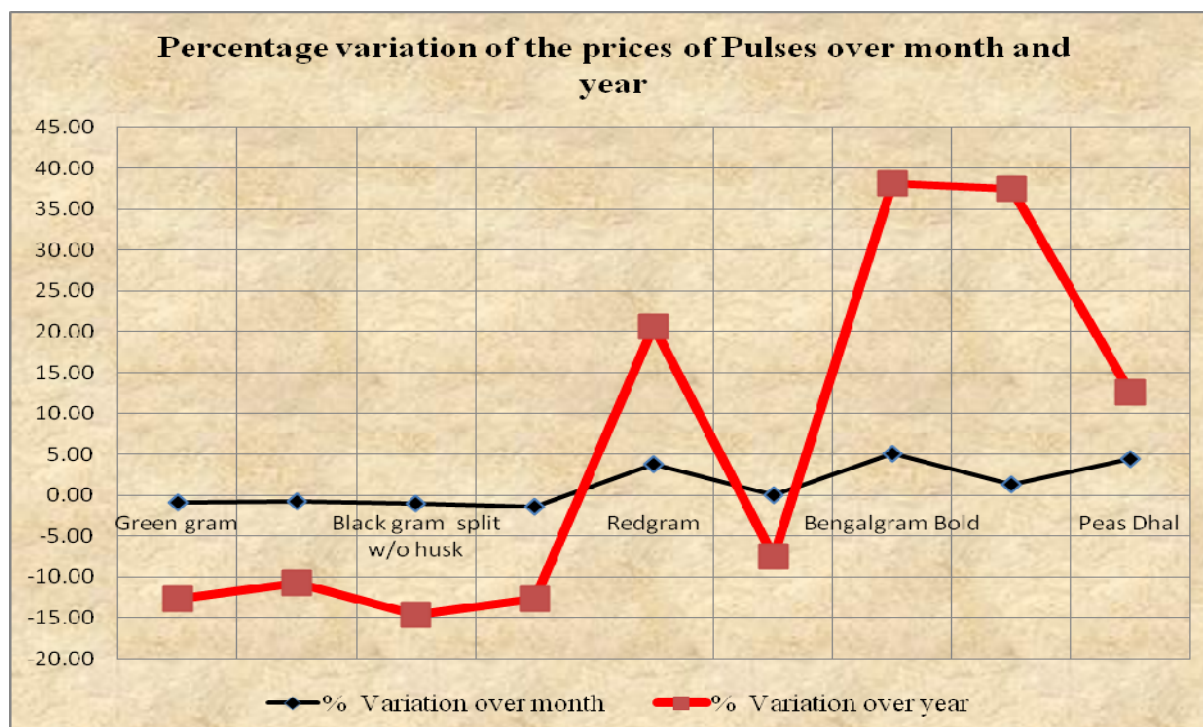
A mixed trend has been observed in the price of Pulses when compared with both previous month as well as year. The retail prices of Green gram, Green gram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk & with husk decreased when compared with both previous month as well as year.

The retail prices of Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhal have increased when compared with both previous year as well as month. 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	
			May-2011	Apr- 2012	May-2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	75.15	66.18	65.61	-0.85	-12.69
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.84	71.73	71.22	-0.71	-10.79
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.02	65.52	64.88	-0.98	-14.65
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	72.29	64.00	63.09	-1.43	-12.73
5	Redgram	Kg	45.09	52.41	54.37	3.73	20.59
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	73.71	68.20	68.21	0.01	-7.47
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.63	56.04	58.90	5.09	38.18
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.05	51.60	52.29	1.34	37.45
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	34.48	37.22	38.84	4.37	12.65

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

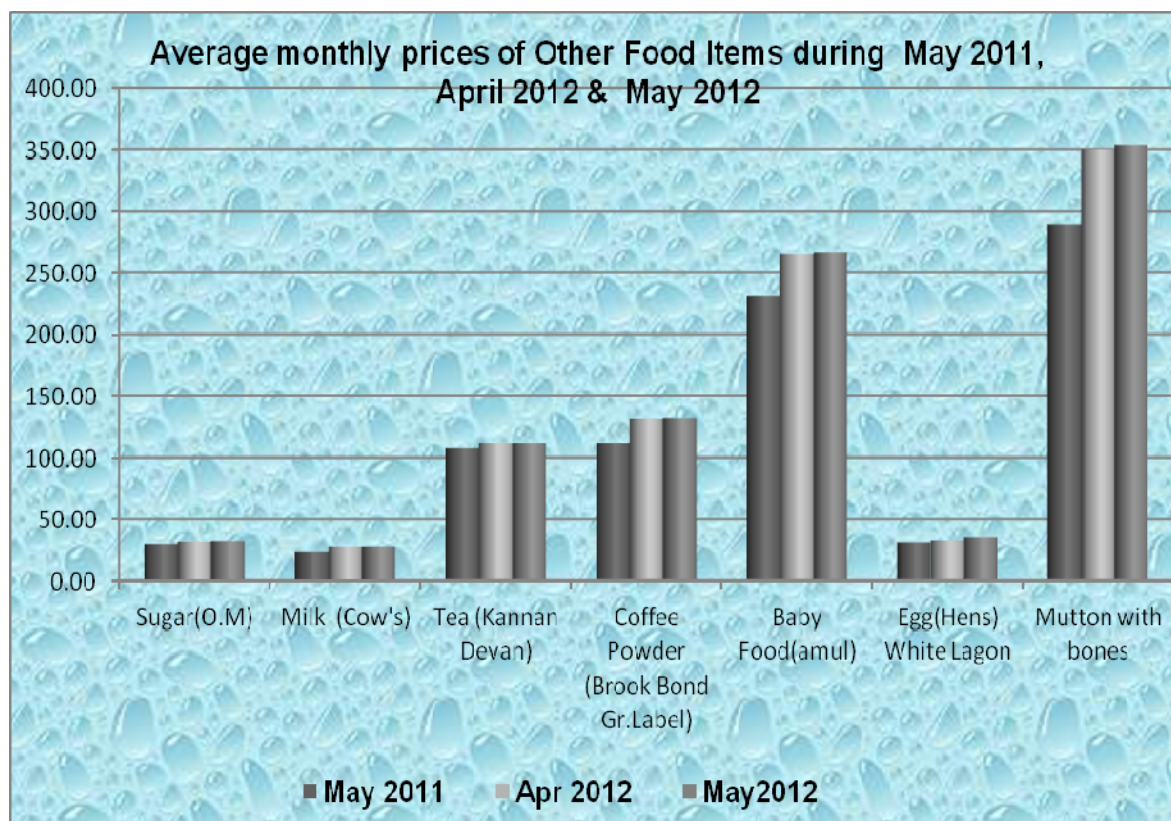
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

An increasing trend has been observed in this group when compared with both previous year and previous month. Notable increases are seen in the price of Sugar (1.39% and 8.21%) Egg White lagoon (8.56% 14.59%) Mutton with bones (1.02% and 22.45%) respectively over previous month and previous year

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May-2011	Apr- 2012	May-2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.62	31.61	32.05	1.39	8.21
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.57	27.58	0.05	19.92
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.52	111.64	111.61	-0.03	3.80
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	111.54	131.36	131.88	0.40	18.23
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	230.88	264.50	266.13	0.61	15.27
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	30.96	32.67	35.47	8.56	14.59
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	288.75	350.00	353.57	1.02	22.45

Graph-3



#### 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

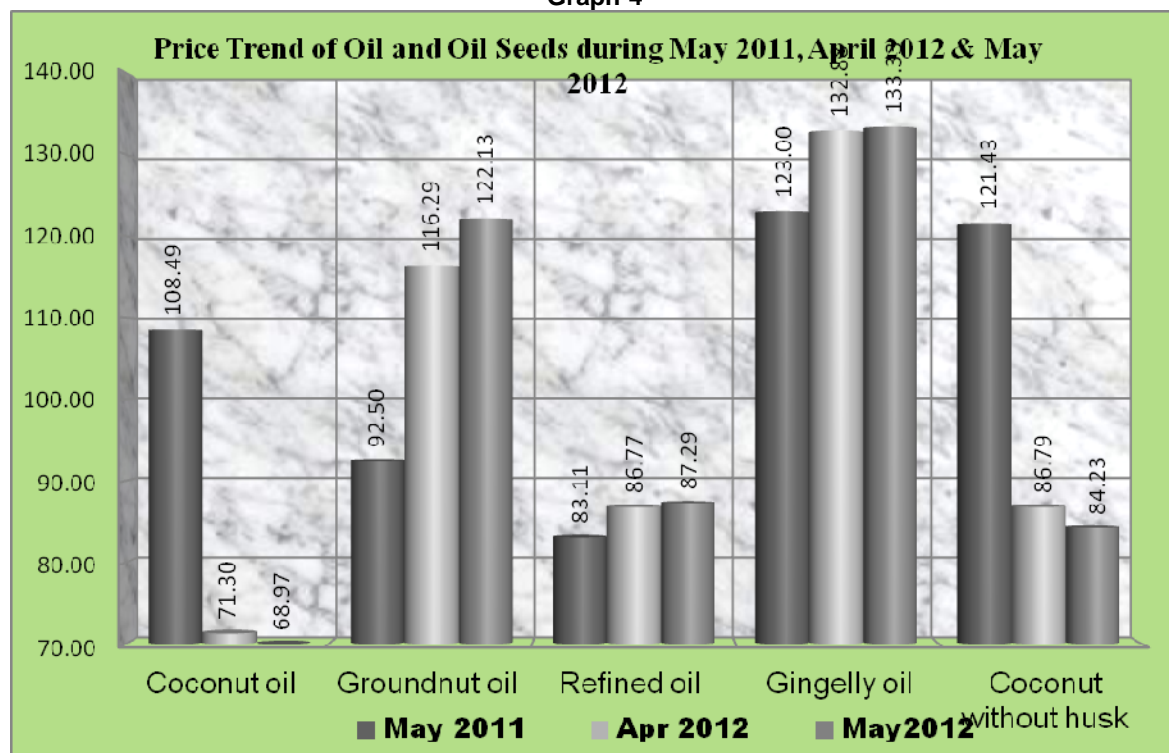
Negative trend still continues in the state average retail price of Coconut without Husk and Coconut Oil when compared with both previous year as well as previous month. But the Prices of Groundnut Oil, Refined Oil, and Gingelly Oil have increased when compared with both previous year as well as previous month.

The prices of Coconut Oil (3.27% and 36.42%), and Coconut without Husk (2.95% and 30.64%) decreased while the prices of Groundnut Oil has increased by 5.03% and 32.04% respectively over previous month and previous year

**Table-4**

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on				
		May-2011	Apr- 2012	May-2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	108.49	71.30	68.97	-3.27	-36.42
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	92.50	116.29	122.13	5.03	32.04
Refined oil	Ltr.	83.11	86.77	87.29	0.60	5.03
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	123.00	132.88	133.33	0.34	8.39
Coconut without husk	10 nos	121.43	86.79	84.23	-2.95	-30.64

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

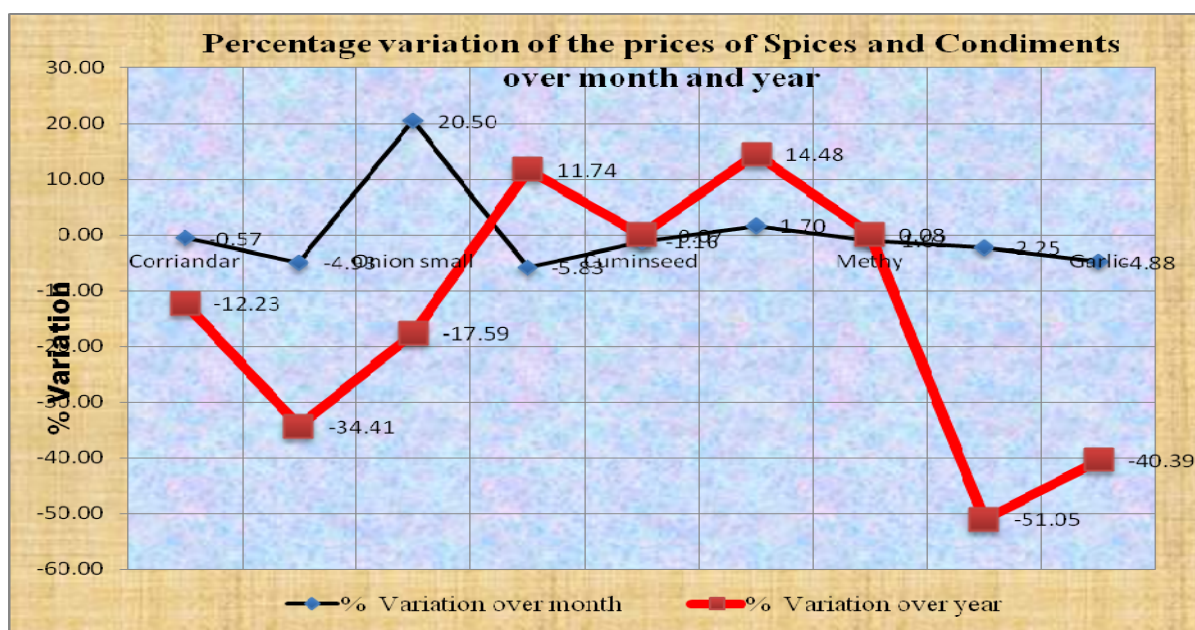
During this period, the prices of all items of Spices & Condiments except Onion Small, and Mustard showed a downward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. There is a substantial increase in the price of Onion small by about 21%.when compared with the previous month. The price of all other items in this group have decreased by about 1% to 6% when compared with the state average price of previous month..

Corriander, Chillies dry, Onion Small, Cumin seed Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 12.23%, 34.41%, 17.59%, 0.07%, 51.05% and 40.39 % 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, Mustard and Methy increased by 11.74%, 14.48%, and 0.08% respectively.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May- 2011	Apr- 2012	May - 2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	73.98	65.30	64.93	-0.57	-12.23
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	111.88	77.18	73.38	-4.93	-34.41
3	Onion small	Kg.	27.91	19.09	23.00	20.50	-17.59
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	75.14	89.16	83.97	-5.83	11.74
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.02	22.26	22.00	-1.16	-0.07
6	Mustard	100gm	5.73	6.45	6.56	1.70	14.48
7	Methy	100gm	6.29	6.36	6.29	-1.02	0.08
8	Turmeric	100gm	22.84	11.44	11.18	-2.25	-51.05
9	Garlic	100gm	8.25	5.17	4.92	-4.88	-40.39

**Graph 5**



## 6. TUBERS

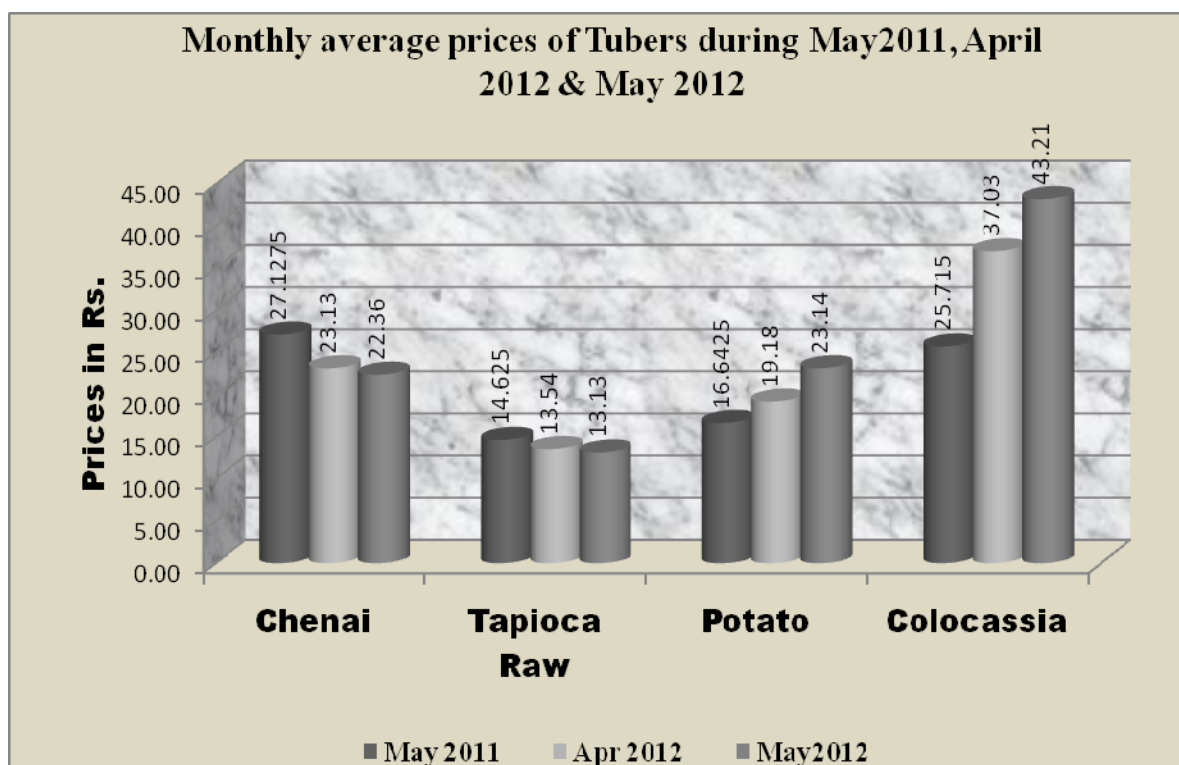
### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

The State average retail prices of Chenai (3.32% and 17.59%) and Tapioca raw (3.015 and 10.24%) showed downward trend when compared with both previous month as well as previous year while the prices of Potato (20.64% and 39.01%) and Colocassia (16.70% and 68.03%) showed upward trend when compared with both previous month as well as previous year. The following Table & diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Tubers

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May-2011	Apr - 2012	May-2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	27.13	23.13	22.36	-3.32	-17.58
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.63	13.54	13.13	-3.01	-10.24
3	Potato	Kg.	16.64	19.18	23.14	20.64	39.01
4	Colocassia	Kg.	25.72	37.03	43.21	16.70	68.03

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

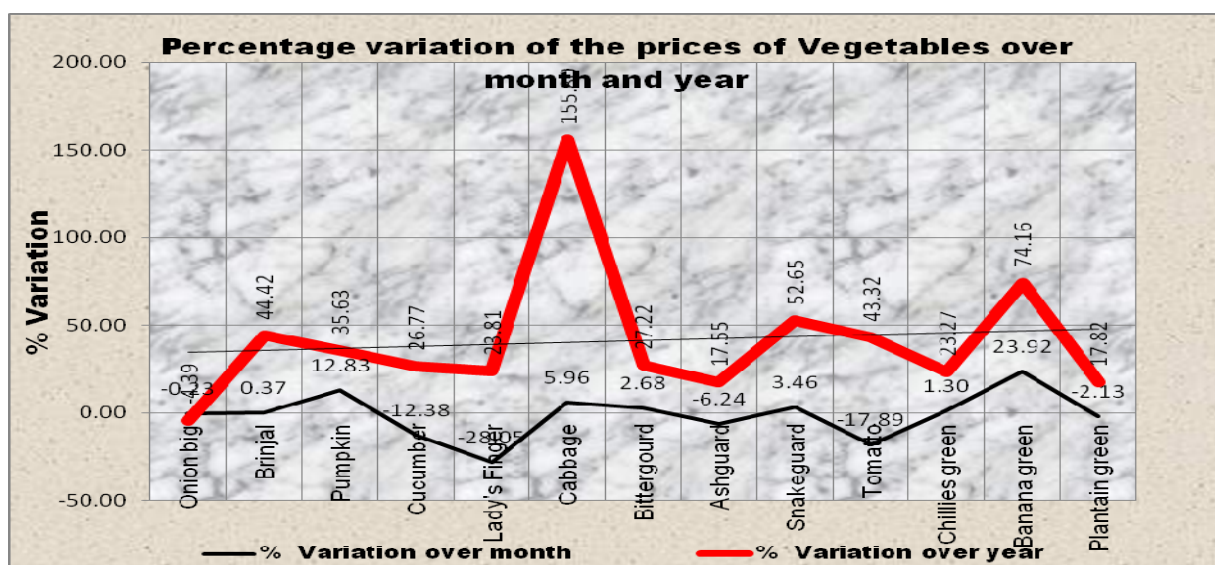
A mixed trend has been observed during the month in the state average retail prices of Vegetables. There is notable decrease in the price of Ladies finger(28.05%),Tomato(17.89%),Cucumber(12.38%)Ash gourd(6.24%).while notable decrease is seen in the price of Banana green(23.92%),Pumpkin(12.83%),and Cabbage(5.96%) when compared with the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year, all items except Onion Big showed an increasing trend. The price of Onion Big decreased by 4.39% while the prices of Brinjal (44.42%), Pumpkin (35.63%), Cucumber (26.77%), Ladies Finger (23.81%), Cabbage (155.80%), Bitter gourd (27.22%), Ash gourd (17.55%), Snake gourd (52.65%), Tomato (43.22%), Chillies green (23.27%), Banana green (74.16%) and Plantain green (17.82%) 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	
			May-2011	Apr - 2012	May-2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	12.41	11.90	11.87	-0.23	-4.39
2	Brinjal	Kg.	17.13	24.64	24.73	0.37	44.42
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	11.91	14.32	16.16	12.83	35.63
4	Cucumber	Kg.	13.55	19.61	17.18	-12.38	26.77
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	18.68	32.14	23.13	-28.05	23.81
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.75	33.20	35.17	5.96	155.80
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	26.98	33.43	34.33	2.68	27.22
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	13.59	17.04	15.98	-6.24	17.55
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	17.20	25.38	26.25	3.46	52.65
10	Tomatto	Kg.	16.70	29.14	23.93	-17.89	43.32
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.85	3.47	3.51	1.30	23.27
12	Banana green	Kg.	23.09	32.45	40.21	23.92	74.16
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.19	18.29	17.90	-2.13	17.82

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

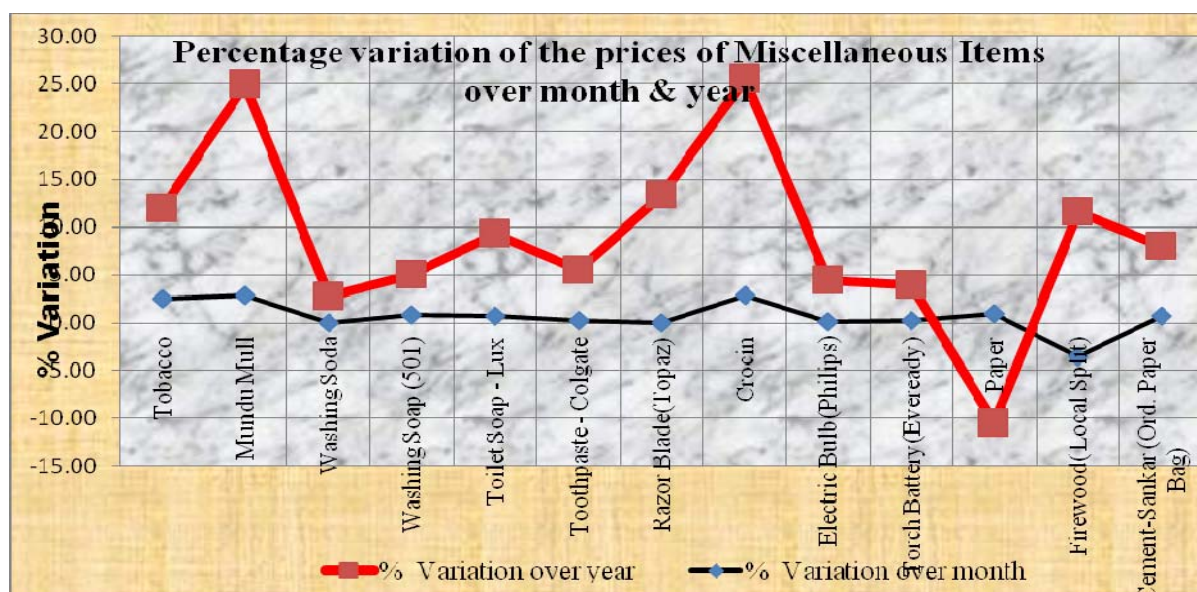
In this group the price of almost all the items showed a marginal variation with respect to the prices of the previous month. Almost all the items exhibited a slight increase in price except Firewood local split, that decreased by about 4% when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of previous year, an upward trend was seen in the price of Tobacco (9.40%), Mundu Mull (22.09%), Washing Soda (2.78%), Washing Soap-501 (4.11%), Toilet Soap –Lux (8.52%), Toothpaste-Colgate (5.31%), Razor Blade-Topaz (3.40%), Crocin (22.67%), Electric Bulb–Philips (4.36%), Torch Battery(3.68%), Firewood (15.10%) and Cement Sankar (7.22%) while only the price of Paper decreased by 11.43%.

Table-8

Sl.N o	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			May- 2011	Apr- 2012	May -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	103.16	110.09	112.86	2.51	9.40
2	Mundu Mull	Each	82.64	98.04	100.89	2.91	22.09
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.55	32.43	32.43	0.00	2.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.86	14.31	14.43	0.87	4.11
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.82	19.20	19.34	0.74	8.52
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.57	32.12	32.19	0.22	5.31
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.68	2.76	2.89	22.67
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.25	11.73	11.74	0.09	4.36
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.57	14.04	14.07	0.21	3.68
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.96	13.13	13.25	0.93	-11.43
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	292.50	349.17	336.67	-3.58	15.10
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	334.75	356.28	358.92	0.74	7.22

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for The month of May 2012							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.09	24.31	24.76	1.85	-8.62
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.98	22.90	23.35	1.97	-10.12
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	25.37	24.90	24.73	-0.66	-2.53
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	75.15	66.18	65.61	-0.85	-12.69
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.84	71.73	71.22	-0.71	-10.79
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.02	65.52	64.88	-0.98	-14.65
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	72.29	64.00	63.09	-1.43	-12.73
5	Redgram	Kg	45.09	52.41	54.37	3.73	20.59
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	73.71	68.20	68.21	0.01	-7.47
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9	Peas Dhall	Kg	34.48	37.22	38.84	4.37	12.65
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.62	31.61	32.05	1.39	8.21
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.57	27.58	0.05	19.92
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.52	111.64	111.61	-0.03	3.80
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	111.54	131.36	131.88	0.40	18.23
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	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
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2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	92.50	116.29	122.13	5.03	32.04
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	83.11	86.77	87.29	0.60	5.03
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	123.00	132.88	133.33	0.34	8.39
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	121.43	86.79	84.23	-2.95	-30.64
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Corriander	Kg.	73.98	65.30	64.93	-0.57	-12.23
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	111.88	77.18	73.38	-4.93	-34.41
3	Onion small	Kg.	27.91	19.09	23.00	20.50	-17.59
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	75.14	89.16	83.97	-5.83	11.74
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.02	22.26	22.00	-1.16	-0.07
6	Mustard	100gm	5.73	6.45	6.56	1.70	14.48
7	Methy	100gm	6.29	6.36	6.29	-1.02	0.08

8	Turmeric	100gm	22.84	11.44	11.18	-2.25	-51.05
9	Garlic	100gm	8.25	5.17	4.92	-4.88	-40.39
	<b>F. TUBERS</b>						
1	Chennai	Kg.	27.13	23.13	22.36	-3.32	-17.58
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.63	13.54	13.13	-3.01	-10.24
3	Potato	Kg.	16.64	19.18	23.14	20.64	39.01
4	Colocassia	Kg.	25.72	37.03	43.21	16.70	68.03
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1	Onion big	Kg.	12.41	11.90	11.87	-0.23	-4.39
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	11.91	14.32	16.16	12.83	35.63
4	Cucumber	Kg.	13.55	19.61	17.18	-12.38	26.77
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	18.68	32.14	23.13	-28.05	23.81
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.75	33.20	35.17	5.96	155.80
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	26.98	33.43	34.33	2.68	27.22
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	13.59	17.04	15.98	-6.24	17.55
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	17.20	25.38	26.25	3.46	52.65
10	Tomatto	Kg.	16.70	29.14	23.93	-17.89	43.32
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.85	3.47	3.51	1.30	23.27
12	Banana green	Kg.	23.09	32.45	40.21	23.92	74.16
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.19	18.29	17.90	-2.13	17.82
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	103.16	110.09	112.86	2.51	9.40
2	Mundu Mull	Each	82.64	98.04	100.89	2.91	22.09
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.55	32.43	32.43	0.00	2.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.86	14.31	14.43	0.87	4.11
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.82	19.20	19.34	0.74	8.52
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.57	32.12	32.19	0.22	5.31
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
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