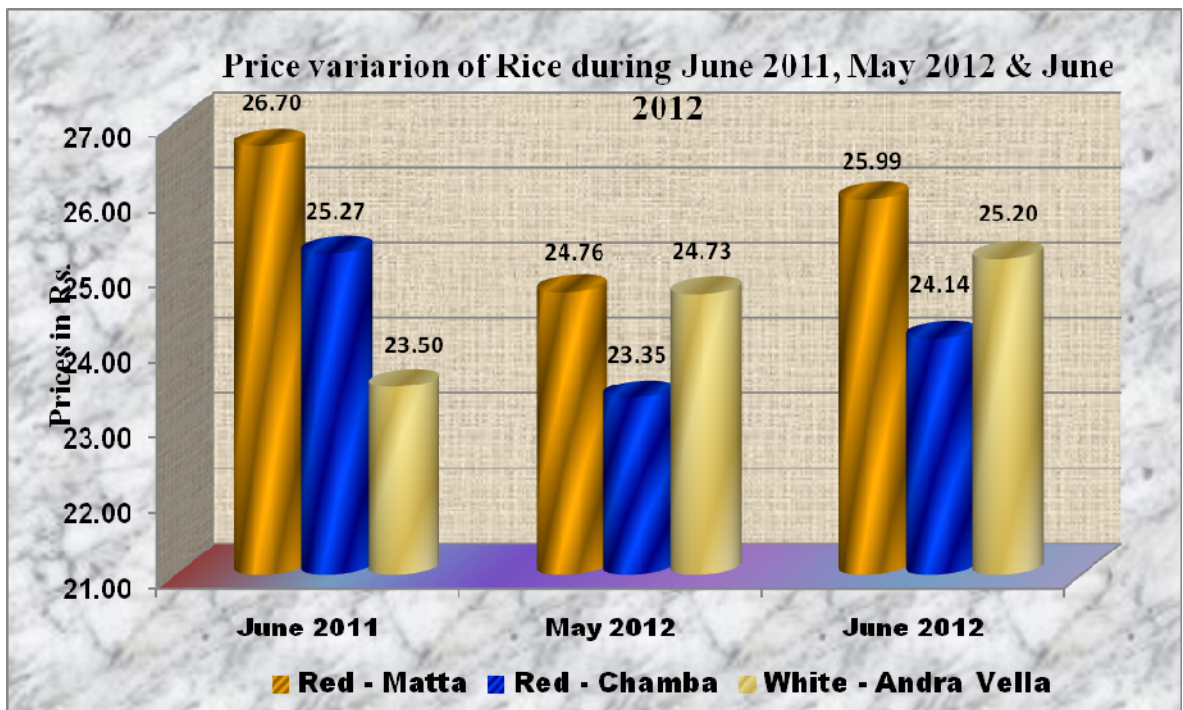




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

**JUNE 2012**

### **Introduction**

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

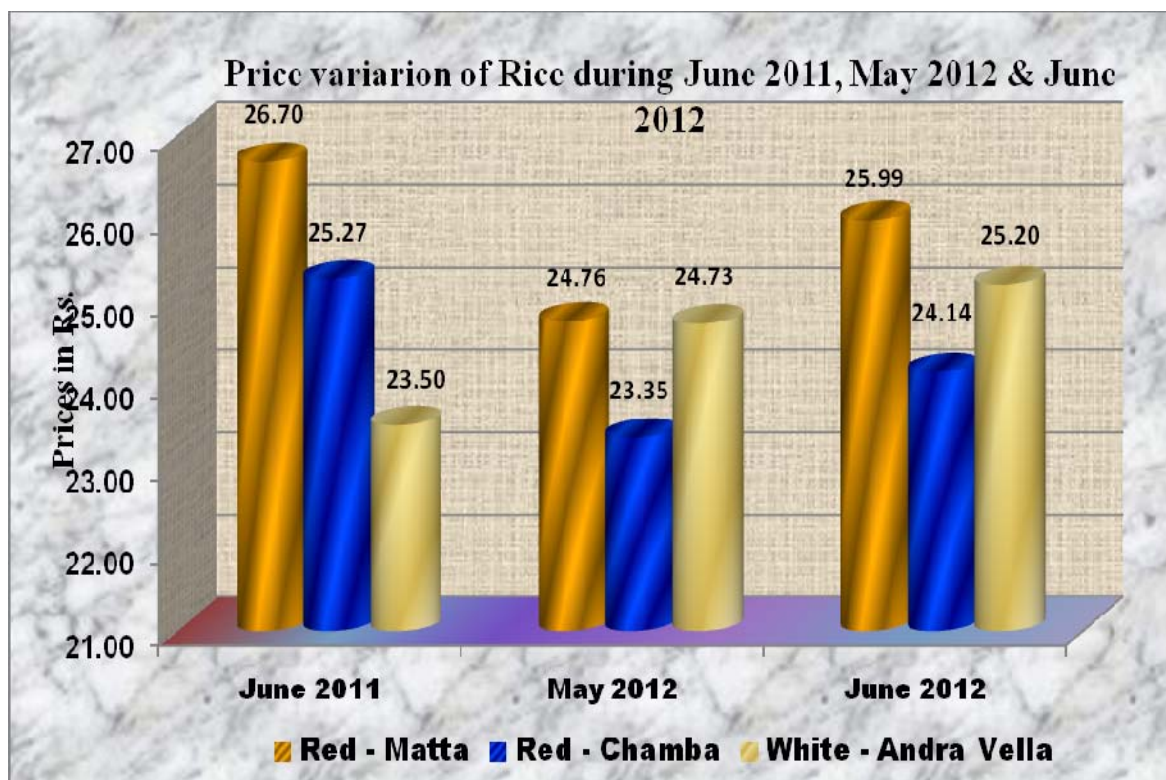
An upward trend has been observed in the retail prices of Rice during this period under report when compared with the price of previous month. The retail price of Red rice–Matta and Red rice Chamba has gone up by 4.97% and 3.38% respectively while the Price of White rice (Andra Vella) has increased by 1.91% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the price of previous year the price of red matta and red chamba showed a marginal decreasing trend by about 2.66% and 4.47 % respectively while the prices of white- Andhra vella increased by 7.25%

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	26.70	24.76	25.99	4.97	-2.66
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.27	23.35	24.14	3.38	-4.47
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.50	24.73	25.20	1.91	7.25

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

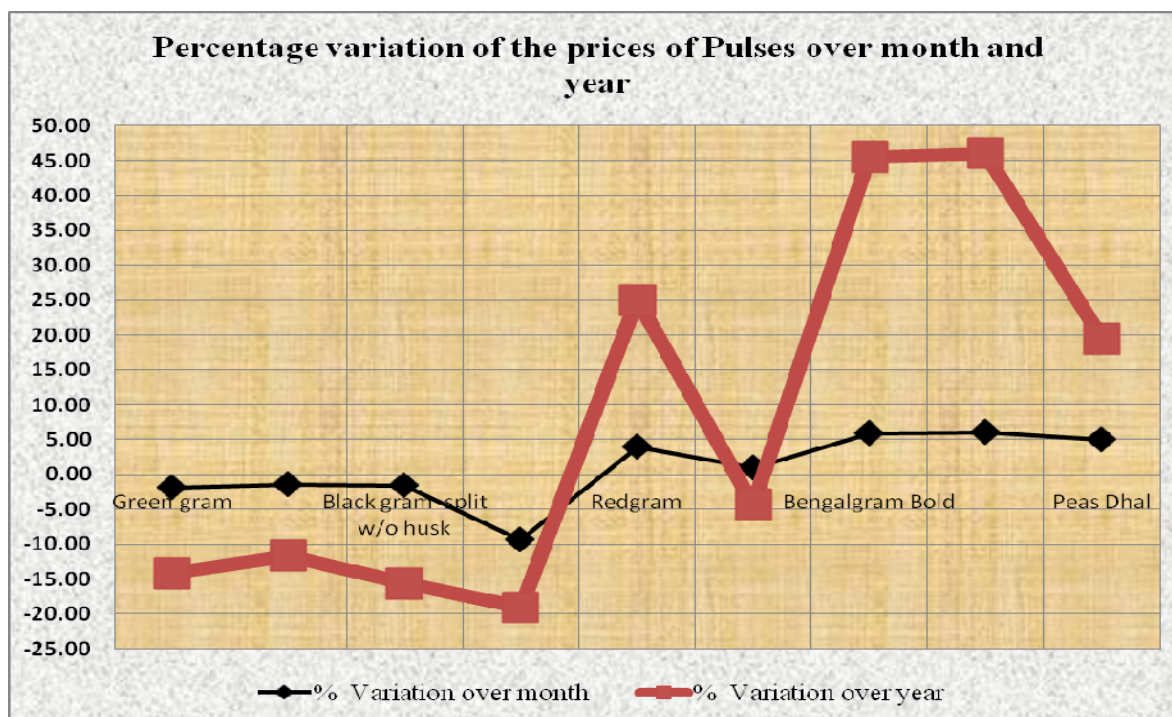
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

During this period a mixed trend has been seen in the retail price of Pulses when compared with the price of the previous month and previous year. A nominal decrease in the prices of Green gram, Green gram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk & with husk was noticed while all the other items show a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month. But when compared with the price of the previous year Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhal show wide increase of 25.06%, 45.57%, 46.04% and 19.44% respectively while Green gram, Green gram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk & with husk show wide decrease by 11% to 20%. The price of Dhall(Tur) showed a slight decrease by about 5% when compared with that 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	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	74.93	65.61	64.33	-1.96	-14.15
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.46	71.22	70.18	-1.45	-11.68
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	75.63	64.88	63.80	-1.66	-15.64
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.59	63.09	57.15	-9.41	-19.03
5	Redgram	Kg	45.22	54.37	56.54	4.00	25.06
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	72.00	68.21	68.88	0.99	-4.33
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.86	58.90	62.38	5.92	45.57
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	37.98	52.29	55.46	6.06	46.04
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	34.16	38.84	40.80	5.05	19.44

Graph - 2





### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

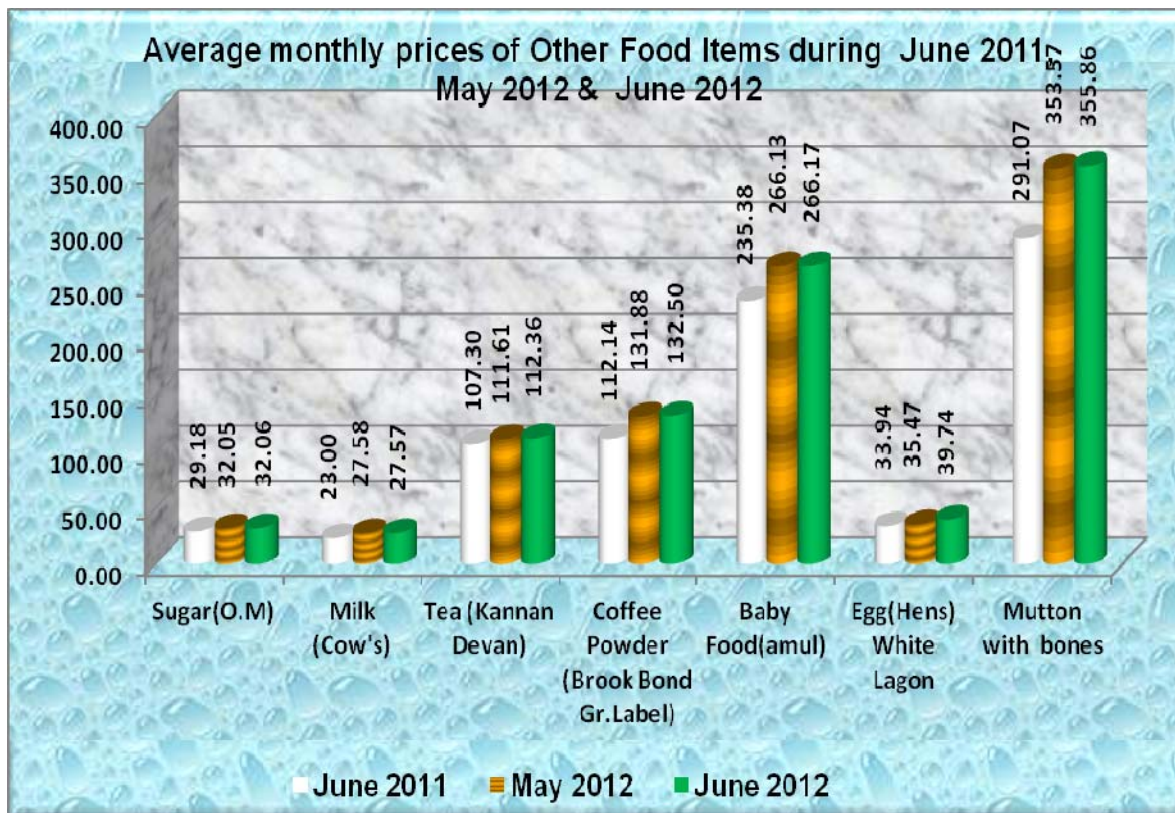
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

An increasing trend has been shown in the retail price of items in this group when compared with both previous month and year. Notable increases are seen in the price of Egg (Hens) White lagoon (12.04%, 17.08%) respectively over previous month and previous year.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.18	32.05	32.06	0.03	9.86
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.58	27.57	-0.05	19.87
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.30	111.61	112.36	0.67	4.71
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	112.14	131.88	132.50	0.47	18.15
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	235.38	266.13	266.17	0.02	13.08
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	33.94	35.47	39.74	12.04	17.08
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	291.07	353.57	355.86	0.65	22.26

Graph-3



#### 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

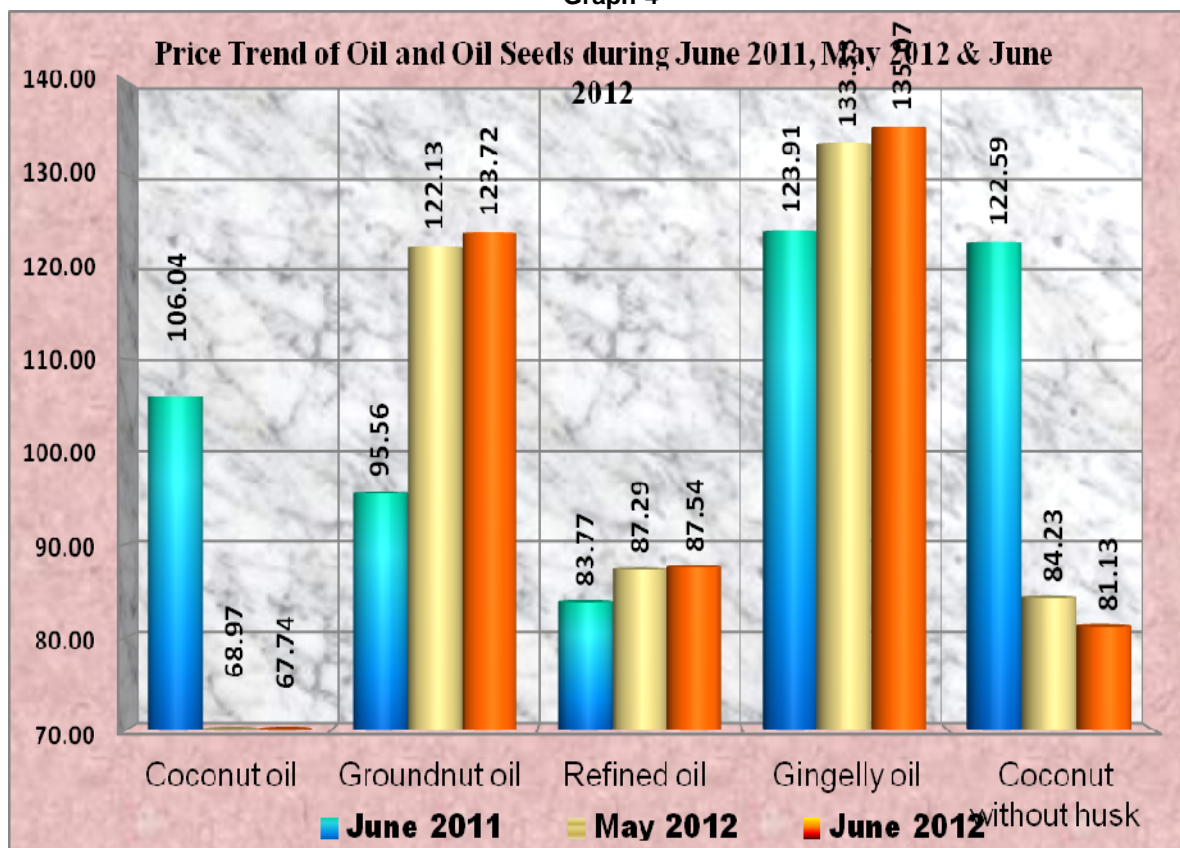
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of Coconut Oil and Coconut without Husk when compared with that of the previous month. The Prices of Groundnut Oil and Gingelly Oil has increased by 1.3%, 1.31% respectively.

When compared with the price of previous year state average retail price of Coconut Oil and Coconut without Husk has gone down by 36.12% and 33.82%, while the prices of Groundnut Oil, refined Oil and gingelly Oil increased by 29.46%, 4.50% and 9% respectively

**Table-4**

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Over month	Over year
		June-2011	May -2012	June -2012		
Coconut oil	Ltr.	106.04	68.97	67.74	-1.78	-36.12
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	95.56	122.13	123.72	1.30	29.46
Refined oil	Ltr.	83.77	87.29	87.54	0.29	4.50
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	123.91	133.33	135.07	1.31	9.00
Coconut without husk	10 nos	122.59	84.23	81.13	-3.67	-33.82

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

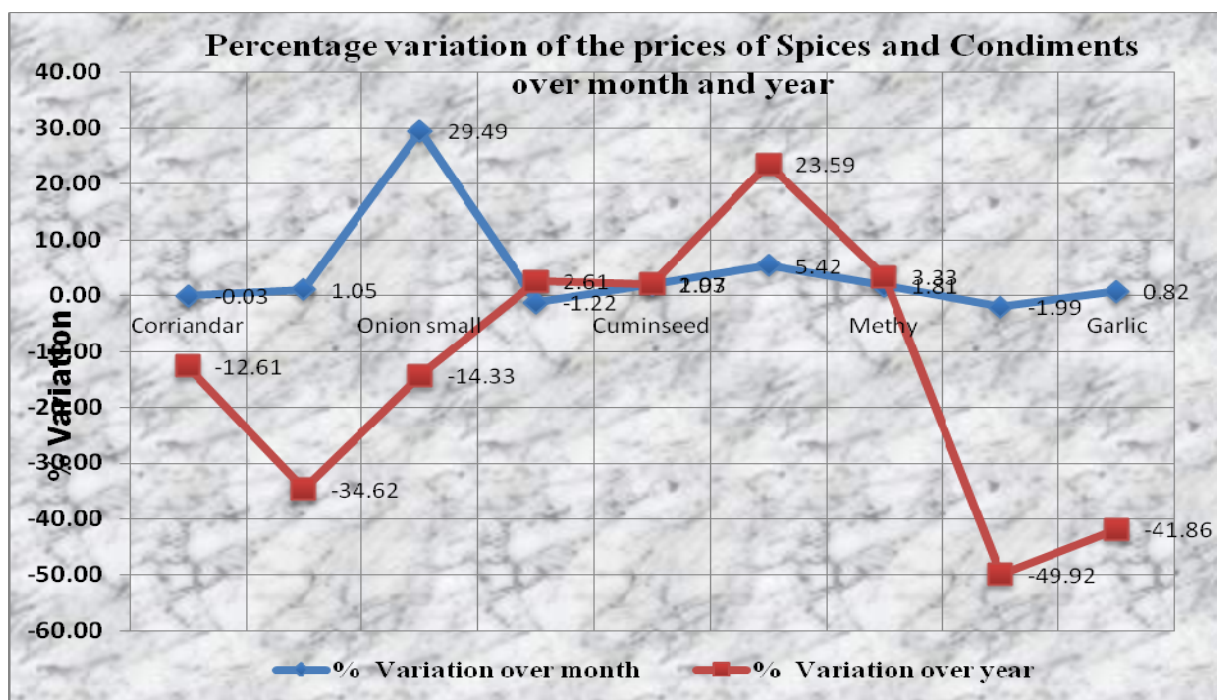
During this period, the prices of all items of Spices & Condiments except Onion small showed a slight variation when compared with the price of previous month. The price of Corriander, Turmeric, Tamarind without seed loose decreased by about 2%. while the prices of Onion small increased considerably by 29.49%.

Corriander, Chillies dry, Onion Small, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 12.61%, 34.62%, 14.33%, 49.92%, and 41.86% respectively while all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	74.29	64.93	64.91	-0.03	-12.61
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.40	73.38	74.14	1.05	-34.62
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.77	23.00	29.79	29.49	-14.33
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	80.83	83.97	82.94	-1.22	2.61
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.99	22.00	22.44	1.97	2.03
6	Mustard	100gm	5.60	6.56	6.92	5.42	23.59
7	Methy	100gm	6.20	6.29	6.40	1.81	3.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	21.88	11.18	10.96	-1.99	-49.92
9	Garlic	100gm	8.53	4.92	4.96	0.82	-41.86

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

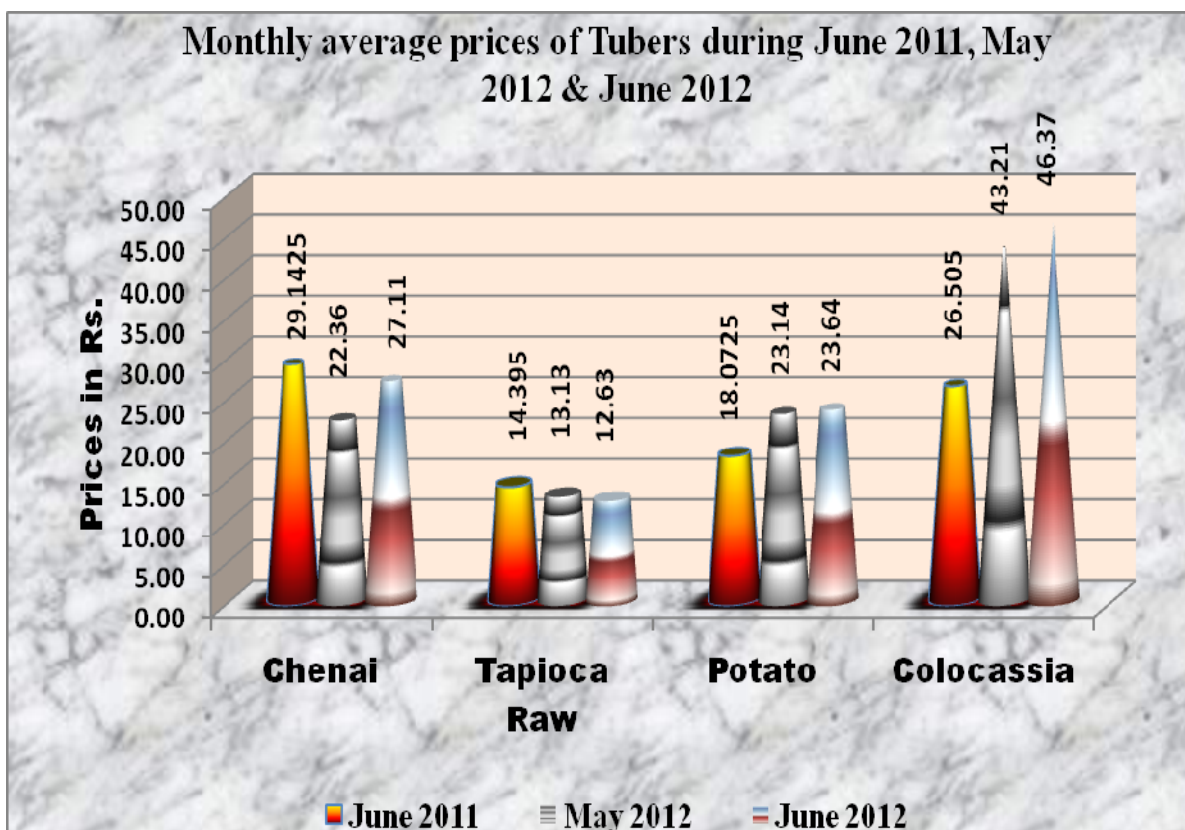
### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

The State average retail prices of Potato(2.20%, 30.83%) and Colocassia(7.32%, 74.96%) showed upward trend when compared with both previous month as well as previous year. Tapioca raw(3.80%,12.28%) showed downward trend when compared with both previous month as well as previous year while the price of Chenai increased by 21.27% and decreased by 6.96% when compared with the price of the previous month and the previous year respectively. 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	
			June-2011	May -2012	June - 2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	29.14	22.36	27.11	21.27	-6.96
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.40	13.13	12.63	-3.80	-12.28
3	Potato	Kg.	18.07	23.14	23.64	2.20	30.83
4	Colocassia	Kg.	26.51	43.21	46.37	7.32	74.96

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

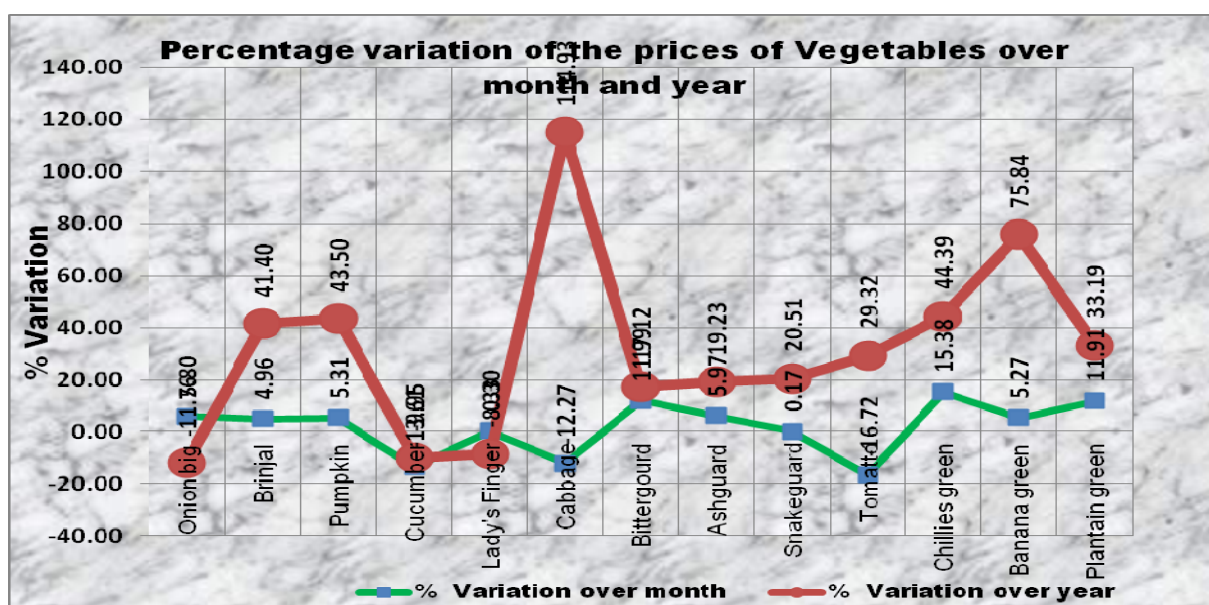
An increasing trend is seen in the price of Onion Big 5.80%, Brinjal 4.96% Pumpkin 5.31%, Ladies finger 0.30%, Bitter gourd 11.99% Ash gourd 5.97%, Snake gourd 0.17%, Chillies green 15.38%, Banana green 5.27% and Plantain green 11.91% while the prices of Cucumber 13.61%, Cabbage 12.27%, and Tomato 16.72% decreased when compared with the price of the previous month..

When compared with the prices of the previous year, all items except Onion Big, Cucumber and ladies finger showed an increasing trend. The price of Onion Big decreased by 11.76%, Ladies finger 8.33% and Cucumber 9.95%, while Brinjal 41.40%, Pumpkin 43.50% Cabbage (114.93%), Bitter gourd (17.12%), Ash gourd (19.23%), Snake gourd (20.51%), Tomato (29.32%), Chillies green (44.39%), Banana green (75.84%) and Plantain green (33.19%) showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	14.23	11.87	12.56	5.80	-11.76
2	Brinjal	Kg.	18.36	24.73	25.96	4.96	41.40
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	11.86	16.16	17.02	5.31	43.50
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.48	17.18	14.84	-13.61	-9.95
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	25.31	23.13	23.20	0.30	-8.33
6	Cabbage	Kg.	14.36	35.17	30.86	-12.27	114.93
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.82	34.33	38.44	11.99	17.12
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	14.20	15.98	16.93	5.97	19.23
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	21.82	26.25	26.30	0.17	20.51
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.41	23.93	19.93	-16.72	29.32
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.81	3.51	4.05	15.38	44.39
12	Banana green	Kg.	24.07	40.21	42.33	5.27	75.84
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.04	17.90	20.03	11.91	33.19

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

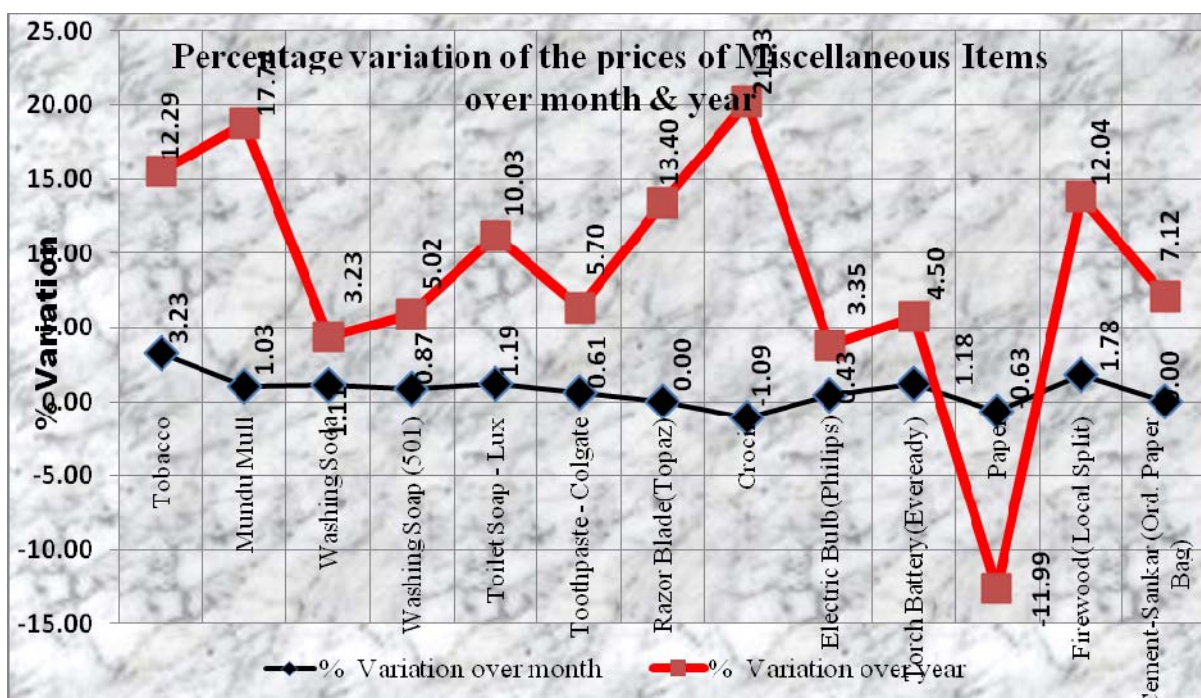
In this group the price of almost all the items has slight variations with respect to the state average retail prices of the previous month. Tobacco, Mundu Mull, Washing Soda, Washing Soap, Toothpaste, Electric Bulb-Philips, Torch Battery, and Firewood showed a slight increase in price while crocin and paper showed a decreasing trend when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the price of the previous year, all items except paper showed an increasing trend .while the state average retail prices of paper decreased by 11.99%.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	103.75	112.86	116.50	3.23	12.29
2	Mundu Mull	Each	86.57	100.89	101.93	1.03	17.74
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.77	32.43	32.79	1.11	3.23
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.86	14.43	14.56	0.87	5.02
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.79	19.34	19.57	1.19	10.03
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.64	32.19	32.39	0.61	5.70
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.76	2.73	-1.09	21.33
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.41	11.74	11.79	0.43	3.35
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.62	14.07	14.24	1.18	4.50
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.96	13.25	13.17	-0.63	-11.99
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	305.83	336.67	342.67	1.78	12.04
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	335.08	358.92	358.93	0.00	7.12

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for The month of June 2012							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			June-2011	May -2012	June - 2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	26.70	24.76	25.99	4.97	-2.66
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.27	23.35	24.14	3.38	-4.47
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.50	24.73	25.20	1.91	7.25
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	74.93	65.61	64.33	-1.96	-14.15
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	79.46	71.22	70.18	-1.45	-11.68
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	75.63	64.88	63.80	-1.66	-15.64
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.59	63.09	57.15	-9.41	-19.03
5	Redgram	Kg	45.22	54.37	56.54	4.00	25.06
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	72.00	68.21	68.88	0.99	-4.33
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.86	58.90	62.38	5.92	45.57
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	37.98	52.29	55.46	6.06	46.04
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	34.16	38.84	40.80	5.05	19.44
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	29.18	32.05	32.06	0.03	9.86
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.58	27.57	-0.05	19.87
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.30	111.61	112.36	0.67	4.71
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	112.14	131.88	132.50	0.47	18.15
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	235.38	266.13	266.17	0.02	13.08
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	33.94	35.47	39.74	12.04	17.08
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	291.07	353.57	355.86	0.65	22.26
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	106.04	68.97	67.74	-1.78	-36.12
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	95.56	122.13	123.72	1.30	29.46
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	83.77	87.29	87.54	0.29	4.50
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	123.91	133.33	135.07	1.31	9.00
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	122.59	84.23	81.13	-3.67	-33.82
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Corriander	Kg.	74.29	64.93	64.91	-0.03	-12.61
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.40	73.38	74.14	1.05	-34.62
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.77	23.00	29.79	29.49	-14.33
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	80.83	83.97	82.94	-1.22	2.61
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.99	22.00	22.44	1.97	2.03
6	Mustard	100gm	5.60	6.56	6.92	5.42	23.59
7	Methy	100gm	6.20	6.29	6.40	1.81	3.33



8	Turmeric	100gm	29.14	22.36	27.11	21.27	-6.96
9	Garlic	100gm	14.40	13.13	12.63	-3.80	-12.28
	<b>F. TUBERS</b>		<b>18.07</b>	<b>23.14</b>	<b>23.64</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>30.83</b>
1	Chennai	Kg.	26.51	43.21	46.37	7.32	74.96
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.					
3	Potato	Kg.	14.23	11.87	12.56	5.80	-11.76
4	Colocassia	Kg.	18.36	24.73	25.96	4.96	41.40
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>		<b>11.86</b>	<b>16.16</b>	<b>17.02</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>43.50</b>
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.48	17.18	14.84	-13.61	-9.95
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.31	23.13	23.20	0.30	-8.33
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	14.36	35.17	30.86	-12.27	114.93
4	Cucumber	Kg.	32.82	34.33	38.44	11.99	17.12
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	14.20	15.98	16.93	5.97	19.23
6	Cabbage	Kg	21.82	26.25	26.30	0.17	20.51
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	15.41	23.93	19.93	-16.72	29.32
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	2.81	3.51	4.05	15.38	44.39
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	24.07	40.21	42.33	5.27	75.84
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.04	17.90	20.03	11.91	33.19
11	Chillies green	100gm					
12	Banana green	Kg.	103.75	112.86	116.50	3.23	12.29
13	Plantain green	Kg.	86.57	100.89	101.93	1.03	17.74
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>		<b>31.77</b>	<b>32.43</b>	<b>32.79</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.23</b>
1	Tobacco	Kg.	13.86	14.43	14.56	0.87	5.02
2	Mundu Mull	Each	17.79	19.34	19.57	1.19	10.03
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	30.64	32.19	32.39	0.61	5.70
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	7.09	8.04	8.04	0.00	13.40
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	2.25	2.76	2.73	-1.09	21.33
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	11.41	11.74	11.79	0.43	3.35
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	13.62	14.07	14.24	1.18	4.50
8	Crocic	2 tabs	14.96	13.25	13.17	-0.63	-11.99
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	305.83	336.67	342.67	1.78	12.04
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	335.08	358.92	358.93	0.00	7.12
11	Paper	24 Sheets	29.14	22.36	27.11	21.27	-6.96
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	14.40	13.13	12.63	-3.80	-12.28
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	18.07	23.14	23.64	2.20	30.83