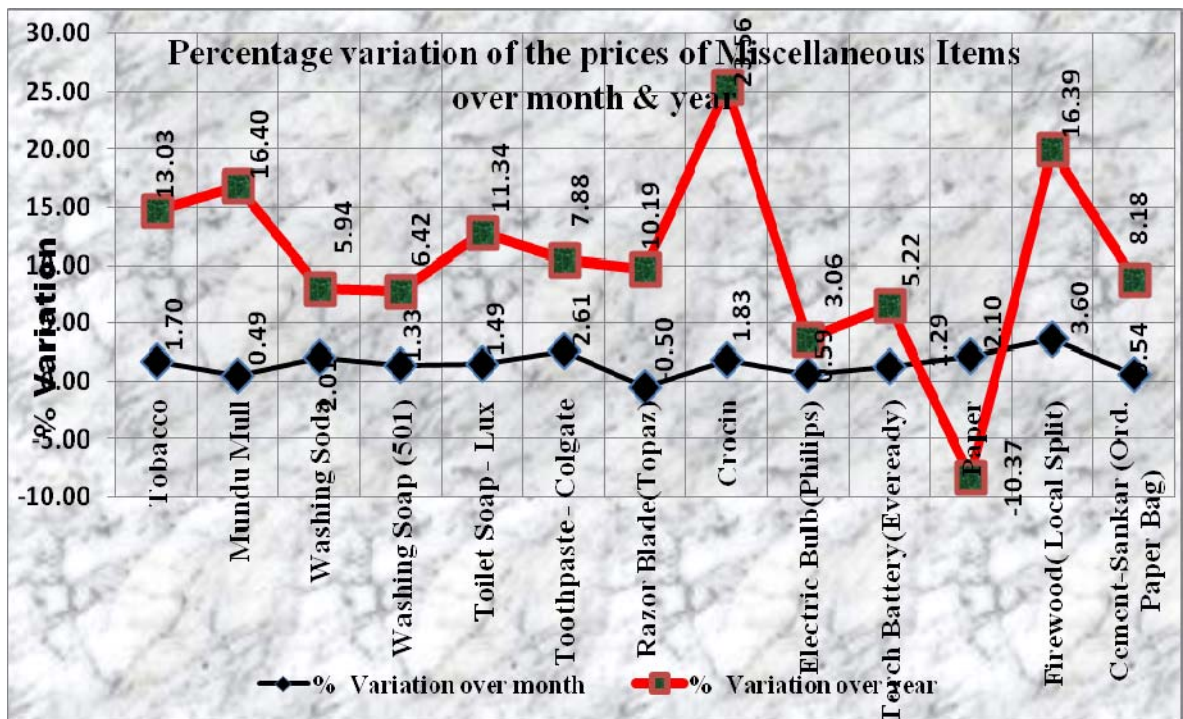




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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

JULY 2012

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of July 2012. An Increasing 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 2011, previous month June 2012 and current month of July 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

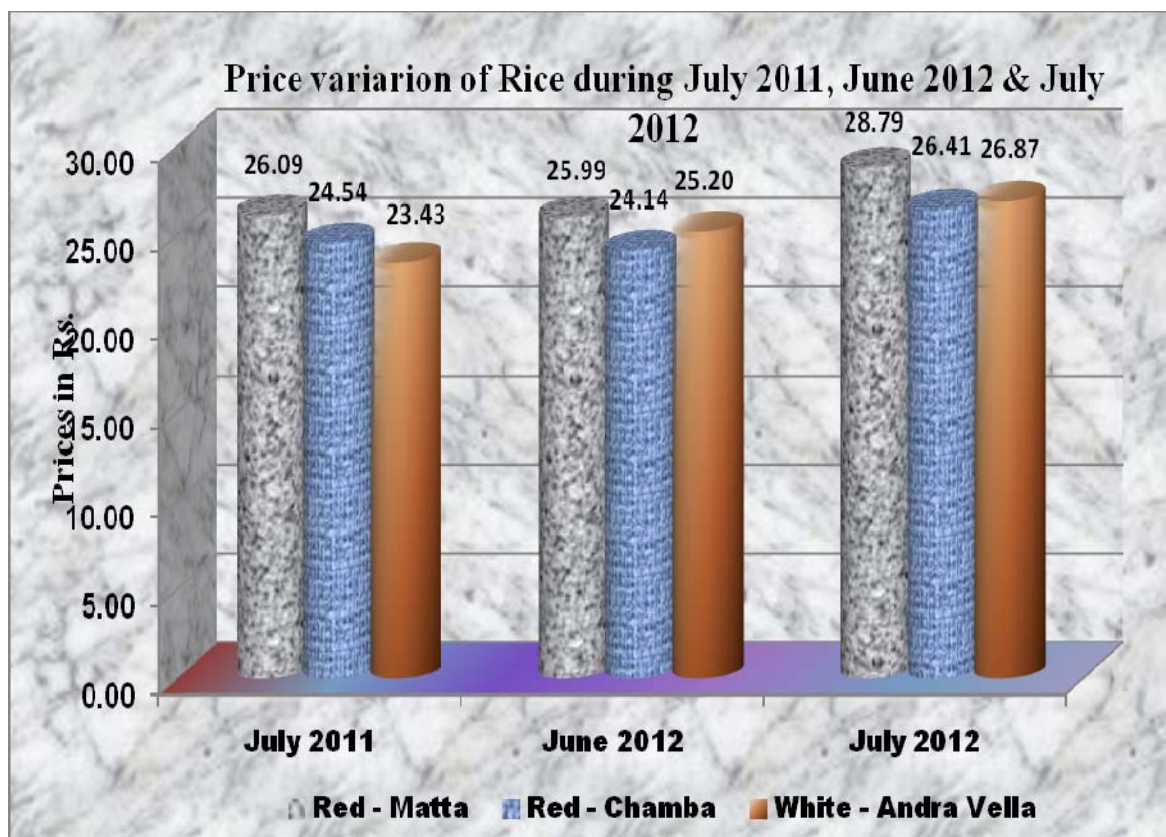
Comparison of State average retail prices of different varieties of Rice

An upward trend has been observed in the retail prices of Rice during the period under report when compared with both previous month and previous year. Notable increase are seen in the price of Red-Matta (10.80% and 10.36%), Red-Chamba(9.41% and 7.63%), and White rice (Andra Vella) (6.60% and 14.67%) respectively over previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			July-2011	June - 2012	July -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	26.09	25.99	28.79	10.80	10.36
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	24.54	24.14	26.41	9.41	7.63
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.43	25.20	26.87	6.60	14.67

Graph-1



2. PULSES

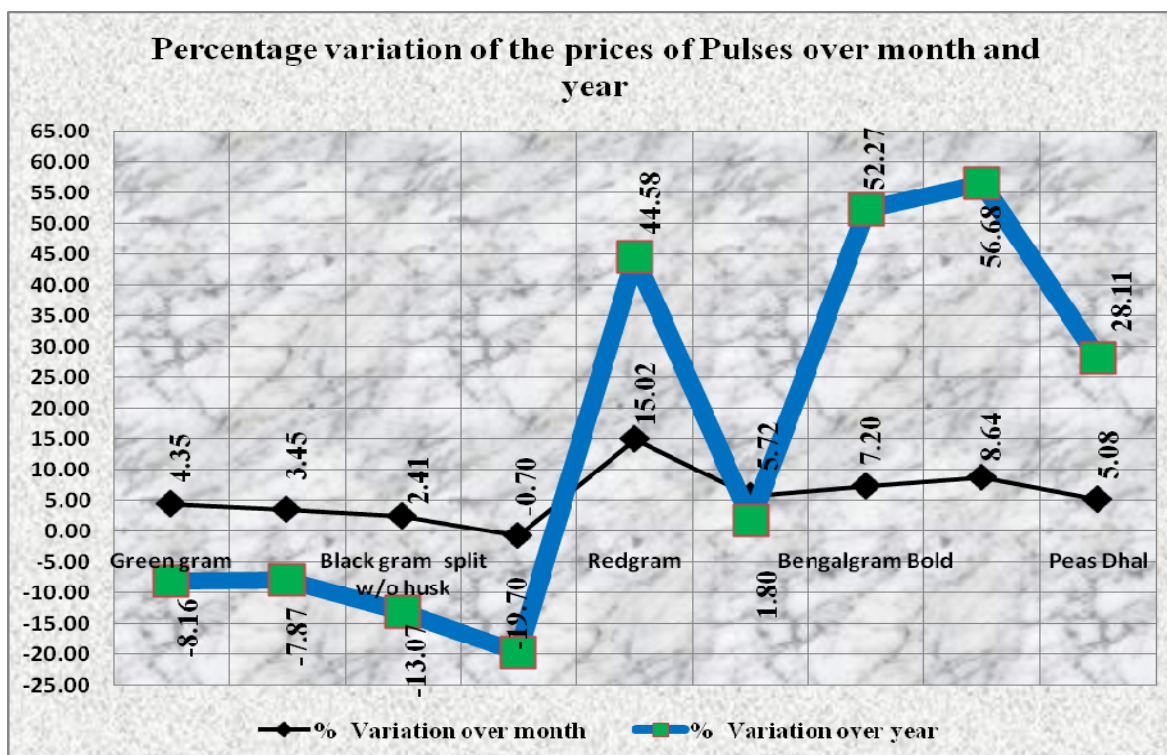
Comparison of State average retail prices of Pulses.

During this period a mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month and previous year. A nominal decrease in the price of Black gram split with husk and a notable increase in the price of Redgram was noticed while all other items show a marginal increase when compared with the prices of the previous month. But when compared with the prices of the previous year Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small, Peas Dhal show a wide increase of 44.58%, 52.27%, 56.68%, and 28.11% respectively while Greengram, Greengram Dhal, Black gram split w/o husk and with husk, show wide decrease by 7% to 20%. 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	
			July-2011	June -2012	July -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	73.09	64.33	67.13	4.35	-8.16
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	78.81	70.18	72.61	3.45	-7.87
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	75.16	63.80	65.34	2.41	-13.07
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.67	57.15	56.75	-0.70	-19.70
5	Redgram	Kg	44.98	56.54	65.04	15.02	44.58
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	71.54	68.88	72.82	5.72	1.80
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	43.92	62.38	66.88	7.20	52.27
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.46	55.46	60.25	8.64	56.68
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	33.47	40.80	42.87	5.08	28.11

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

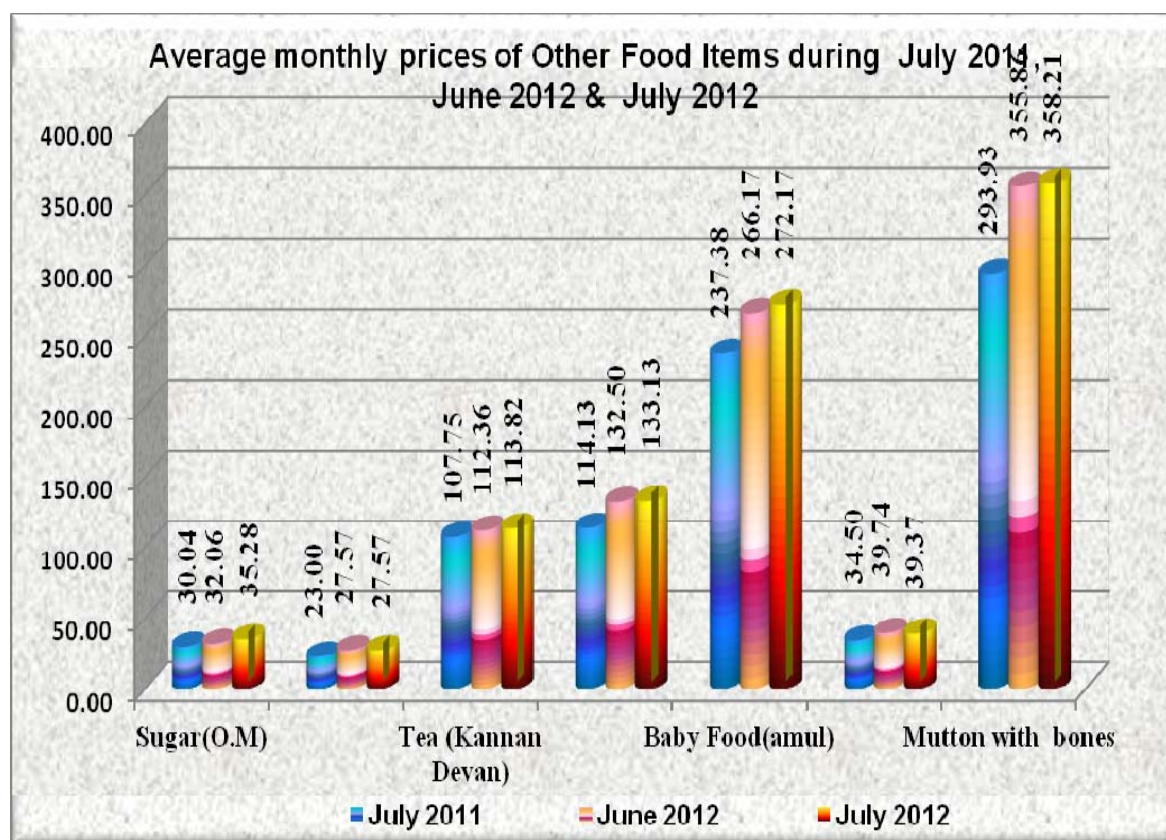
Comparison of State average retail prices of other food items.

During this period the prices of all the items of other food items except Eggs(Hens) white Lagoon showed a nominal increase when compared with the price of previous month. Eggs (Hens) white Lagoon showed a slight negative change when compared with the prices of the previous month. The prices of all items of this group increased by 5% to 22% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

. Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			July-2011	June -2012	July -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.04	32.06	35.28	10.04	17.44
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.57	27.57	0.00	19.87
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.75	112.36	113.82	1.30	5.63
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	114.13	132.50	133.13	0.47	16.65
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	237.38	266.17	272.17	2.25	14.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	34.50	39.74	39.37	-0.93	14.13
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	293.93	355.86	358.21	0.66	21.87

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

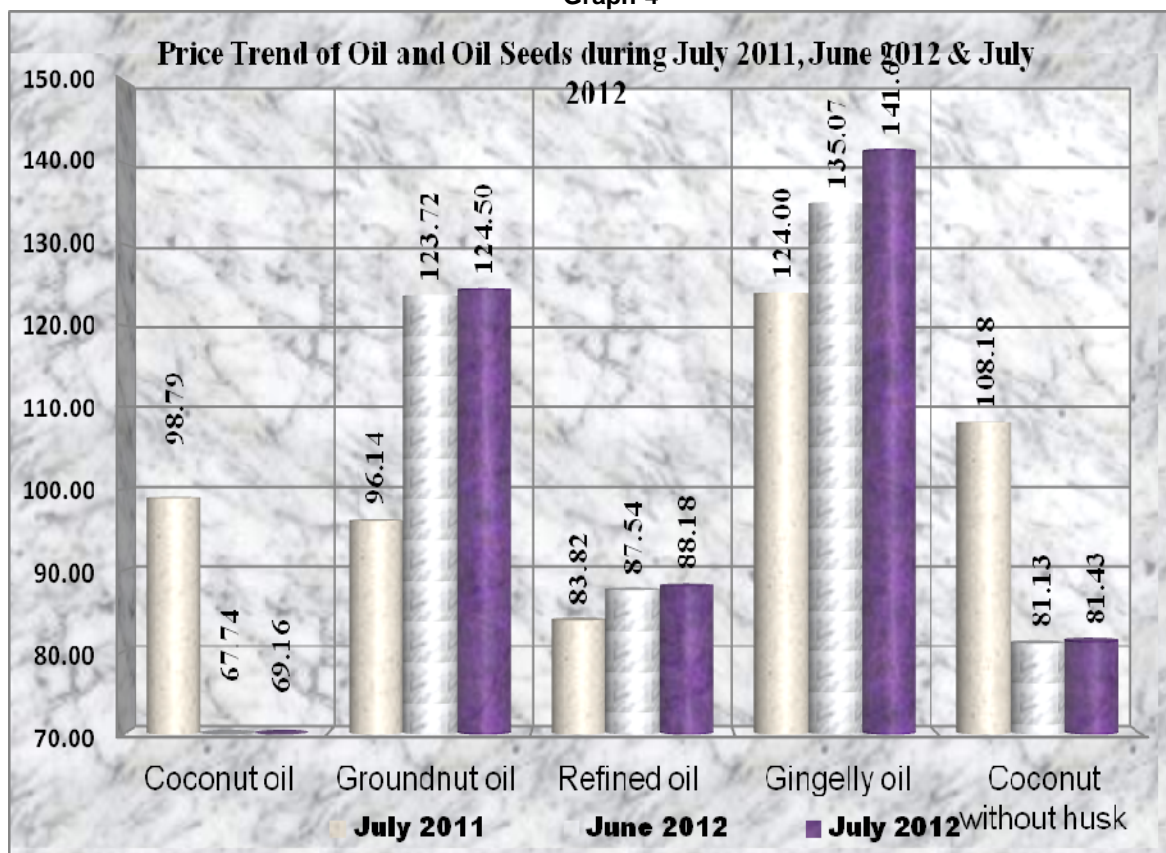
Comparison of State average retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

An increasing trend in the state average retail prices of Oil and Oilseeds have been observed in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the price of the previous year state average retail price of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk has gone down by 29.99% and 24.73%, while the price of Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 29.5%, 5.2% and 14.23% respectively.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		July-2011	June -2012	July -2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	98.79	67.74	69.16	2.09	-29.99
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	96.14	123.72	124.50	0.64	29.50
Refined oil	Ltr.	83.82	87.54	88.18	0.73	5.20
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	124.00	135.07	141.65	4.87	14.23
Coconut without husk	10 nos	108.18	81.13	81.43	0.37	-24.73

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State average retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

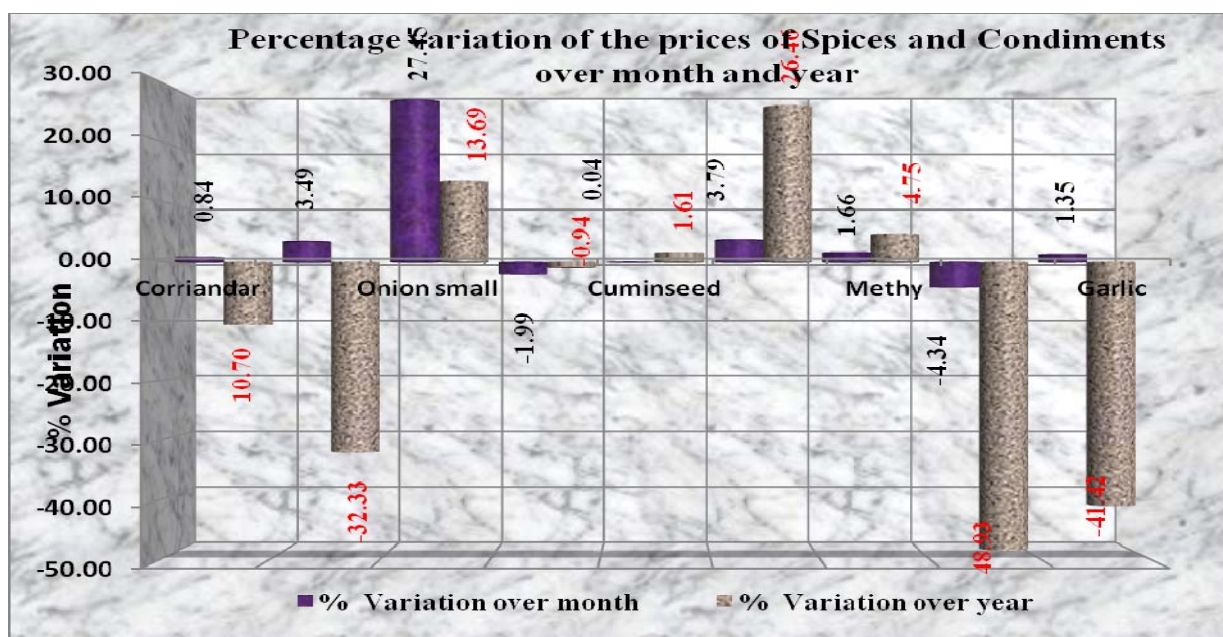
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of Spices & Condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of Tamarind without seeds loose (1.99%) and Turmeric (4.34%) while all other items except Onion small showed a nominal increase when compared with the price of previous month.

Corriander, Chillies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 10.70%, 32.33%, 0.94%, 48.93% and 41.42% respectively while all the other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous year but state average price of Onion small, Cuminseed, Mustard and Methy increased by 13.69%, 1.61%, 26.46% and 4.75% respectively.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			July-2011	June - 2012	July -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	73.31	64.91	65.46	0.84	-10.70
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.39	74.14	76.73	3.49	-32.33
3	Onion small	Kg.	33.39	29.79	37.96	27.45	13.69
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	82.06	82.94	81.29	-1.99	-0.94
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.09	22.44	22.45	0.04	1.61
6	Mustard	100gm	5.68	6.92	7.18	3.79	26.46
7	Methy	100gm	6.22	6.40	6.51	1.66	4.75
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.53	10.96	10.48	-4.34	-48.93
9	Garlic	100gm	8.58	4.96	5.03	1.35	-41.42

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

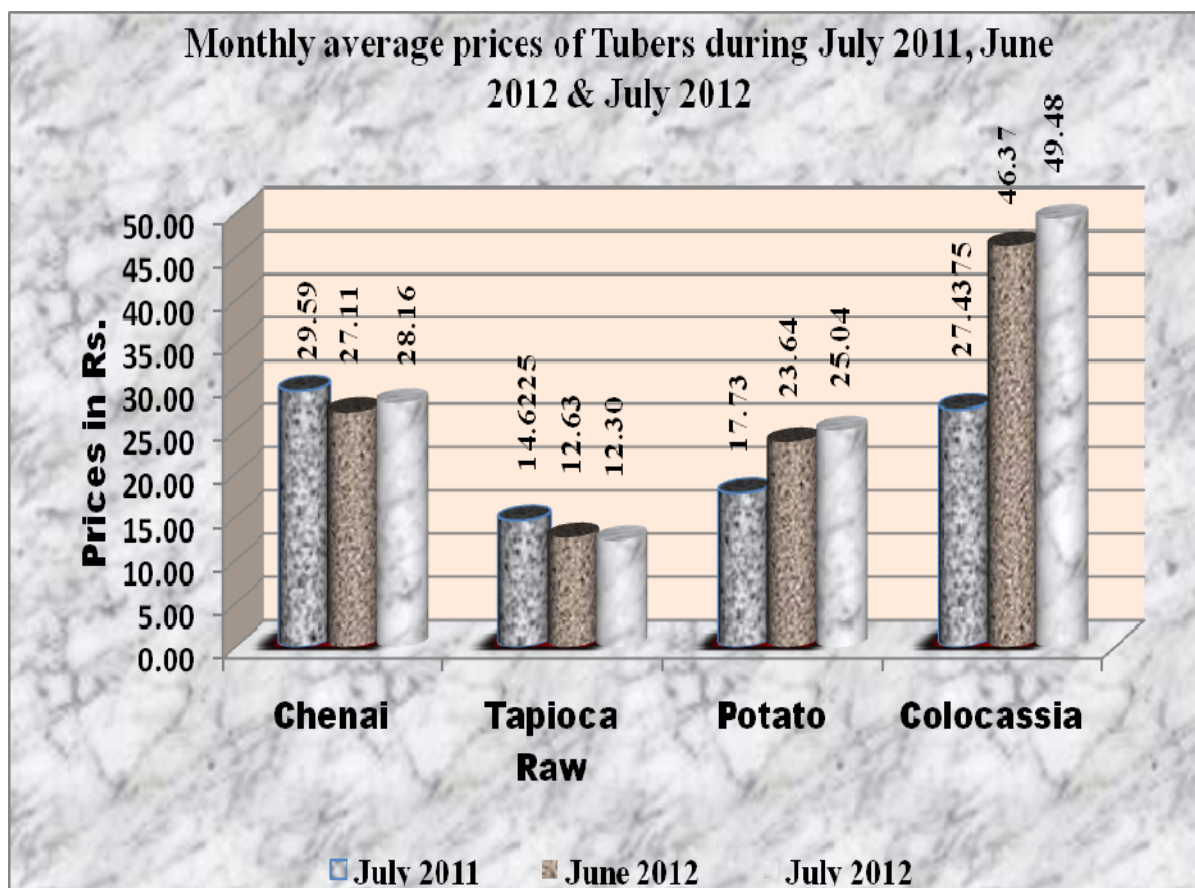
Comparison of State average retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of Tubers except Tapioca Raw showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. Chennai and Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend by 4.84% and 15.87% respectively while all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the 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-2011	June - 2012	July -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	29.59	27.11	28.16	3.85	-4.84
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.62	12.63	12.30	-2.58	-15.87
3	Potato	Kg.	17.73	23.64	25.04	5.88	41.20
4	Colocassia	Kg.	27.44	46.37	49.48	6.69	80.32

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State average retail prices of Vegetables.

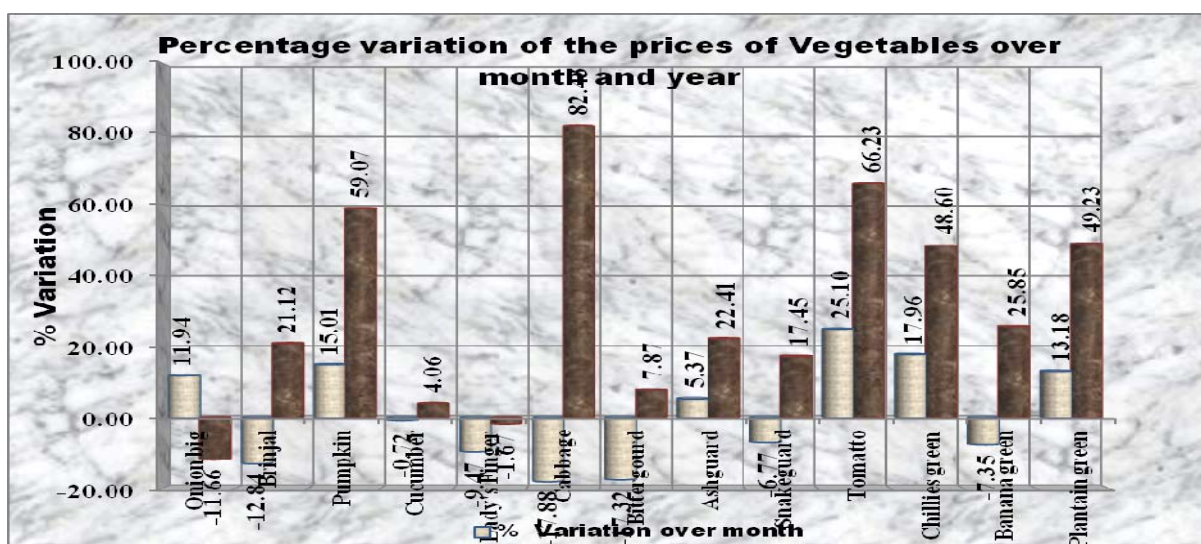
A mixed trend has been observed during the month in the state average retail price of Vegetables. The price of Brinjal (12.84%), Cucumber (0.72%), Lady's Finger (9.47%), Cabbage (17.88%), Bitter gourd (17.32%) Snake gourd (6.77%), and Banana green (7.35%) showed a decrease while all the other items showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of previous year, all items except Onion Big, and Lady's Finger showed an increasing trend. The price of Onion Big and Lady's Finger decreased by 11.66% and 1.67% respectively while the prices of Brinjal (21.12%) Pumpkin (59.07%), Cucumber (4.06%), Cabbage (82.43%), Bittergourd (7.87%), Ash gourd (22.41%) Snake gourd (17.45%), Tomato (66.23%), Chillies green (48.60%), Banana green(25.85%),and Plantain green(49.23%) 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	
			July-2011	June -2012	July -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	15.91	12.56	14.06	11.94	-11.66
2	Brinjal	Kg.	18.68	25.96	22.63	-12.84	21.12
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.30	17.02	19.57	15.01	59.07
4	Cucumber	Kg.	14.16	14.84	14.74	-0.72	4.06
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.36	23.20	21.00	-9.47	-1.67
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.89	30.86	25.34	-17.88	82.43
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	29.47	38.44	31.79	-17.32	7.87
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	14.57	16.93	17.84	5.37	22.41
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.88	26.30	24.52	-6.77	17.45
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.00	19.93	24.93	25.10	66.23
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.22	4.05	4.78	17.96	48.60
12	Banana green	Kg.	31.16	42.33	39.22	-7.35	25.85
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.19	20.03	22.67	13.18	49.23

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of State average retail prices of miscellaneous items

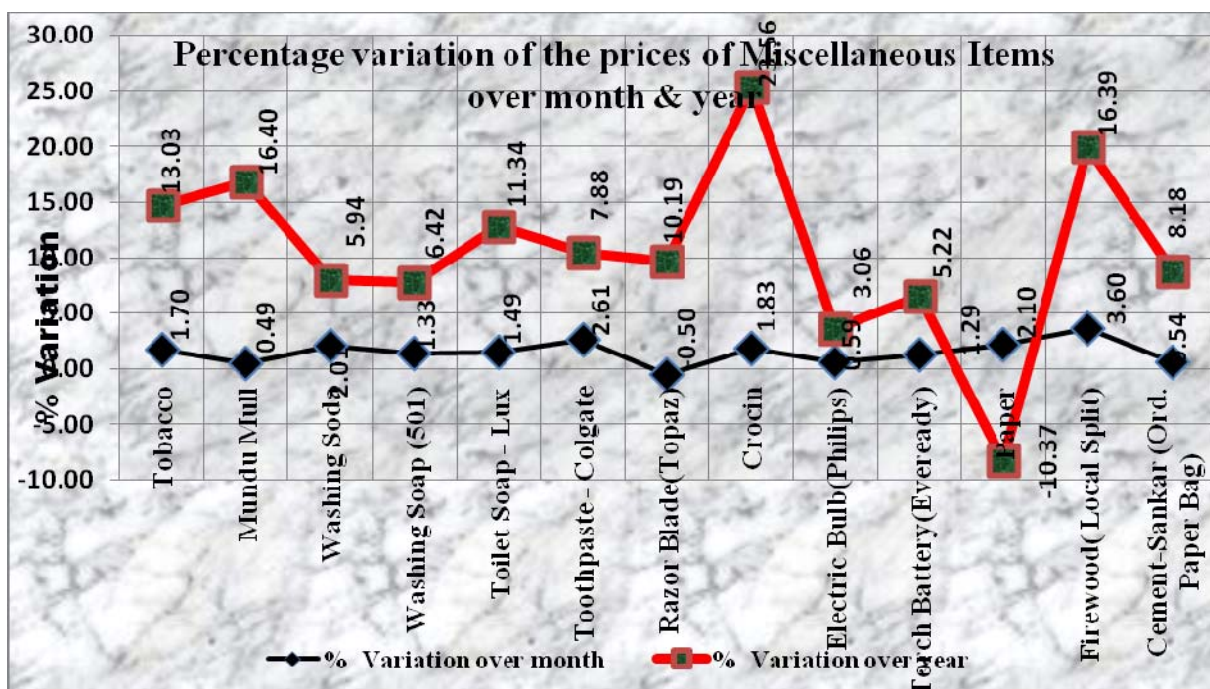
In this group the price of almost all the items showed a marginal variation with respect to the state average retail prices of the previous month. Almost all the items exhibited a slight increase in price except Razor Blade (Topaz), that decreased by 0.59% when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the price of the previous year, all items except paper showed an increasing trend while the state average retail price of paper decreased by 10.37%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			July-2011	June - 2012	July -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	104.82	116.50	118.48	1.70	13.03
2	Mundu Mull	Each	88.00	101.93	102.43	0.49	16.40
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.57	32.79	33.45	2.01	5.94
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.86	14.56	14.75	1.33	6.42
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.84	19.57	19.86	1.49	11.34
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.81	32.39	33.23	2.61	7.88
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.26	8.04	8.00	-0.50	10.19
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.73	2.78	1.83	23.56
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.51	11.79	11.86	0.59	3.06
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.71	14.24	14.42	1.29	5.22
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.00	13.17	13.44	2.10	-10.37
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	305.00	342.67	355.00	3.60	16.39
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	333.59	358.93	360.89	0.54	8.18

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of July 2012							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			July-2011	June -2012	July -2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	26.09	25.99	28.79	10.80	10.36
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	24.54	24.14	26.41	9.41	7.63
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.43	25.20	26.87	6.60	14.67
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	73.09	64.33	67.13	4.35	-8.16
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	78.81	70.18	72.61	3.45	-7.87
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	75.16	63.80	65.34	2.41	-13.07
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.67	57.15	56.75	-0.70	-19.70
5	Redgram	Kg	44.98	56.54	65.04	15.02	44.58
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	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.04	32.06	35.28	10.04	17.44
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6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	34.50	39.74	39.37	-0.93	14.13
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	98.79	67.74	69.16	2.09	-29.99
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	96.14	123.72	124.50	0.64	29.50
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5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.09	22.44	22.45	0.04	1.61
6	Mustard	100gm	5.68	6.92	7.18	3.79	26.46
7	Methy	100gm	6.22	6.40	6.51	1.66	4.75
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.53	10.96	10.48	-4.34	-48.93
9	Garlic	100gm	8.58	4.96	5.03	1.35	-41.42

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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.30	17.02	19.57	15.01	59.07
4	Cucumber	Kg.	14.16	14.84	14.74	-0.72	4.06
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.36	23.20	21.00	-9.47	-1.67
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.89	30.86	25.34	-17.88	82.43
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	29.47	38.44	31.79	-17.32	7.87
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	14.57	16.93	17.84	5.37	22.41
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.88	26.30	24.52	-6.77	17.45
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.00	19.93	24.93	25.10	66.23
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.22	4.05	4.78	17.96	48.60
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.19	20.03	22.67	13.18	49.23
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1	Tobacco	Kg.	104.82	116.50	118.48	1.70	13.03
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10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	13.71	14.24	14.42	1.29	5.22
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