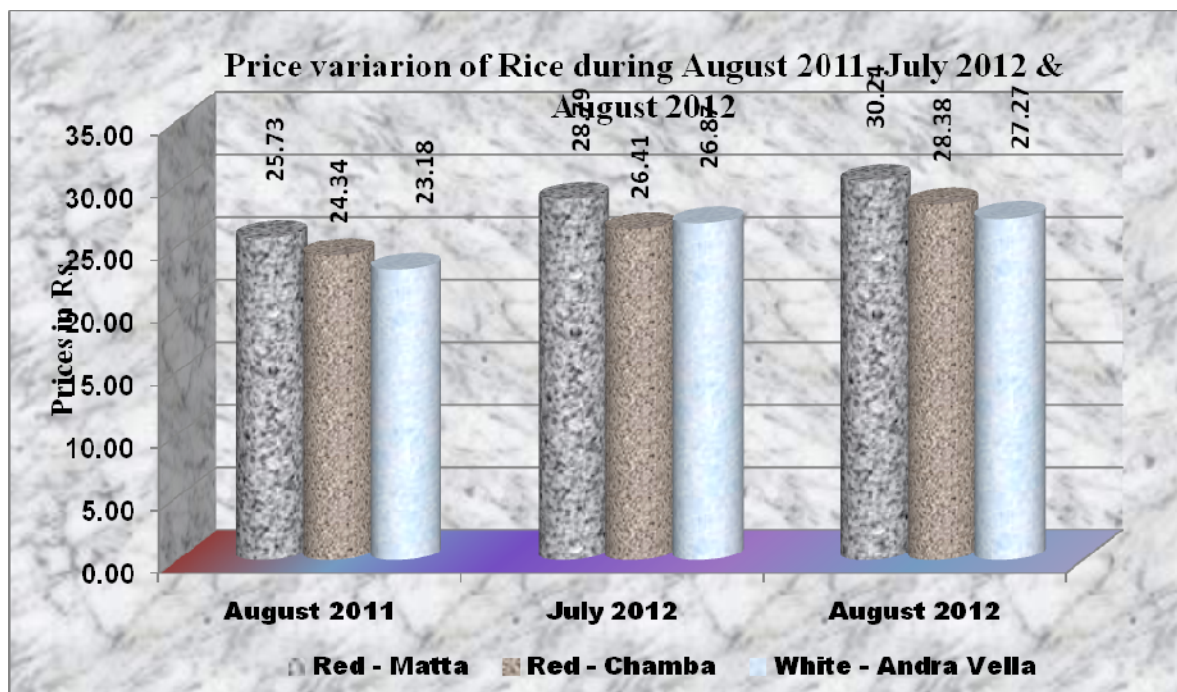




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## REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

### AUGUST 2012

#### **Introduction**

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

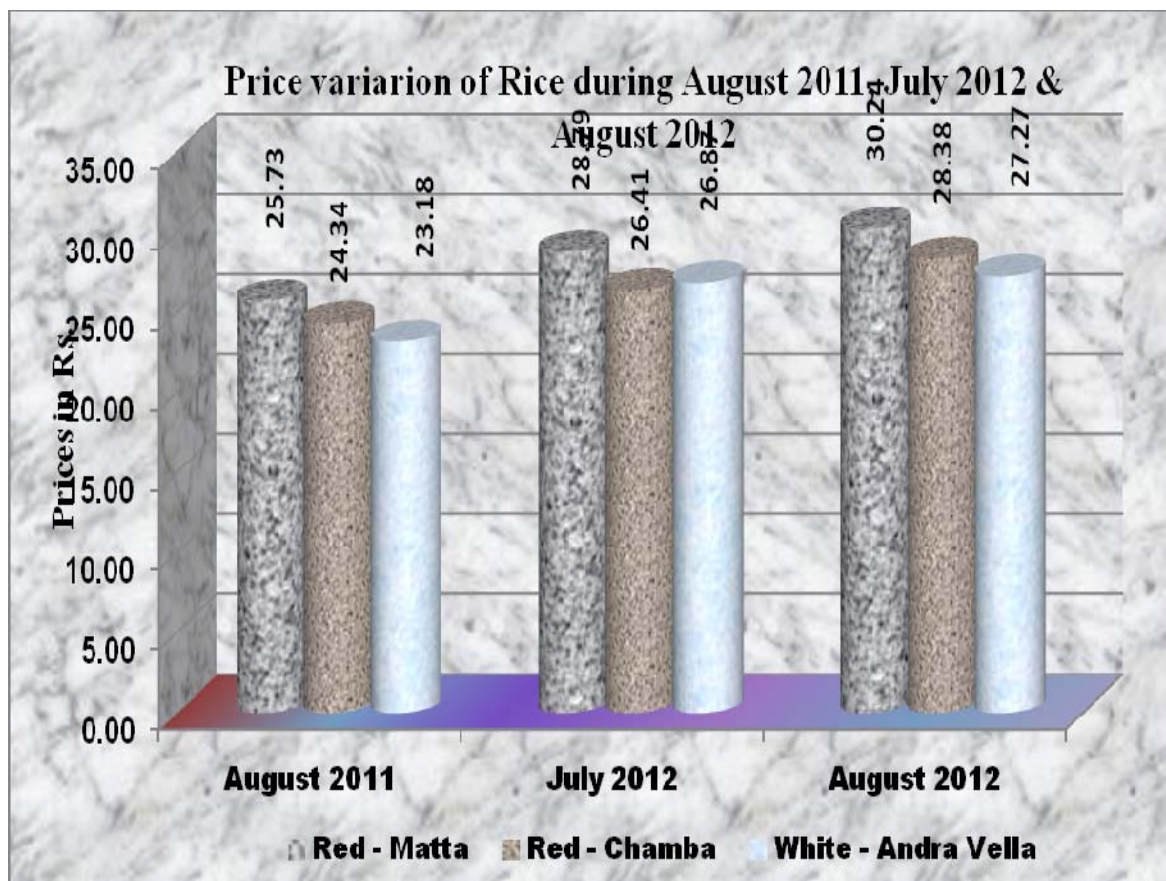
## Comparison of State average retail prices of different varieties of Rice

An upward trend has been observed in the retail prices of rice during the period under report when compared with both previous month and year. Nominal increase is seen in the price of Red-Matta (5.01% and 17.50%). Red -Chamba (7.43% and 16.60%) and white Andra Vella (1.52% and 17.64%) respectively over previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. 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	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	25.73	28.79	30.24	5.01	17.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	24.34	26.41	28.38	7.43	16.60
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.18	26.87	27.27	1.52	17.64

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

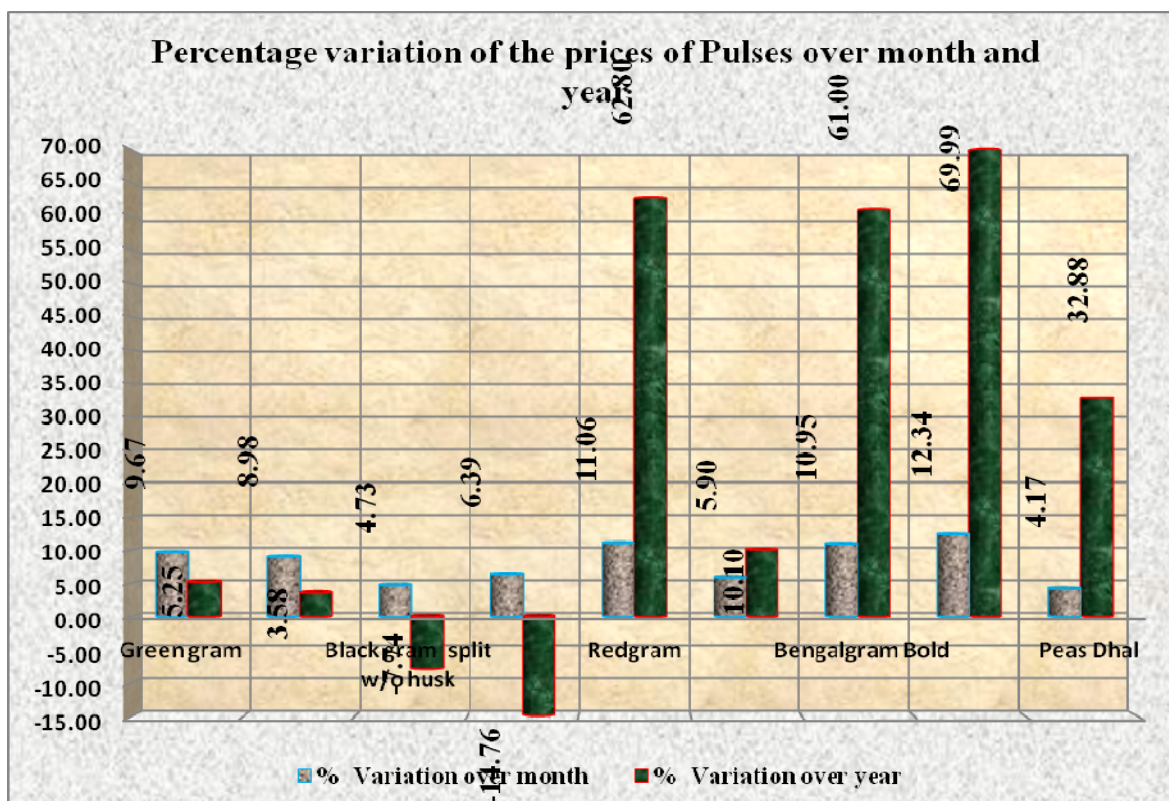
### Comparison of State average retail prices of Pulses.

During this period an upward trend has been seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of all items of this group increased by 4% to 13% when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the previous year Black gram split without husk, and with husk showed a slightly negative change and all other items increased by 3% to 70%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Redgram, Bengalgram Bold and Bengalgram small when compared with the price 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	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	69.94	67.13	73.62	9.67	5.25
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	76.39	72.61	79.13	8.98	3.58
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	74.17	65.34	68.43	4.73	-7.74
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.83	56.75	60.38	6.39	-14.76
5	Redgram	Kg	44.37	65.04	72.23	11.06	62.80
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	70.05	72.82	77.12	5.90	10.10
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	46.08	66.88	74.20	10.95	61.00
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	39.82	60.25	67.69	12.34	69.99
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	33.61	42.87	44.66	4.17	32.88

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

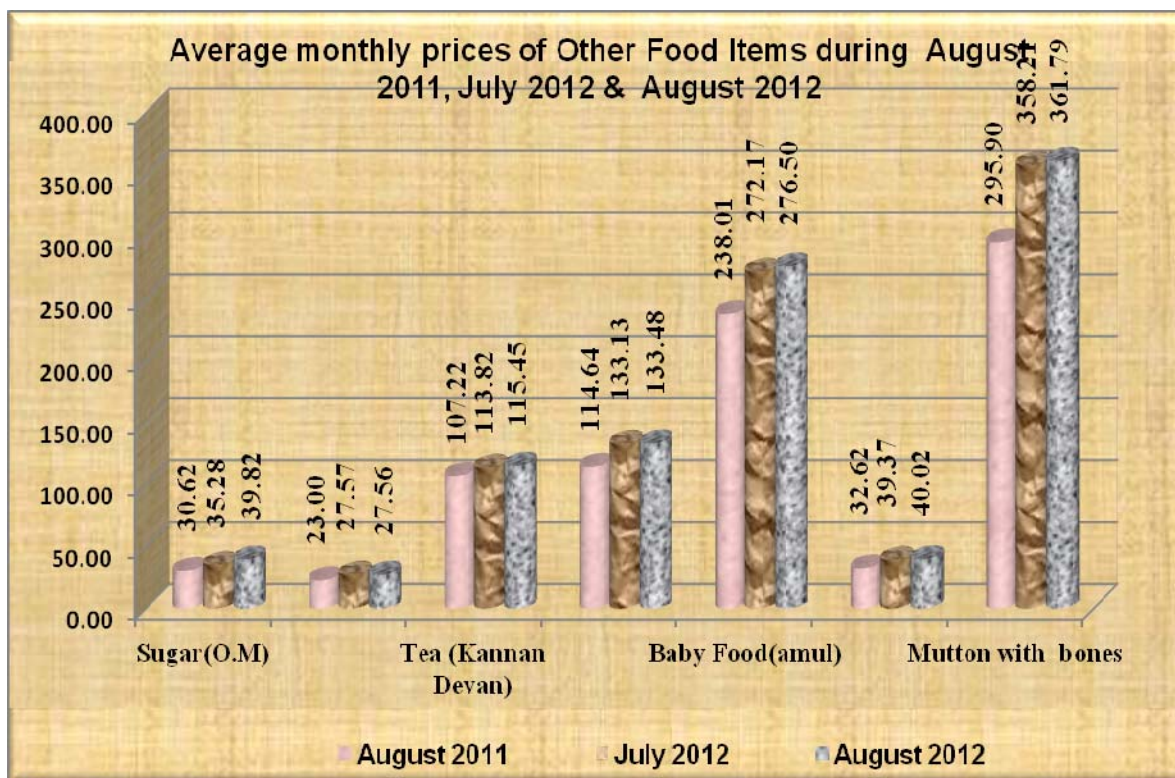
#### Comparison of State average retail prices of other food items.

During this period the state average retail prices of all the items of other food items except milk(cow's) showed a nominal increase when compared with the previous month. Milk (Cow's) showed a slight variation when compared with the price of the previous month. The prices of all items of this group increased by 7% to 31% 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	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.62	35.28	39.82	12.88	30.06
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.57	27.56	-0.03	19.84
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.22	113.82	115.45	1.43	7.68
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	114.64	133.13	133.48	0.27	16.43
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	238.01	272.17	276.50	1.59	16.17
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	32.62	39.37	40.02	1.64	22.67
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	295.90	358.21	361.79	1.00	22.27

Graph-3



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

### Comparison of State average retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

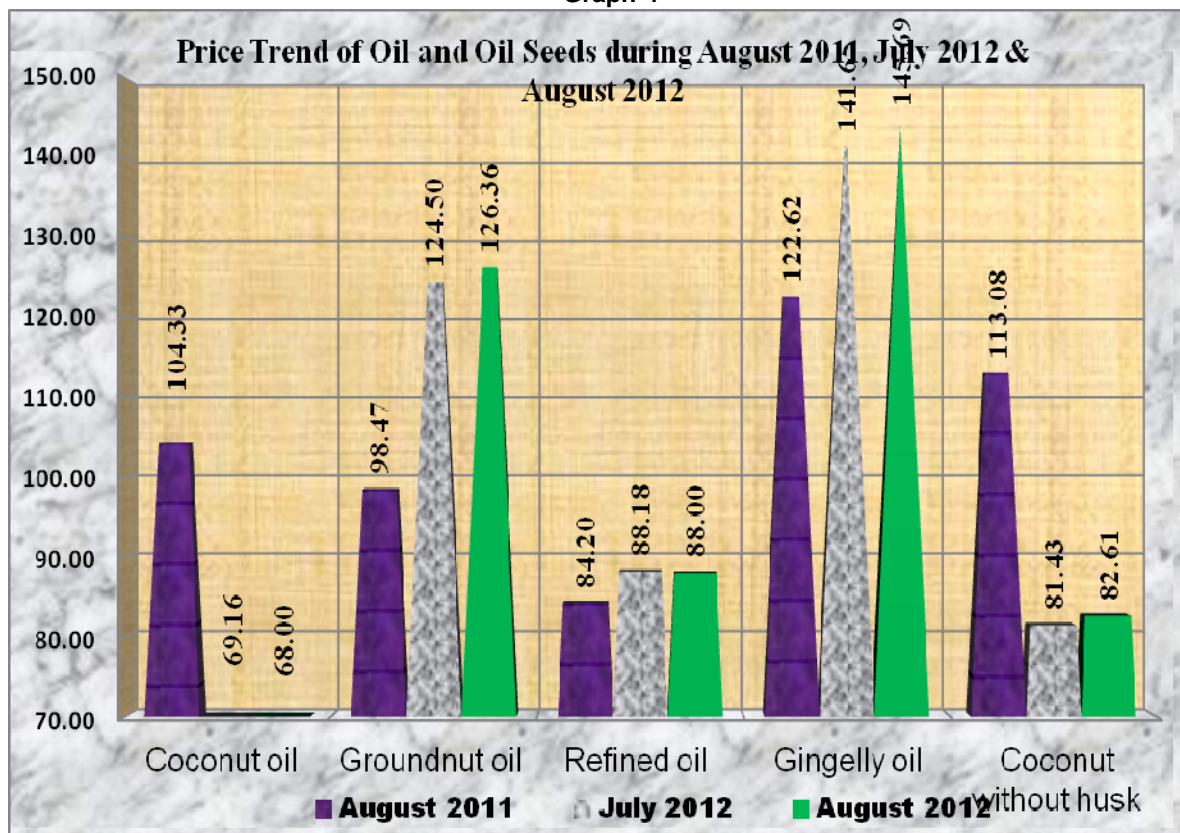
A mixed trend was seen in the state average retail prices of Oil and Oil seeds compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding prices of the previous year. Negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of Coconut oil and Refined Oil when compared with the price of previous month. The price of Groundnut Oil, Gingelly oil and Coconut without husk has increased by 1.49%, 2.85% and 1.45% respectively.

When compared with the price of the previous year state average retail price of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk has gone down by 34.82% and 26.94%, while Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 28.32%, 4.51% and 18.81% respectively.

**Table-4**

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		August-2011	July -2012	August - 2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	104.33	69.16	68.00	-1.67	-34.82
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	98.47	124.50	126.36	1.49	28.32
Refined oil	Ltr.	84.20	88.18	88.00	-0.21	4.51
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.62	141.65	145.69	2.85	18.81
Coconut without husk	10 nos	113.08	81.43	82.61	1.45	-26.94

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of State average retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

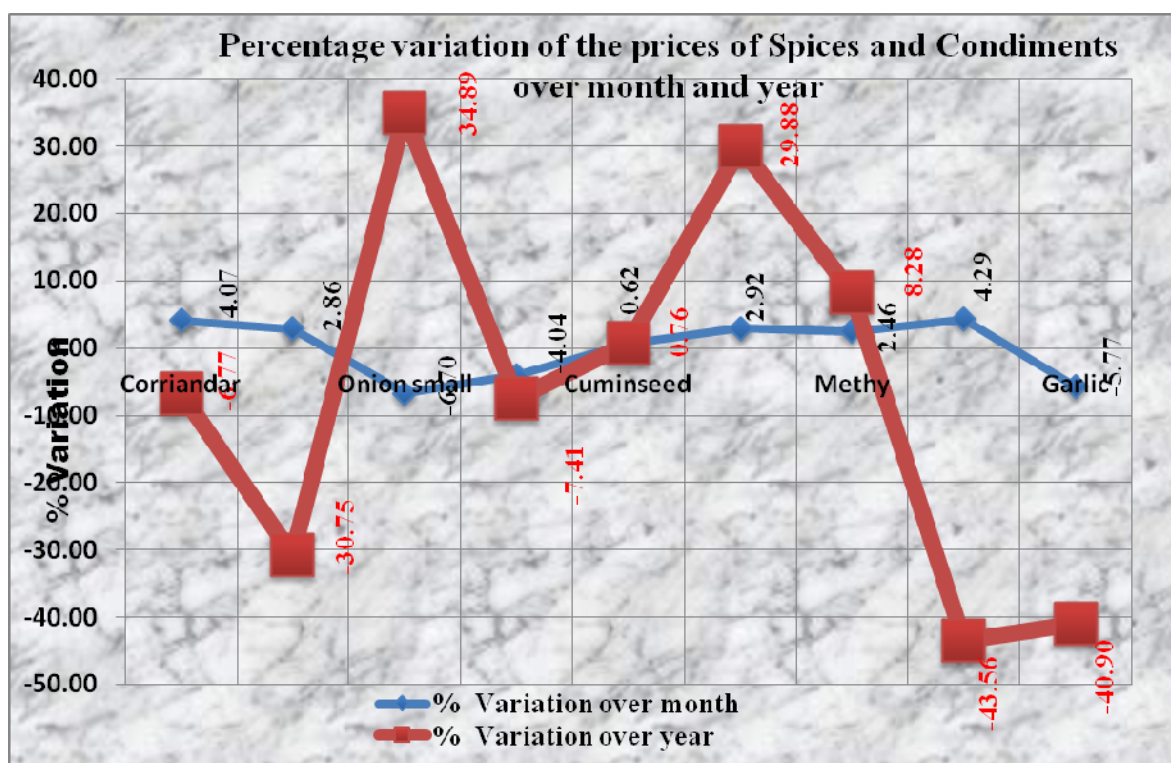
A mixed trend is seen in the State average retail price of spices and condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of Onion small (6.70%) Tamarind without seeds loose (4.04%) and Garlic (5.77%) while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of previous month.

Chillies dry, Tamarind without seed loose, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 30.75%, 7.41%, 43.56% and 40.90% respectively, while all the 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	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	73.08	65.46	68.13	4.07	-6.77
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.98	76.73	78.93	2.86	-30.75
3	Onion small	Kg.	26.26	37.96	35.42	-6.70	34.89
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	84.25	81.29	78.00	-4.04	-7.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.42	22.45	22.59	0.62	0.76
6	Mustard	100gm	5.69	7.18	7.39	2.92	29.88
7	Methy	100gm	6.16	6.51	6.67	2.46	8.28
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.37	10.48	10.93	4.29	-43.56
9	Garlic	100gm	8.01	5.03	4.74	-5.77	-40.90

**Graph 5**





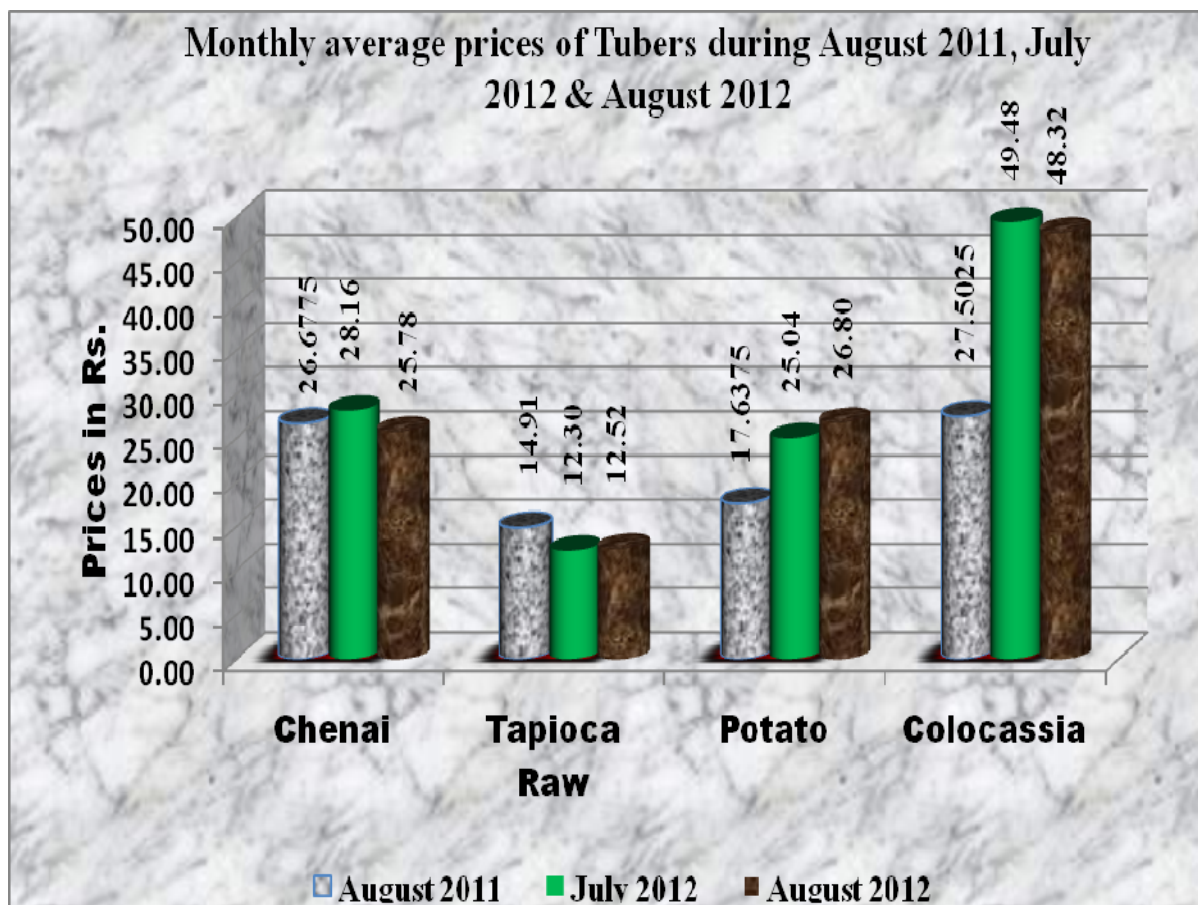
## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of State average retail prices of Tubers

During this period the state average retail price of Chenai and Colocassia showed a decreasing trend while Tapioca raw and Potato showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of Chenai and Tapioca raw showed a downward trend of 3.35% and 16.03% respectively. While the prices of all the other items showed an upward trend 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	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	26.68	28.16	25.78	-8.43	-3.35
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.91	12.30	12.52	1.77	-16.03
3	Potato	Kg.	17.64	25.04	26.80	7.05	51.95
4	Colocassia	Kg.	27.50	49.48	48.32	-2.33	75.69

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of State average retail prices of Vegetables.

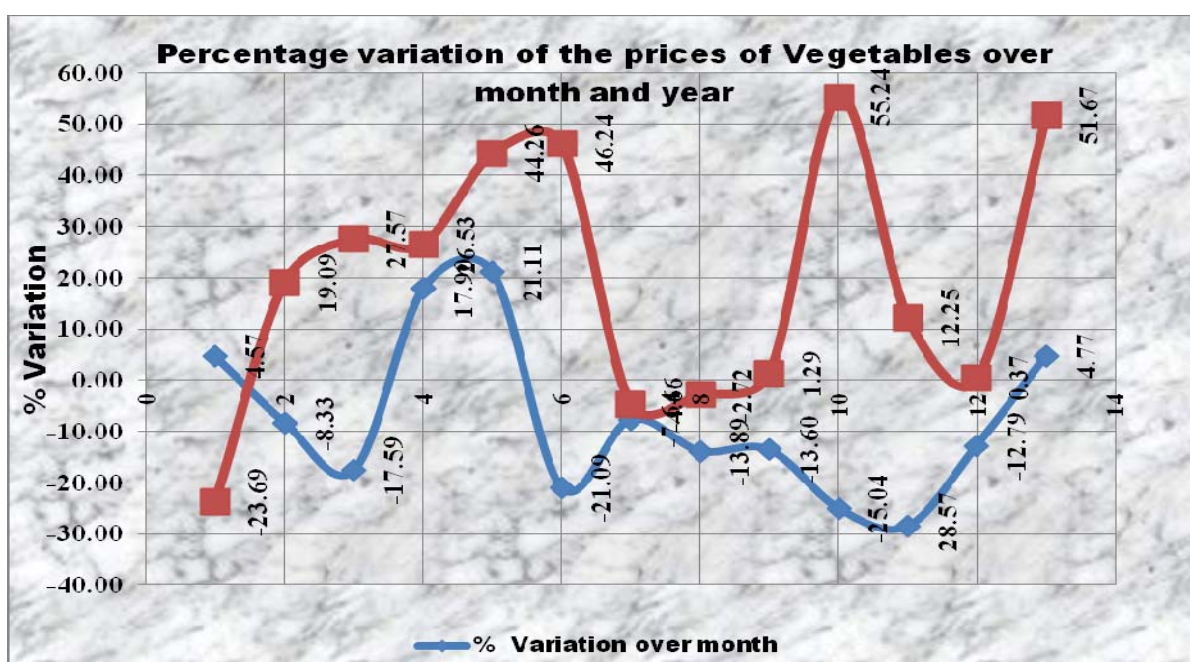
A mixed trend was seen in the state average retail prices of vegetables compared with the price of both previous month and year. The price of Onion big (4.57%), Cucumber (17.90%) Lady's finger (21.11%) and Plantain green (4.77) showed an increase while all the other items showed a decreasing trend when 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, Bitter gourd and Ash gourd showed an increasing trend. The price of Onion big, Bitter gourd and Ash guard decreased by 23.69%, 4.66% and 2.72% respectively, while the price of Brinjal(18.89%), Pumpkin (27.57%), Cucumber (26.53%), Lady's finger (44.26%), Cabbage (46.24%), Snake guard (1.29%), Tomato (55.24%), Chilies green (12.25%), Banana green (0.37%), and Plantain green (51.67%) showed an increasing trend when compared with the price of corresponding month of the previous year.

**Table-7**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	19.26	14.06	14.70	4.57	-23.69
2	Brinjal	Kg.	17.42	22.63	20.74	-8.33	19.09
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.64	19.57	16.13	-17.59	27.57
4	Cucumber	Kg.	13.73	14.74	17.37	17.90	26.53
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	17.63	21.00	25.43	21.11	44.26
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.67	25.34	20.00	-21.09	46.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	30.79	31.79	29.36	-7.64	-4.66
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.79	17.84	15.36	-13.89	-2.72
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.91	24.52	21.18	-13.60	1.29
10	Tomatto	Kg.	12.04	24.93	18.69	-25.04	55.24
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.04	4.78	3.41	-28.57	12.25
12	Banana green	Kg.	34.07	39.22	34.20	-12.79	0.37
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.66	22.67	23.76	4.77	51.67

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of State average retail prices of miscellaneous items

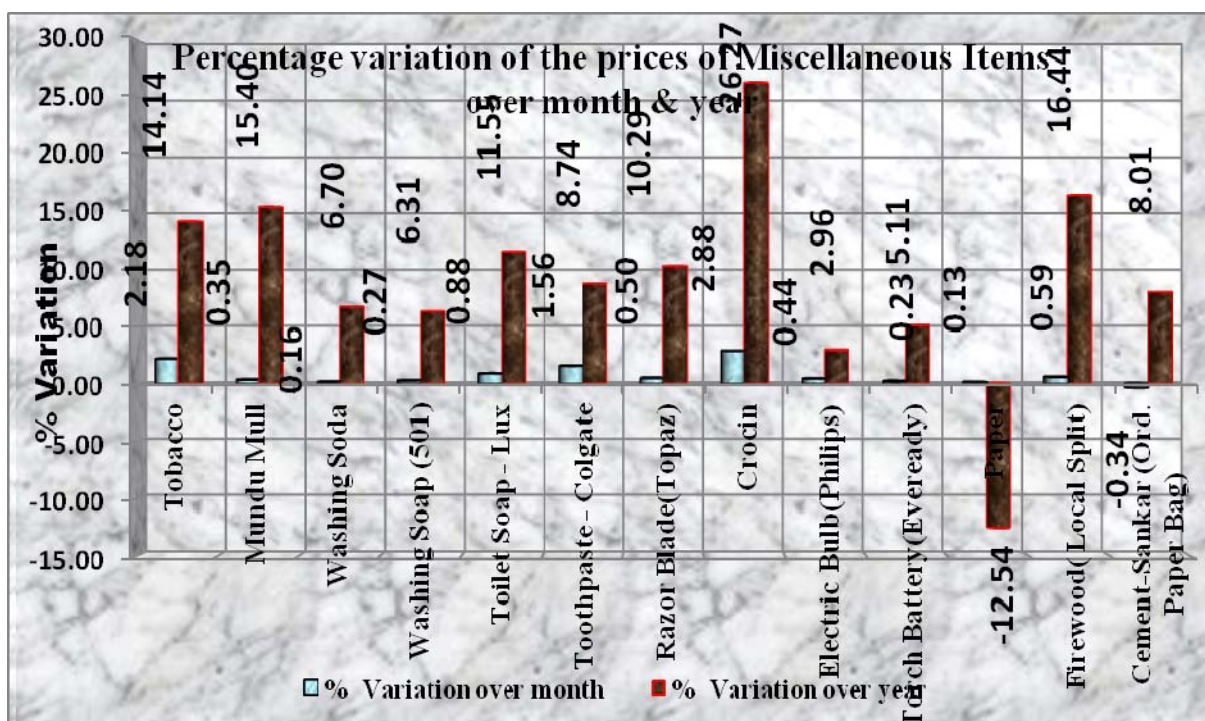
In this group the price of almost all the items showed a nominal increase with respect to the State average retail prices of the previous month. Almost all the items exhibited a slight increase in price except Cement- Sankar, that decreased by 0.34% when compared with the price of previous month.

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 12.54%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	106.07	118.48	121.07	2.18	14.14
2	Mundu Mull	Each	89.07	102.43	102.79	0.35	15.40
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.40	33.45	33.50	0.16	6.70
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.91	14.75	14.79	0.27	6.31
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.96	19.86	20.04	0.88	11.55
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.04	33.23	33.75	1.56	8.74
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.29	8.00	8.04	0.50	10.29
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.27	2.78	2.86	2.88	26.27
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.57	11.86	11.91	0.44	2.96
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.75	14.42	14.45	0.23	5.11
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.39	13.44	13.46	0.13	-12.54
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	306.67	355.00	357.08	0.59	16.44
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	333.00	360.89	359.68	-0.34	8.01

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of August 2012							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August-2011	July -2012	August -2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	25.73	28.79	30.24	5.01	17.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	24.34	26.41	28.38	7.43	16.60
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	23.18	26.87	27.27	1.52	17.64
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	69.94	67.13	73.62	9.67	5.25
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	76.39	72.61	79.13	8.98	3.58
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	74.17	65.34	68.43	4.73	-7.74
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	70.83	56.75	60.38	6.39	-14.76
5	Redgram	Kg	44.37	65.04	72.23	11.06	62.80
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	70.05	72.82	77.12	5.90	10.10
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	46.08	66.88	74.20	10.95	61.00
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	39.82	60.25	67.69	12.34	69.99
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	33.61	42.87	44.66	4.17	32.88
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.62	35.28	39.82	12.88	30.06
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.57	27.56	-0.03	19.84
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.22	113.82	115.45	1.43	7.68
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	114.64	133.13	133.48	0.27	16.43
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	238.01	272.17	276.50	1.59	16.17
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	32.62	39.37	40.02	1.64	22.67
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	295.90	358.21	361.79	1.00	22.27
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	104.33	69.16	68.00	-1.67	-34.82
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	98.47	124.50	126.36	1.49	28.32
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	84.20	88.18	88.00	-0.21	4.51
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.62	141.65	145.69	2.85	18.81
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	113.08	81.43	82.61	1.45	-26.94
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Corriander	Kg.	73.08	65.46	68.13	4.07	-6.77
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	113.98	76.73	78.93	2.86	-30.75
3	Onion small	Kg.	26.26	37.96	35.42	-6.70	34.89
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	84.25	81.29	78.00	-4.04	-7.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.42	22.45	22.59	0.62	0.76
6	Mustard	100gm	5.69	7.18	7.39	2.92	29.88
7	Methy	100gm	6.16	6.51	6.67	2.46	8.28
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.37	10.48	10.93	4.29	-43.56
9	Garlic	100gm	8.01	5.03	4.74	-5.77	-40.90

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3	Potato	Kg.	17.64	25.04	26.80	7.05	51.95
4	Colocassia	Kg.	27.50	49.48	48.32	-2.33	75.69
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	19.26	14.06	14.70	4.57	-23.69
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	12.64	19.57	16.13	-17.59	27.57
4	Cucumber	Kg.	13.73	14.74	17.37	17.90	26.53
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	17.63	21.00	25.43	21.11	44.26
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.67	25.34	20.00	-21.09	46.24
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	30.79	31.79	29.36	-7.64	-4.66
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.79	17.84	15.36	-13.89	-2.72
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.91	24.52	21.18	-13.60	1.29
10	Tomatto	Kg.	12.04	24.93	18.69	-25.04	55.24
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.04	4.78	3.41	-28.57	12.25
12	Banana green	Kg.	34.07	39.22	34.20	-12.79	0.37
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.66	22.67	23.76	4.77	51.67
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	106.07	118.48	121.07	2.18	14.14
2	Mundu Mull	Each	89.07	102.43	102.79	0.35	15.40
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.40	33.45	33.50	0.16	6.70
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.91	14.75	14.79	0.27	6.31
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.96	19.86	20.04	0.88	11.55
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.04	33.23	33.75	1.56	8.74
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.29	8.00	8.04	0.50	10.29
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