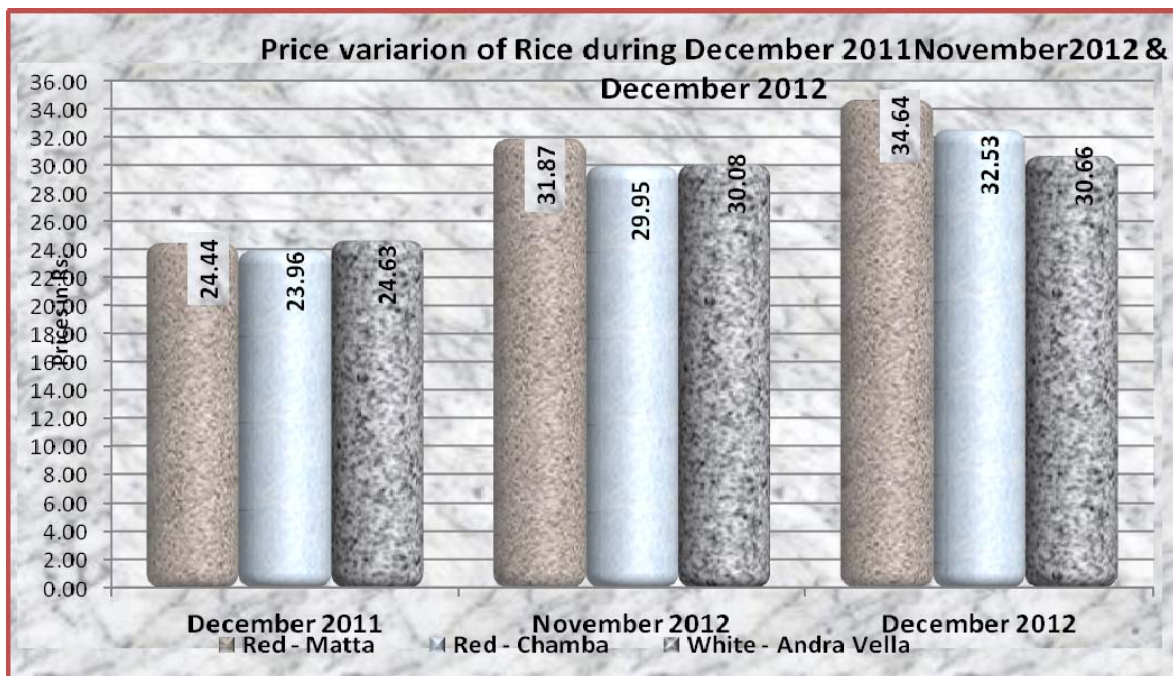




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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

DECEMBER 2012

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December 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 of retail prices on all Fridays of essential commodities as on December 2011, November -2012 and December -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 is still continuing in the retail price of Rice during the period under report when compared with the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase in price is seen in the price of Red-matta (8.71% and 41.73%) Red-Chamba (8.62% and 35.78%) and white Andra vella (1.93% and 24.46%) respectively over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year respectively. 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	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.44	31.87	34.64	8.71	41.73
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.96	29.95	32.53	8.62	35.78
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.63	30.08	30.66	1.93	24.46

Graph-1



2. PULSES

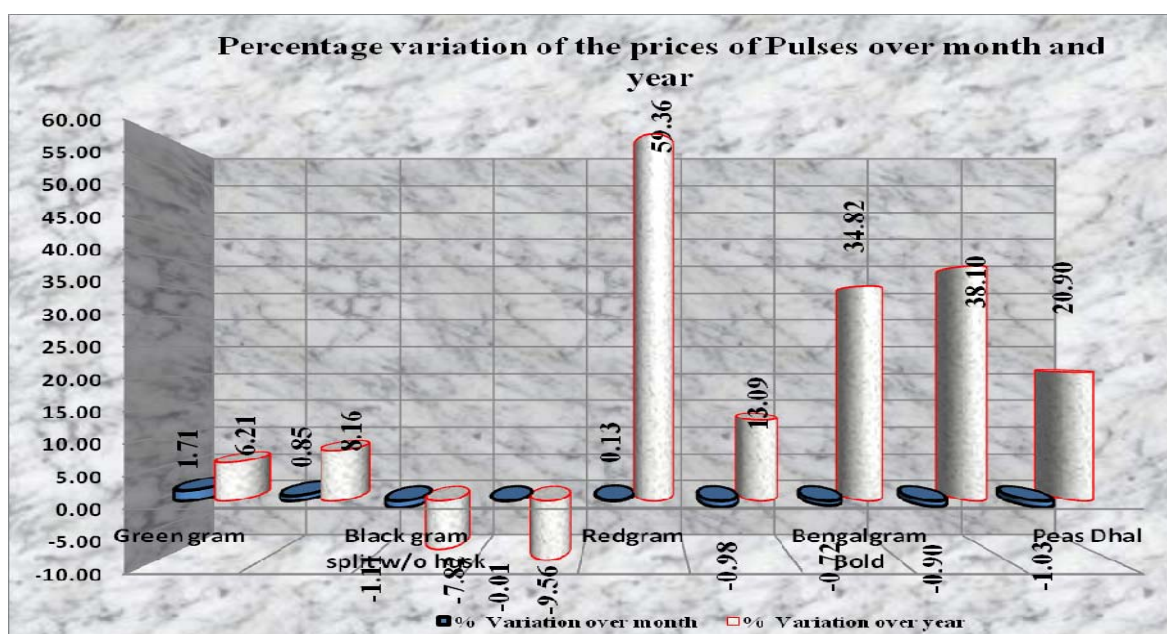
Comparison of State average retail prices of Pulses.

A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month and year. A nominal increase is seen in the prices of Green gram, Red gram and Greengram Dhall, while the prices of all other items show a marginal decrease when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year Black gram split with husk and without husk showed a negative change while the prices of all the other items increased by 6% to 60%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Redgram, Bengal gram bold, Peas Dhal and Bengal gram small when compared with the price of the corresponding month of previous year. The following Table and 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	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	68.04	71.06	72.27	1.71	6.21
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	74.18	79.56	80.23	0.85	8.16
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	72.95	68.00	67.25	-1.11	-7.82
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.25	64.44	64.44	-0.01	-9.56
5	Redgram	Kg	45.67	72.69	72.79	0.13	59.36
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.98	79.93	79.14	-0.98	13.09
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.31	75.10	74.56	-0.72	34.82
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.06	69.77	69.14	-0.90	38.10
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	36.72	44.85	44.39	-1.03	20.90

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

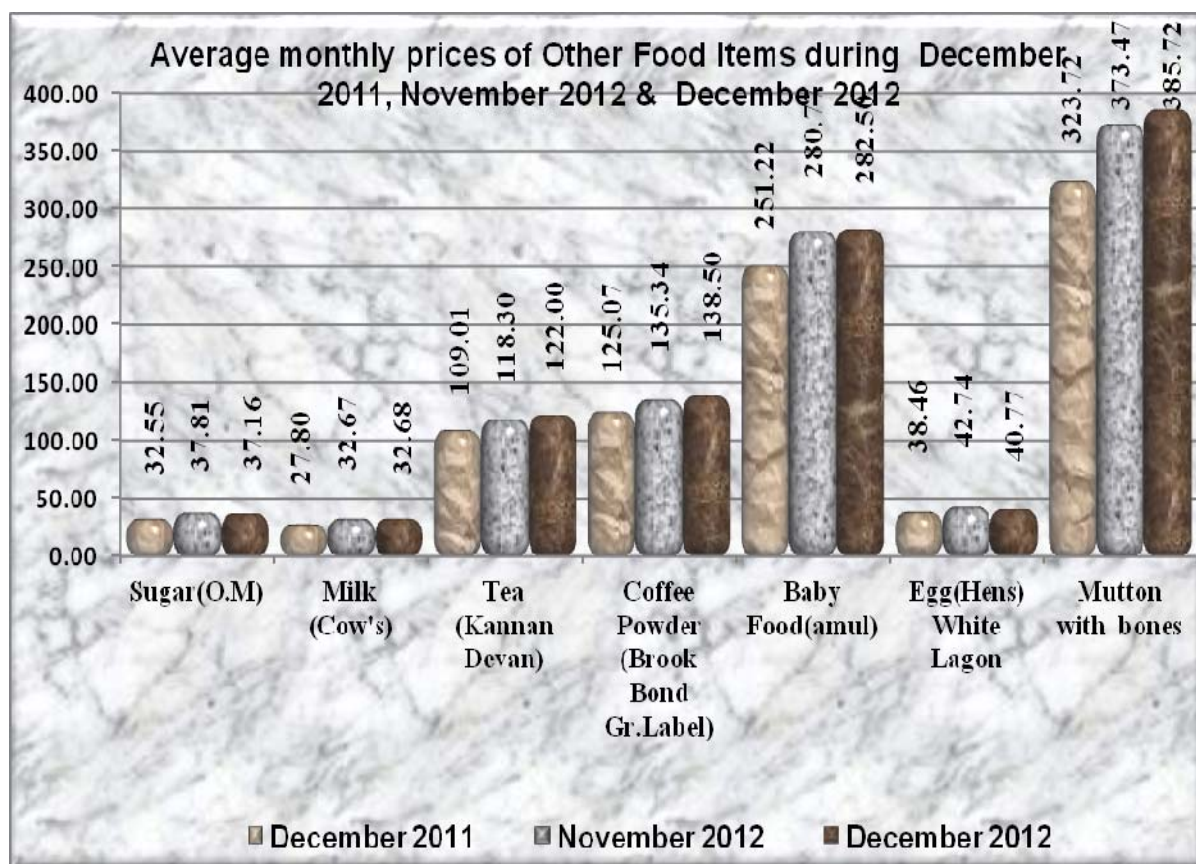
Comparison of State average retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail prices of other food items when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of sugar (OM), Egg (hens) white lagoon decreased by 1.72% and 4.63% respectively while the prices of all other items increased by 1% to 4%. when compared with the prices of the previous month. The prices of all items of this group increased by 5% to 20% 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	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.55	37.81	37.16	-1.72	14.18
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.80	32.67	32.68	0.04	17.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	109.01	118.30	122.00	3.13	11.91
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	125.07	135.34	138.50	2.33	10.74
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	251.22	280.77	282.50	0.62	12.45
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	38.46	42.74	40.77	-4.63	5.99
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	323.72	373.47	385.72	3.28	19.15

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

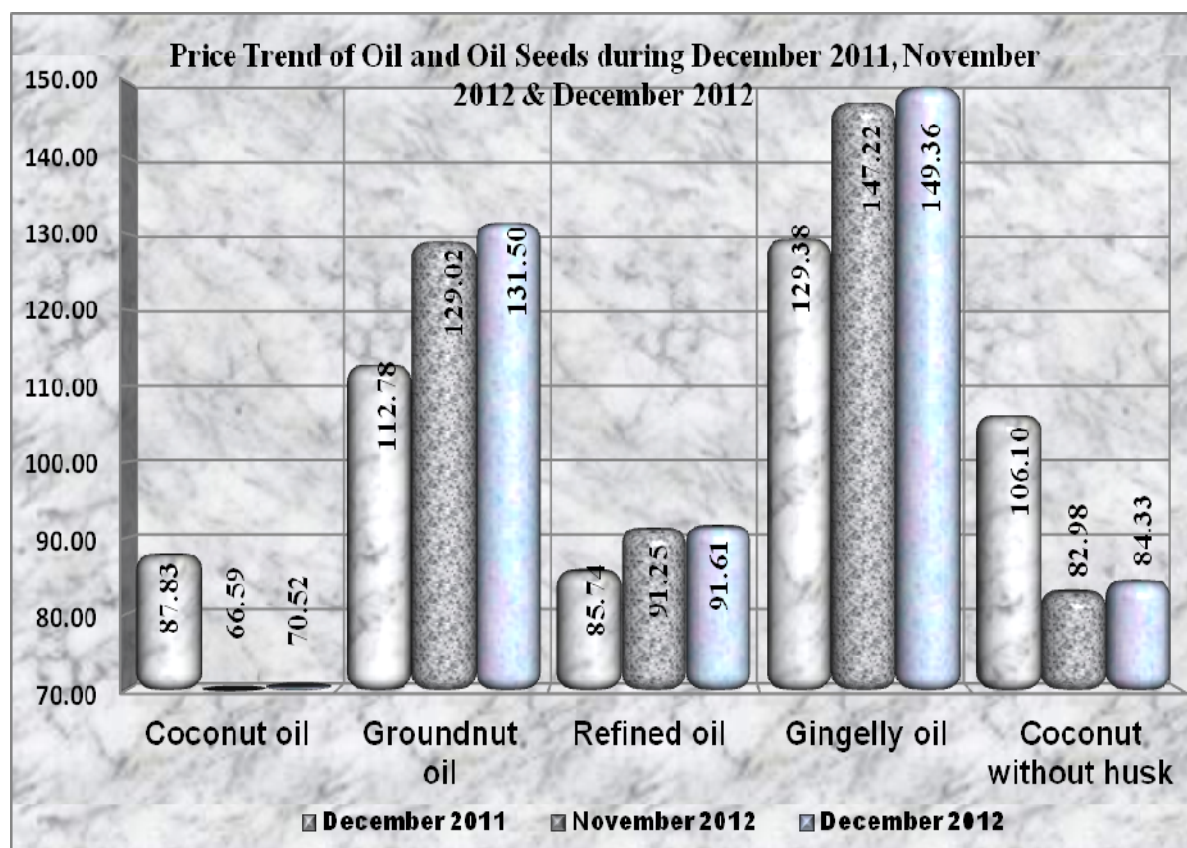
Comparison of State average retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period the prices of all items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State average retail price of coconut oil, and coconut without husk decreased by 19.71% and 20.53% while the prices of ground nut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 16.60%, 6.84% and 15.44% respectively.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	87.83	66.59	70.52	5.90	-19.71
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	112.78	129.02	131.50	1.92	16.60
Refined oil	Ltr.	85.74	91.25	91.61	0.39	6.84
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	129.38	147.22	149.36	1.45	15.44
Coconut without husk	10 nos	106.10	82.98	84.33	1.62	-20.53

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State average retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

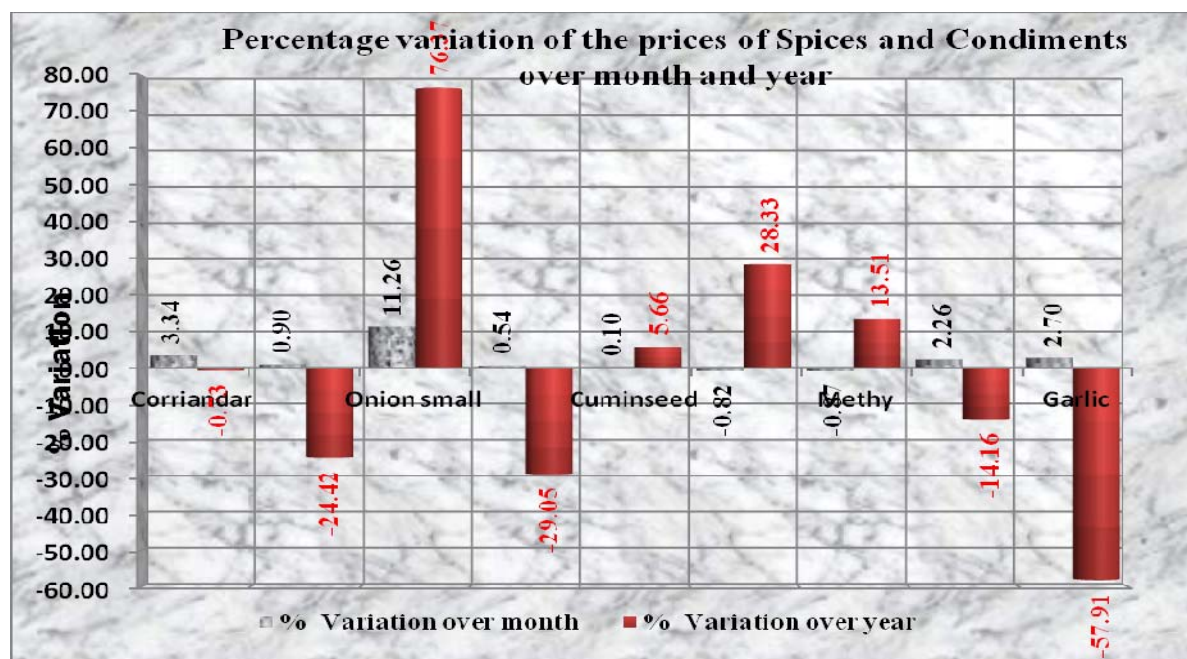
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of spices and condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of Mustard and methy while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month.

Onion small, Cumin seed, Mustard and methy showed an upward trend of 76.37%, 5.66%, 28.33%, and 13.51% respectively while all the other items showed a downward trend when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	71.74	68.91	71.22	3.34	-0.73
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	105.42	78.97	79.68	0.90	-24.42
3	Onion small	Kg.	29.39	46.60	51.84	11.26	76.37
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	109.32	77.14	77.56	0.54	-29.05
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.14	23.37	23.39	0.10	5.66
6	Mustard	100gm	6.01	7.77	7.71	-0.82	28.33
7	Methy	100gm	6.20	7.10	7.04	-0.87	13.51
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.31	12.02	12.29	2.26	-14.16
9	Garlic	100gm	10.56	4.33	4.45	2.70	-57.91

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

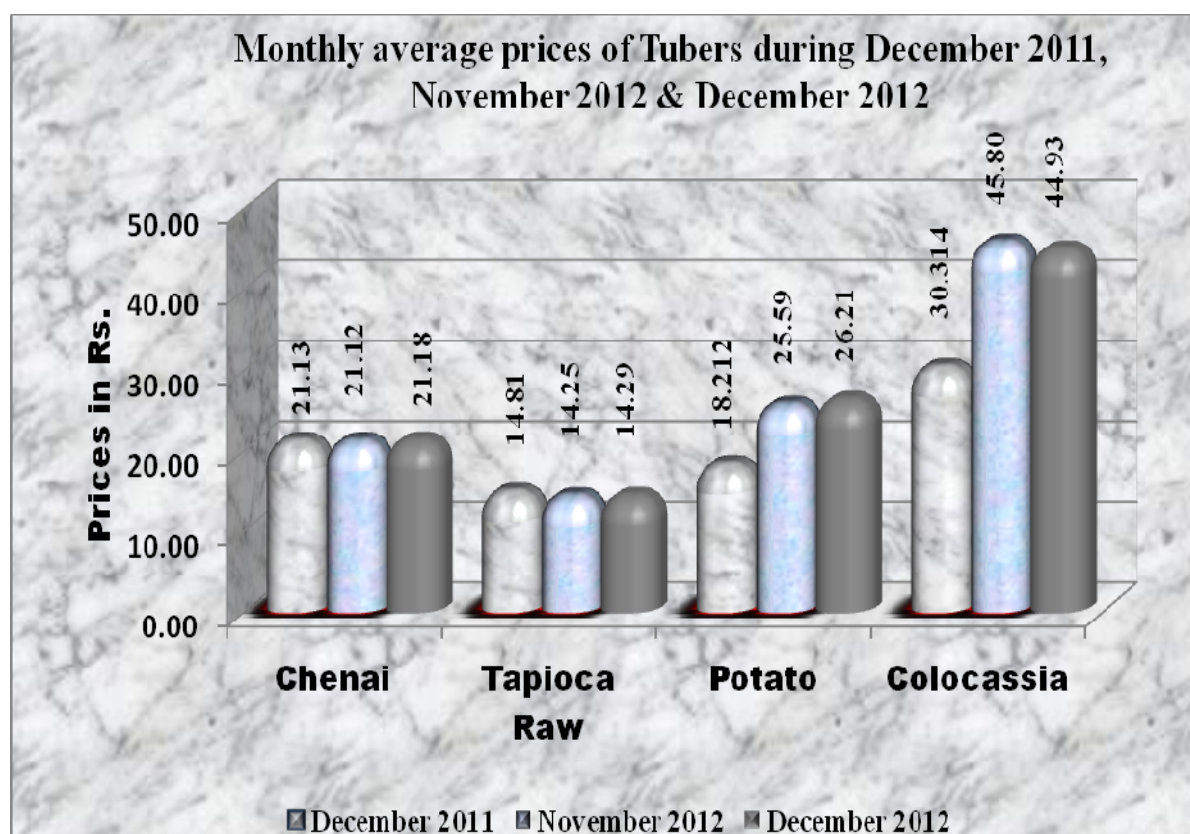
Comparison of State average retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of Tubers except Colocassia showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend by 3.53% while all 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	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	21.13	21.12	21.18	0.27	0.22
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.81	14.25	14.29	0.25	-3.53
3	Potato	Kg.	18.21	25.59	26.21	2.42	43.93
4	Colocassia	Kg.	30.31	45.80	44.93	-1.90	48.22

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State average retail prices of Vegetables.

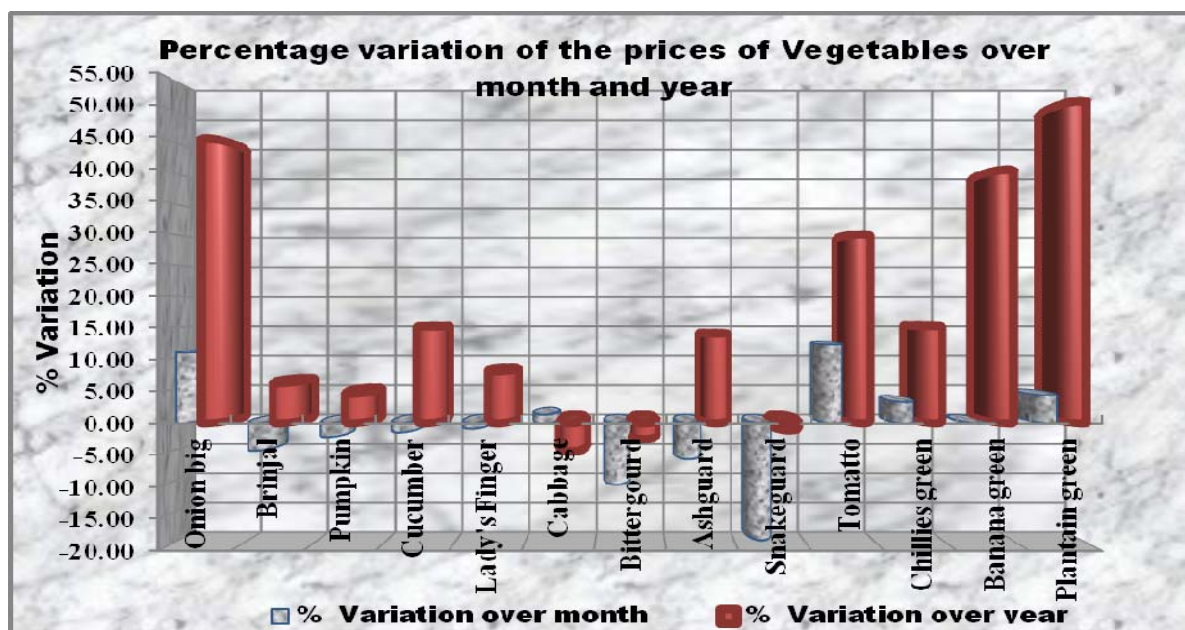
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables compared with that of the previous months well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of onion big (11.03%) Cabbage (1.29%), Tomato (12.36%), Chillies green (3.29%) and Plantain green (4.34%) increased while the prices of all the other items showed a downward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The State average retail prices of Cabbage (4.40%), Bitter gourd (2.49%), and Snake gourd (1.06%) showed a negative trend, while the prices of all other items increased by 4% to 51% when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Dec-2011	Nov - 2012	Dec -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.23	21.13	23.47	11.03	44.58
2	Brinjal	Kg.	19.96	22.18	21.22	-4.35	6.30
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	14.00	14.98	14.65	-2.21	4.64
4	Cucumber	Kg.	15.05	17.59	17.32	-1.50	15.10
5	Ladys Finger	Kg.	23.96	26.15	25.91	-0.93	8.15
6	Cabbage	Kg	18.62	17.58	17.80	1.29	-4.40
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.76	35.36	31.95	-9.66	-2.49
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	14.52	17.55	16.56	-5.66	13.98
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	21.71	26.32	21.48	-18.40	-1.06
10	Tomatto	Kg.	16.70	19.26	21.64	12.36	29.58
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.06	3.41	3.52	3.29	15.18
12	Banana green	Kg.	25.17	35.19	35.16	-0.08	39.69
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.80	22.78	23.77	4.34	50.48

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

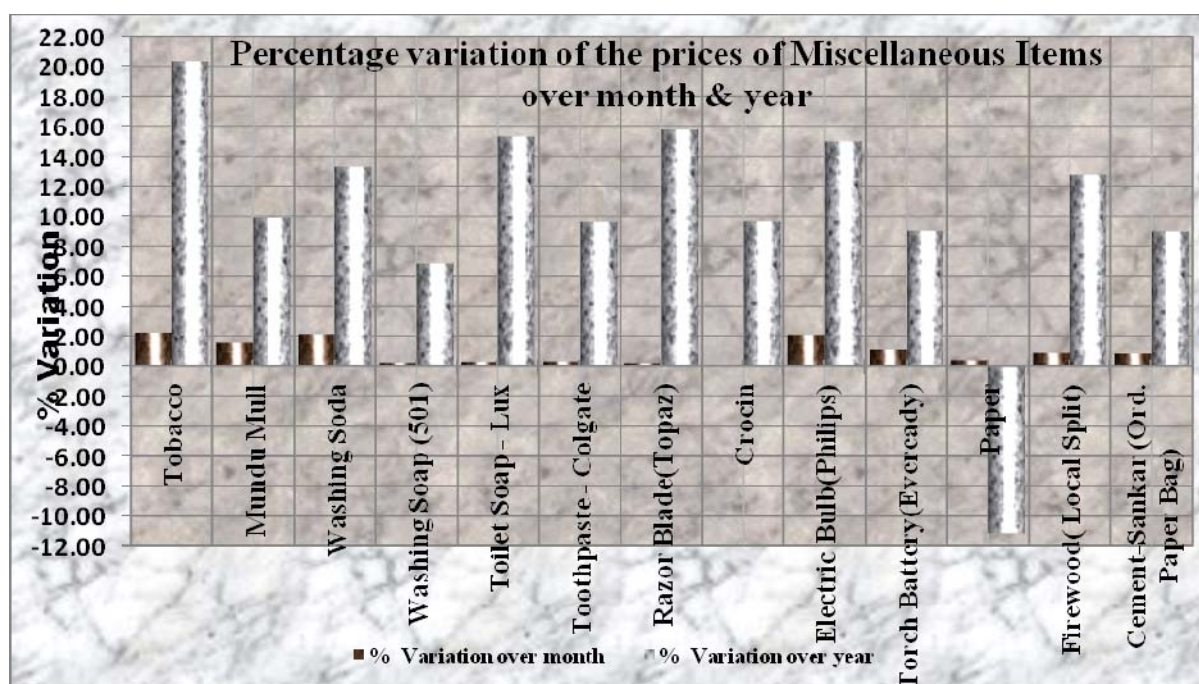
Comparison of State average retail prices of miscellaneous items

In this group the price of all items showed a nominal increase when compared with the State average retail prices of the previous month. When compared with corresponding month of the prices of the previous year all items except Paper showed an increasing trend while the State average retail price of paper decreased by 11.15%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Dec-2011	Nov -2012	Dec -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	107.86	126.96	129.83	2.26	20.36
2	Mundu Mull	Each	95.92	103.79	105.40	1.55	9.88
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.65	35.10	35.86	2.15	13.30
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.07	15.00	15.04	0.23	6.86
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	18.18	20.90	20.97	0.30	15.32
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.93	34.89	35.00	0.32	9.61
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.54	8.71	8.73	0.23	15.78
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.49	2.73	2.73	0.00	9.64
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.71	13.19	13.47	2.10	14.99
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.79	14.87	15.04	1.10	9.03
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.48	13.69	13.75	0.41	-11.15
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	332.47	371.67	375.00	0.90	12.79
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	333.44	360.40	363.45	0.85	9.00

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of December 2012							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	24.44	31.87	34.64	8.71	41.73
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.96	29.95	32.53	8.62	35.78
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.63	30.08	30.66	1.93	24.46
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	68.04	71.06	72.27	1.71	6.21
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	74.18	79.56	80.23	0.85	8.16
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	72.95	68.00	67.25	-1.11	-7.82
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.25	64.44	64.44	-0.01	-9.56
5	Redgram	Kg	45.67	72.69	72.79	0.13	59.36
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.98	79.93	79.14	-0.98	13.09
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.31	75.10	74.56	-0.72	34.82
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.06	69.77	69.14	-0.90	38.10
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	36.72	44.85	44.39	-1.03	20.90
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.55	37.81	37.16	-1.72	14.18
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.80	32.67	32.68	0.04	17.54
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	109.01	118.30	122.00	3.13	11.91
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	87.83	66.59	70.52	5.90	-19.71
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	85.74	91.25	91.61	0.39	6.84
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	129.38	147.22	149.36	1.45	15.44
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	106.10	82.98	84.33	1.62	-20.53
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	71.74	68.91	71.22	3.34	-0.73
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	105.42	78.97	79.68	0.90	-24.42
3	Onion small	Kg.	29.39	46.60	51.84	11.26	76.37
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	109.32	77.14	77.56	0.54	-29.05
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.14	23.37	23.39	0.10	5.66
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7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.76	35.36	31.95	-9.66	-2.49
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	14.52	17.55	16.56	-5.66	13.98
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	21.71	26.32	21.48	-18.40	-1.06
10	Tomatto	Kg.	16.70	19.26	21.64	12.36	29.58
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.06	3.41	3.52	3.29	15.18
12	Banana green	Kg.	25.17	35.19	35.16	-0.08	39.69
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5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	18.18	20.90	20.97	0.30	15.32
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