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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**AUGUST- 2022**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of August 2022. An increasing trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last months as well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of August of the previous year 2021, previous month July 2022 and current month of August 2022 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year are included in this report. GroupWise analysis has been made with reference to the current month, the 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

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice varieties when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail prices of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra Vella increased by 3.96 %, 1.64 % and 2.69 % respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

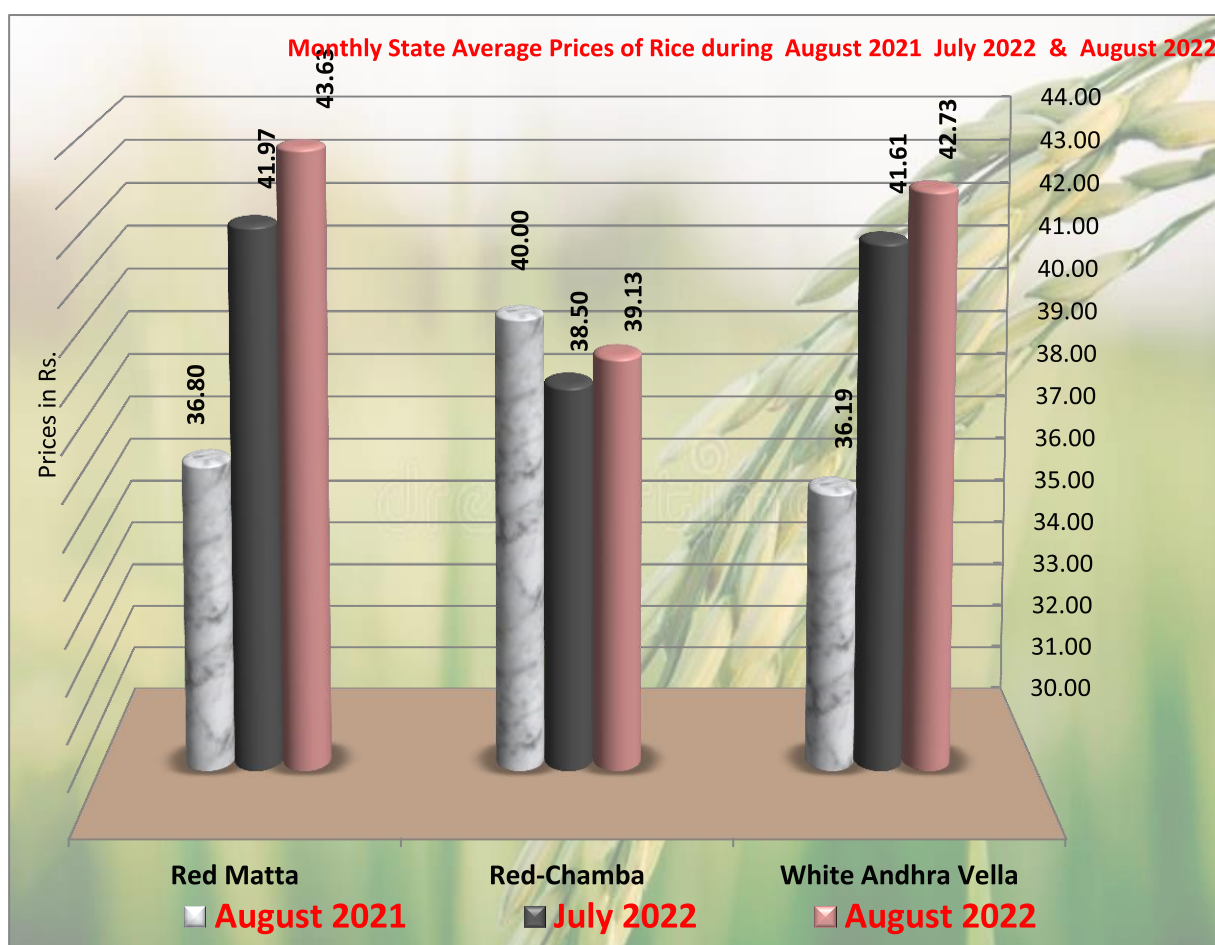
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella increased by 18.56 % and 18.07 % while that of Red Chamba decreased by 2.17%.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

**Table-1**

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	36.80	41.97	43.63	3.96	18.56
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	40.00	38.50	39.13	1.64	-2.17
3	White - Andhra Vella	Kg	36.19	41.61	42.73	2.69	18.07

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Pulses.

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year

When compared with the prices of previous month, an increasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses except the price of Peas dhal. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhal (Tur) (6.09 %), Black gram Split without husk (5.16 %) and Green gram (4.13 %) while the prices of Peas dhal decreased marginally.

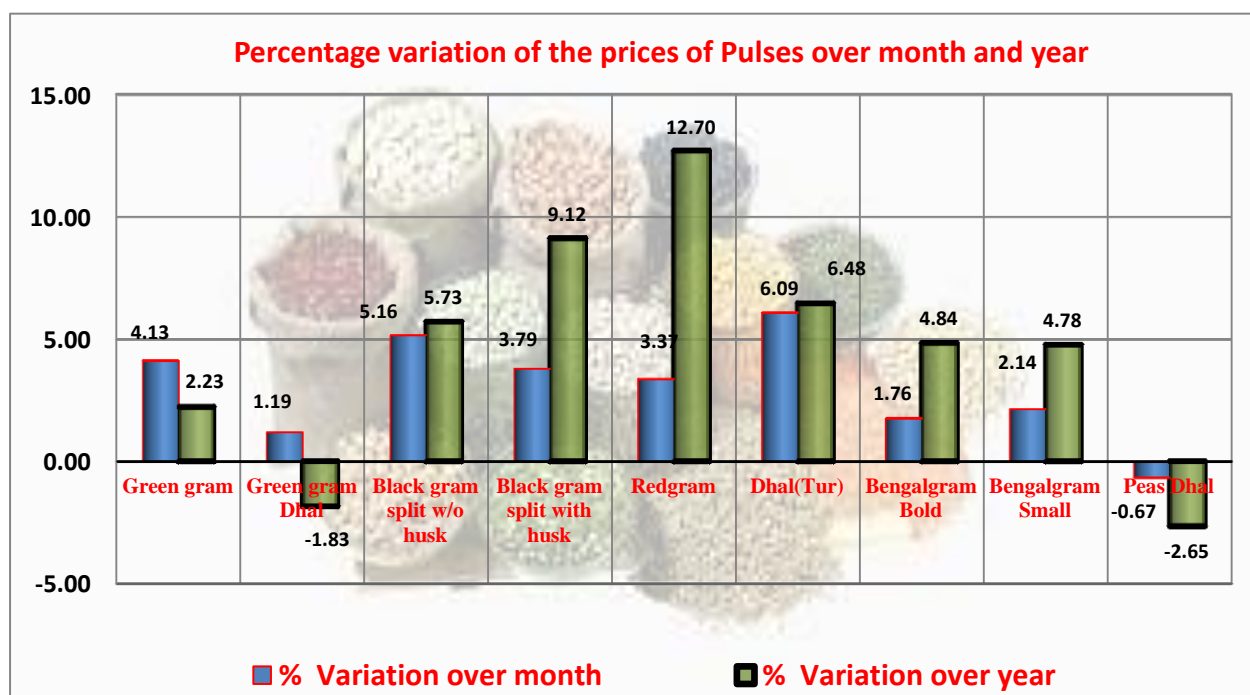
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of pulses showed an increasing trend except the prices of Green gram dhal and Peas dhal. Notable increase was seen in the price of Red gram (12.70 %), Black gram Split with husk (9.12 %), Dhal (Tur) (6.48 %), Black gram Split without husk (5.73 %), Bengal gram Bold (4.84 %) and Bengal gram small (4.78 %) while the prices of Peas dhal and Green gram decreased marginally.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	111.98	109.94	114.48	4.13	2.23
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	120.02	116.43	117.82	1.19	-1.83
3	Black gram split without husk	Kg	119.98	120.62	126.85	5.16	5.73
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	112.81	118.60	123.10	3.79	9.12
5	Redgram	Kg	83.25	90.76	93.82	3.37	12.70
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	114.38	114.80	121.79	6.09	6.48
7	Bengal gram Bold	Kg	82.61	85.11	86.61	1.76	4.84
8	Bengal gram Small	Kg	74.20	76.12	77.75	2.14	4.78
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	82.16	80.52	79.98	-0.67	-2.65

Graph – 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

#### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Other Food Items.

During the month mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Other Food Items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail price of all items in this group showed only marginal variations except the prices of Egg (Hen) White lagoon, that decreased by 10.82 %, when compared with the prices of the previous month.

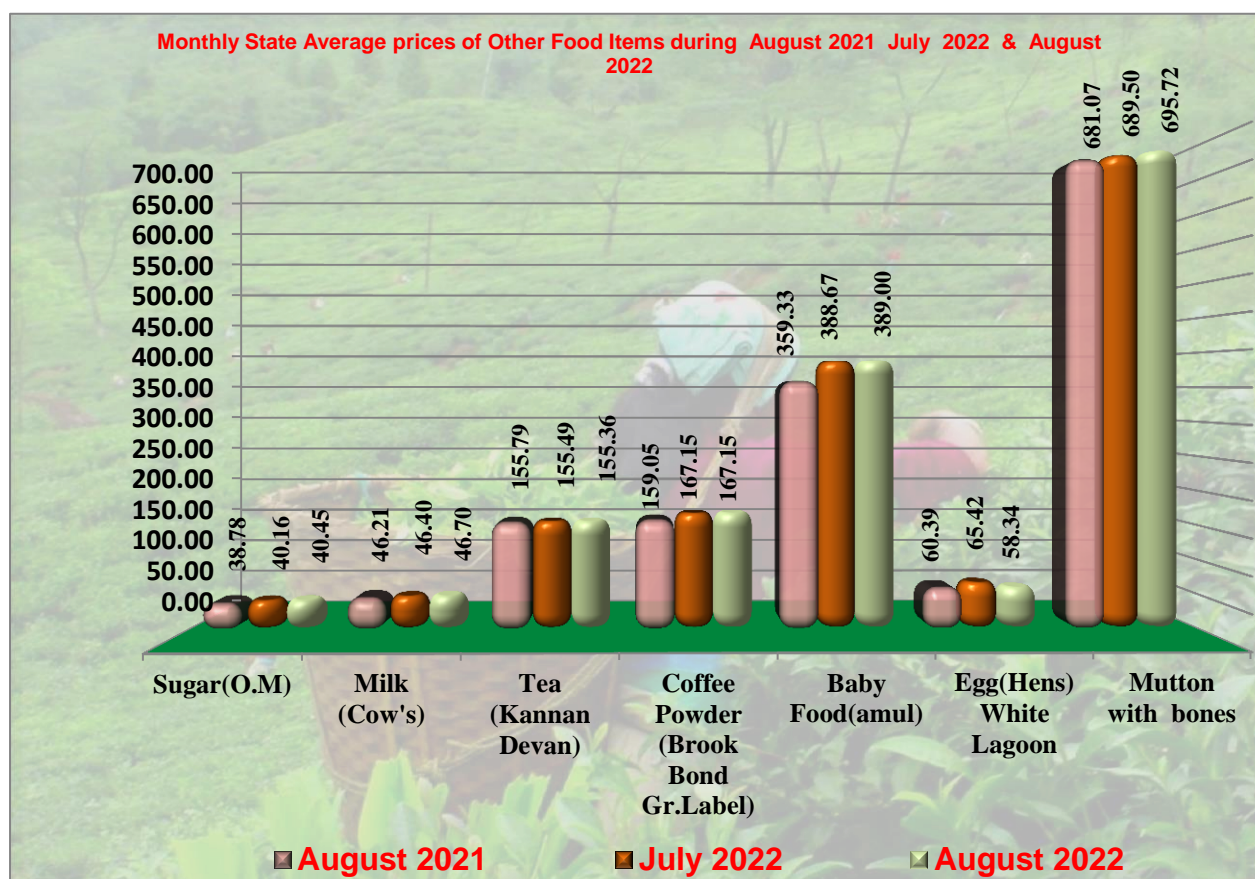
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Other Food Items showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Baby Food (Amul) (8.26 %), Coffee powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label) (5.09 %) and Sugar (OM) (4.31%)

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Other Food Items. .

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	38.78	40.16	40.45	0.72	4.31
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.21	46.40	46.70	0.65	1.06
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	155.79	155.49	155.36	-0.08	-0.28
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	159.05	167.15	167.15	0.00	5.09
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	359.33	388.67	389.00	0.08	8.26
6	Egg (Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	60.39	65.42	58.34	-10.82	-3.39
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	681.07	689.50	695.72	0.90	2.15

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of previous month, the State average retail prices of Oil and Oilseeds showed only a marginal variations. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined Oil (2.10 %)

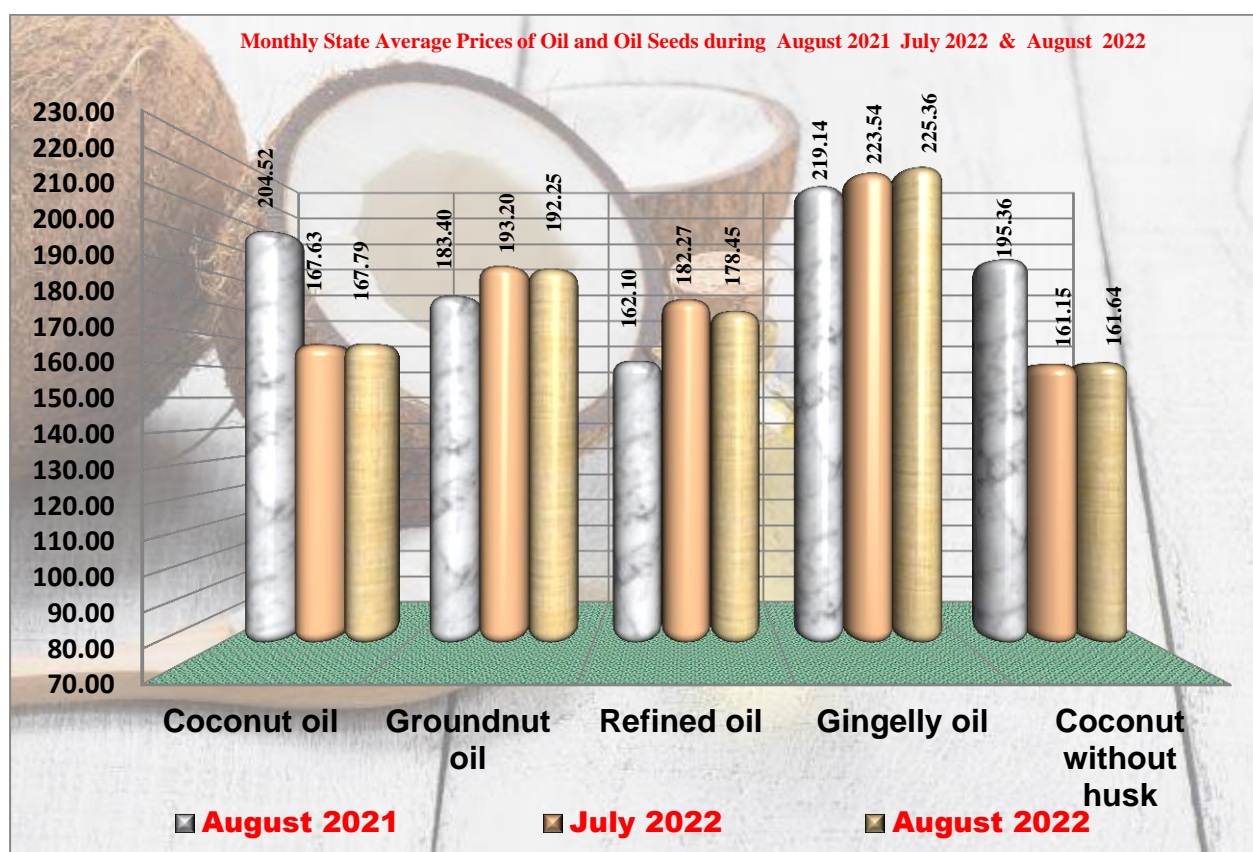
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds showed the mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Refined Oil (10.09%), while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil (17.96 %) and Coconut without husk (17.26 %).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and Oilseeds. .

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	204.52	167.63	167.79	0.10	-17.96
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	183.40	193.20	192.25	-0.49	4.83
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	162.10	182.27	178.45	-2.10	10.09
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	219.14	223.54	225.36	0.81	2.84
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	195.36	161.15	161.64	0.30	-17.26

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments:

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and Condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The state average retail price of Spices and Condiments showed a mixed trend when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Small (14.38 %), Chillies Dry (13.11 %) and Cuminseed (4.32 %) while all the remaining items showed marginal variation.

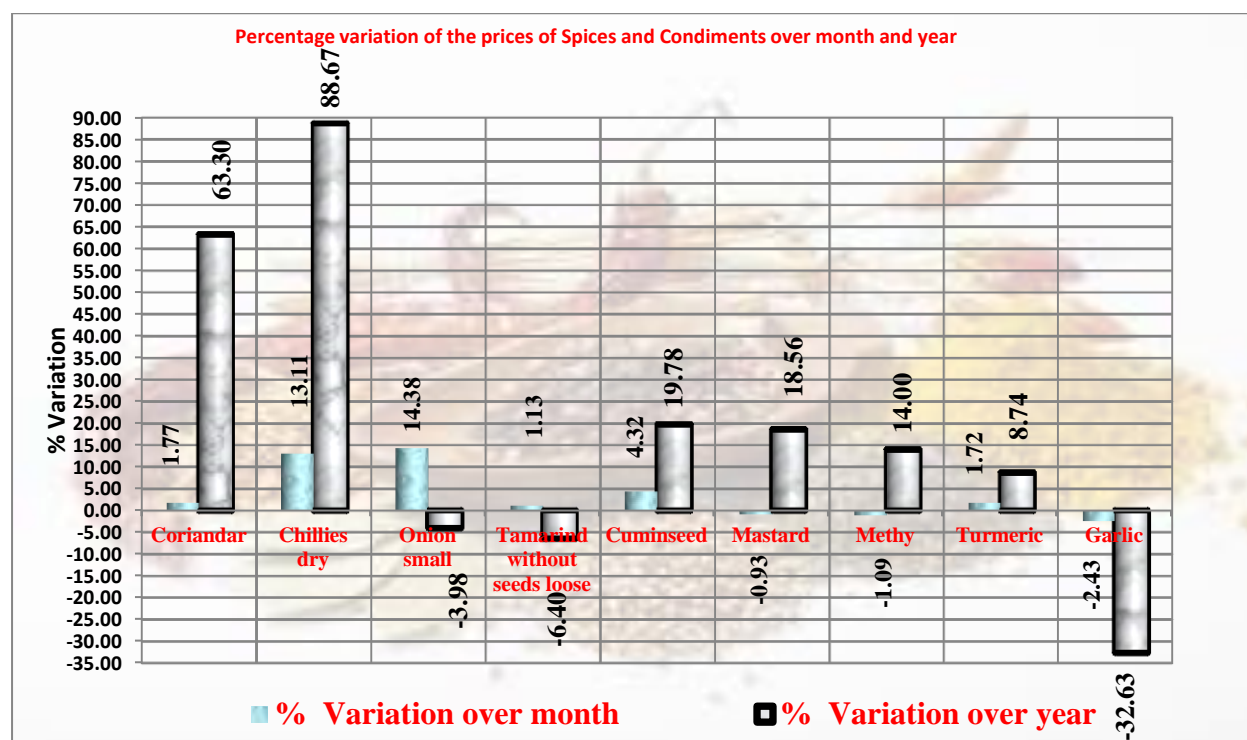
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of Spices and Condiments showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (88.67%), Coriander (63.30 %), Cuminseed (19.78%), Mustard (18.56%) and Methy (14%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (32.63 %) and Tamarind without seeds Loose (6.40 %).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Spices and Condiments.

**Table-5**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	100.55	161.34	164.20	1.77	63.30
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	165.55	276.14	312.34	13.11	88.67
3	Onion small	Kg.	50.27	42.20	48.27	14.38	-3.98
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	156.20	144.57	146.20	1.13	-6.40
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.82	33.09	34.52	4.32	19.78
6	Mustard	100gm	10.83	12.96	12.84	-0.93	18.56
7	Methy	100gm	11.14	12.84	12.70	-1.09	14.00
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.00	20.31	20.66	1.72	8.74
9	Garlic	100gm	13.70	9.46	9.23	-2.43	-32.63

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month while an increasing trend was noticed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the state average retail price of Tubers showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (7.20 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Elephant Yam (5.66 %).

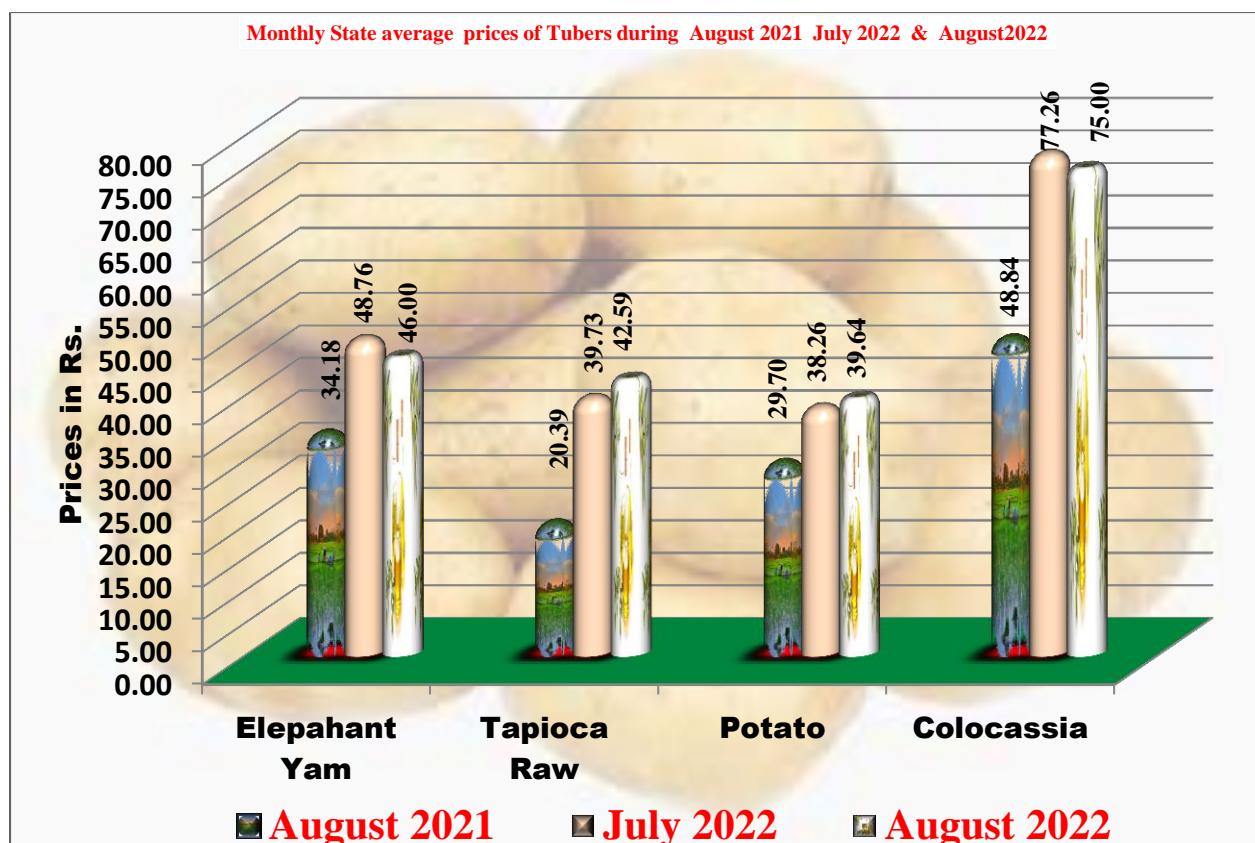
Increasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. During this period the prices of all items increased significantly. The price of Tapioca Raw have more than doubled from last year. The prices of Colocasia (53.56 %), Elephant Yam (34.58 %) and Potato (33.47 %) increased significantly.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Tubers.

**Table-**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	34.18	48.76	46.00	-5.66	34.58
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	20.39	39.73	42.59	7.20	108.88
3	Potato	Kg.	29.70	38.26	39.64	3.61	33.47
4	Colocasia	Kg.	48.84	77.26	75.00	-2.93	53.56

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables.

During the month mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail prices of vegetables showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cucumber (23.45 %). Brinjal (18.23 %), Bitter gourd (16.85 %), Chillies green (10.41 %), Plantain green (6.68 %), while notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (13.73%).

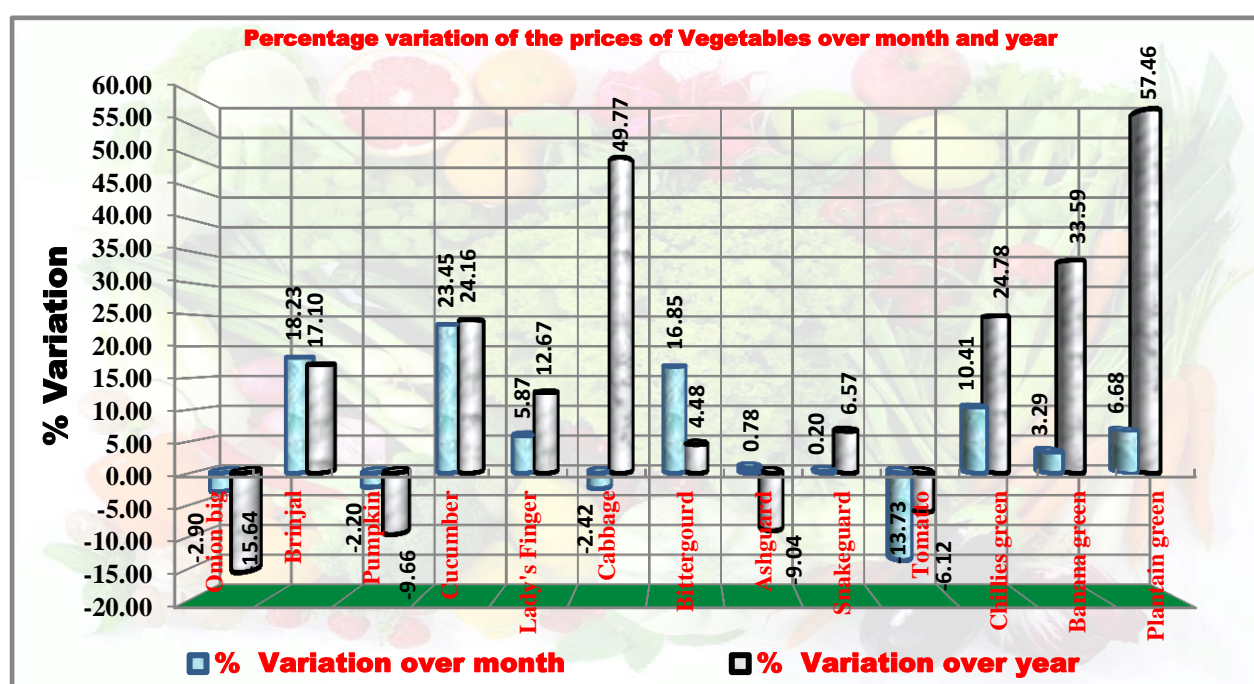
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Plantain green (57.46 %), Cabbage (49.77 %), Banana green (33.59 %), Chillies green (24.78 %), Cucumber (24.16 %). Brinjal (17.10 %), Ladies finer (12.67%), while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Big (15.64%)

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	29.80	25.89	25.14	-2.90	-15.64
2	Brinjal	Kg.	36.66	36.31	42.93	18.23	17.10
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	26.09	24.10	23.57	-2.20	-9.66
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.64	22.77	28.11	23.45	24.16
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	33.63	35.79	37.89	5.87	12.67
6	Cabbage	Kg	28.77	44.16	43.09	-2.42	49.77
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	50.71	45.34	52.98	16.85	4.48
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	25.66	23.16	23.34	0.78	-9.04
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	38.20	40.63	40.71	0.20	6.57
10	Tomato	Kg.	24.50	26.66	23.00	-13.73	-6.12
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.61	6.34	7.00	10.41	24.78
12	Banana green	Kg.	45.82	59.26	61.21	3.29	33.59
13	Plantain green	Kg.	31.05	45.83	48.89	6.68	57.46

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Miscellaneous Items

During the month mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of this group when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail prices of all items of this group showed only marginal variations.

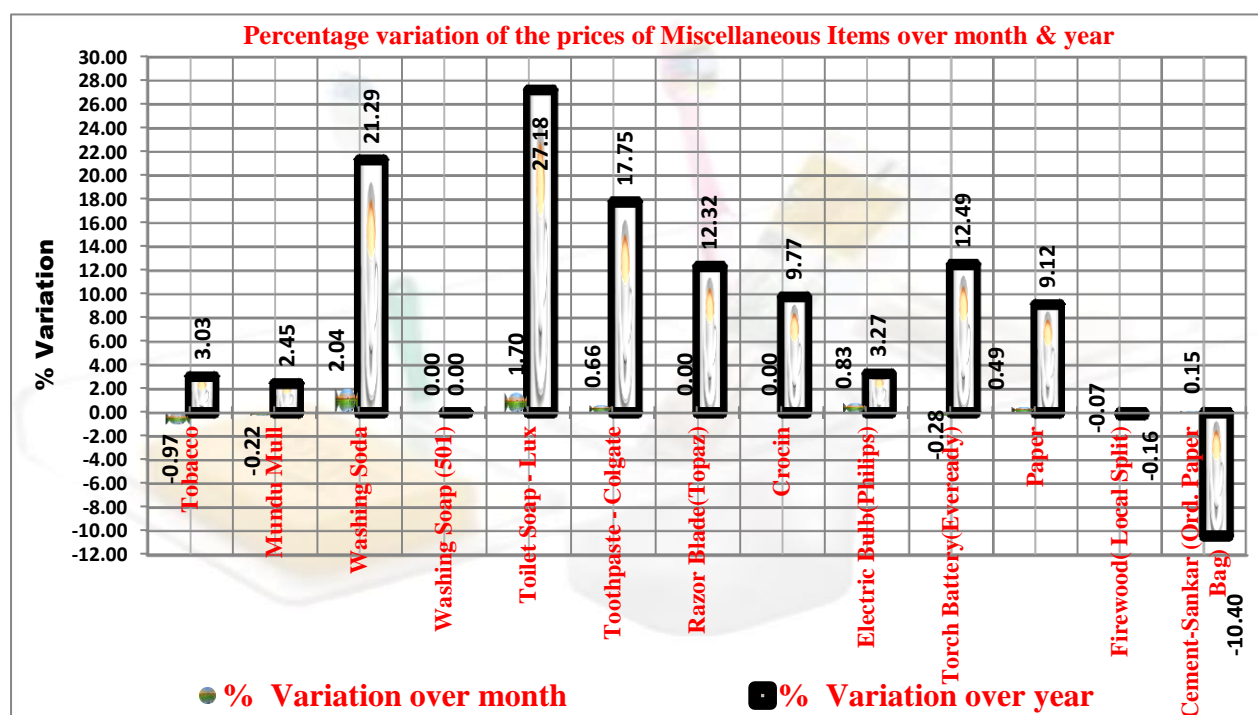
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of this group showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Toilet Soap –Lux (27.20 %), Washing soda (21.30 %), Toothpaste –Colgate (17.75 %), Torch Battery (Eveready) (12.52 %) and Razor blade (12.32 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Cement-Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag) (10.40 %).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of miscellaneous items.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	212.14	220.71	218.57	-0.97	3.03
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.70	138.30	138.00	-0.22	2.45
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	50.62	60.17	61.40	2.04	21.30
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.10	33.89	34.47	1.71	27.20
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	52.17	61.03	61.43	0.66	17.75
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	9.50	10.67	10.67	0.00	12.32
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.56	2.81	2.81	0.00	9.77
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.78	14.90	0.83	3.26
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	23.73	26.77	26.70	-0.26	12.52
11	Paper	24Sheet	18.65	20.25	20.35	0.49	9.12
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	509.17	508.67	508.33	-0.07	-0.16
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	458.38	410.07	410.69	0.15	-10.40

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of August 2022							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
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6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	114.38	114.80	121.79	6.09	6.48
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	82.61	85.11	86.61	1.76	4.84
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	74.20	76.12	77.75	2.14	4.78
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	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar (O.M)	Kg.	38.78	40.16	40.45	0.72	4.31
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.21	46.40	46.70	0.65	1.06
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4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	156.20	144.57	146.20	1.13	-6.40
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.82	33.09	34.52	4.32	19.78
6	Mustard	100gm	10.83	12.96	12.84	-0.93	18.56
7	Methy	100gm	11.14	12.84	12.70	-1.09	14.00
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.00	20.31	20.66	1.72	8.74
9	Garlic	100gm	13.70	9.46	9.23	-2.43	-32.63

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3	Potato	Kg.	29.70	38.26	39.64	3.61	33.47
4	Colocasia	Kg.	48.84	77.26	75.00	-2.93	53.56
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	29.80	25.89	25.14	-2.90	-15.64
2	Brinjal	Kg.	36.66	36.31	42.93	18.23	17.10
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	26.09	24.10	23.57	-2.20	-9.66
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.64	22.77	28.11	23.45	24.16
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	33.63	35.79	37.89	5.87	12.67
6	Cabbage	Kg	28.77	44.16	43.09	-2.42	49.77
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	50.71	45.34	52.98	16.85	4.48
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	25.66	23.16	23.34	0.78	-9.04
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	38.20	40.63	40.71	0.20	6.57
10	Tomato	Kg.	24.50	26.66	23.00	-13.73	-6.12
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.61	6.34	7.00	10.41	24.78
12	Banana green	Kg.	45.82	59.26	61.21	3.29	33.59
13	Plantain green	Kg.	31.05	45.83	48.89	6.68	57.46
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	212.14	220.71	218.57	-0.97	3.03
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.70	138.30	138.00	-0.22	2.45
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	50.62	60.17	61.40	2.04	21.30
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.10	33.89	34.47	1.71	27.20
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	52.17	61.03	61.43	0.66	17.75
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.50	10.67	10.67	0.00	12.32
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.56	2.81	2.81	0.00	9.77
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.78	14.90	0.83	3.26
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	23.73	26.77	26.70	-0.26	12.52
11	Paper	24 Sheets	18.65	20.25	20.35	0.49	9.12
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	509.17	508.67	508.33	-0.07	-0.16
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	458.38	410.07	410.69	0.15	-10.40