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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

March- 2023

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2023. A mixed 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 March of the previous year 2022, previous month February 2023 and current month of March 2023 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 Price of different varieties of Rice

During the month increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Rice varieties when compared with the prices of the previous month and compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

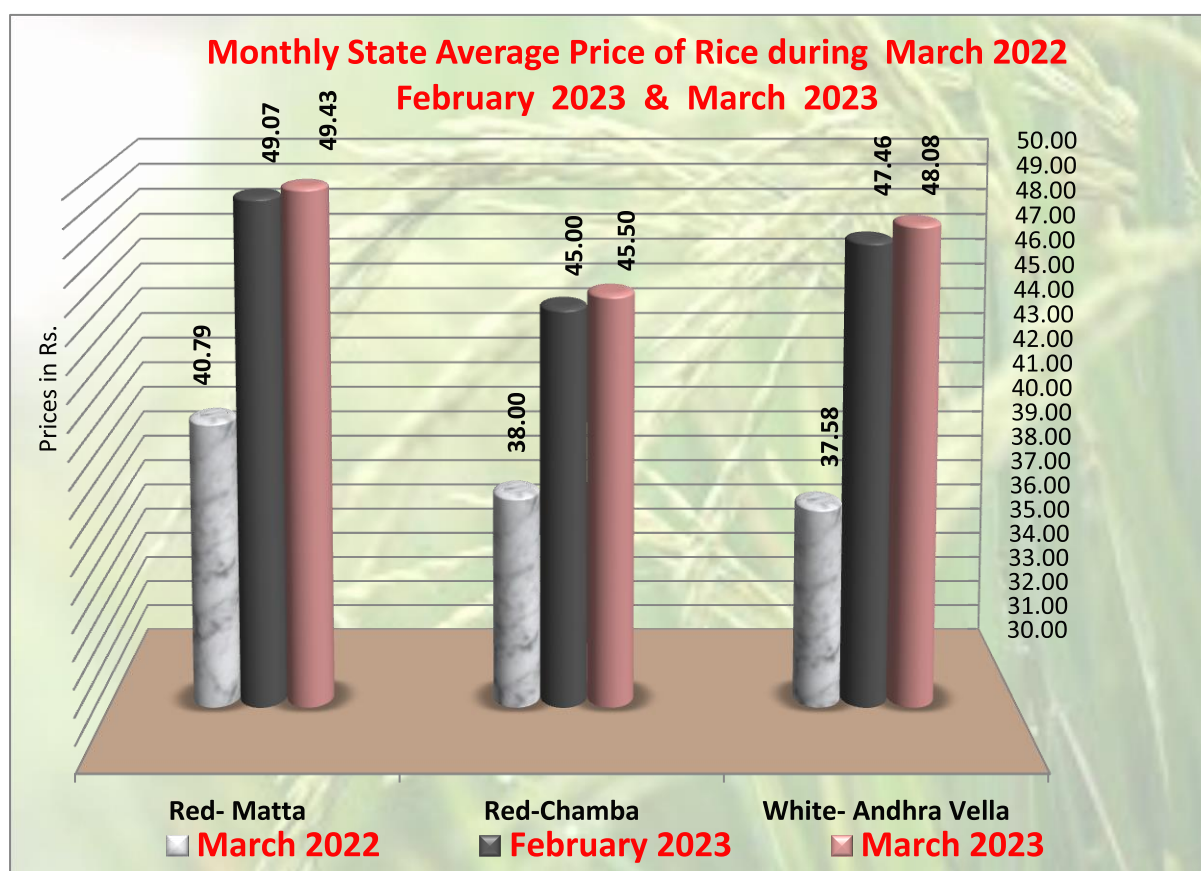
The State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and Andhra-Vella increased by 0.73 %, 1.11 % and 1.31 % respectively.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and Andhra-Vella increased by 21.18 % , 19.74 % and 27.94 % respectively.

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	40.79	49.07	49.43	0.73	21.18
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	38	45	45.5	1.11	19.74
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	37.58	47.46	48.08	1.31	27.94

Graph-1

2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Price of Pulses

During the month a mixed 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 Green Gram, Green Gram Dhall and Dhall(Tur) increased by 4.02%, 1.4%, and 1.99 respectively while the other items decreased by the following percentage - Black gram split without husk (1.34%), Red Gram (2%), Bengal Gram Bold(0.23%), Bengal Gram small (1.55%) and Peas Dhal(1.38%). There is no price change in the case of Black gram split with husk.

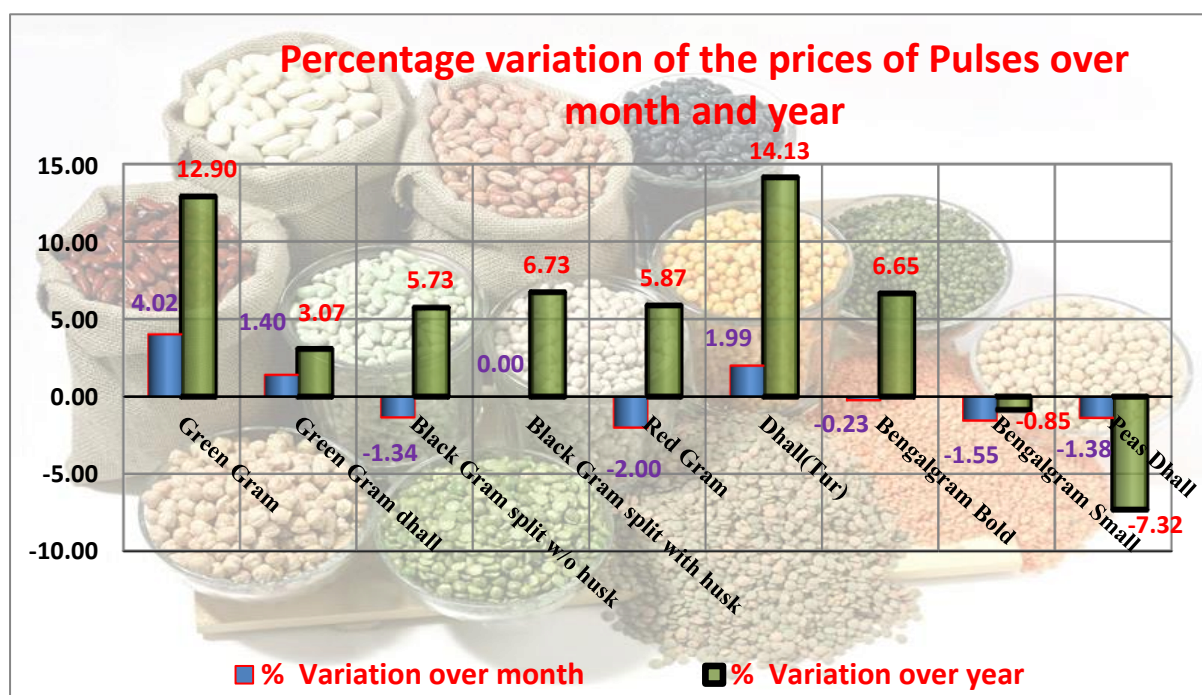
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Green gram (12.9%), Green Gram Dhall (3.07%), Black Gram split without husk (5.73%), Black Gram split with husk (6.73%), Red Gram (5.87%), Dhall (Tur) (14.13%), Bengal Gram Bold (6.65%) while Notable decrease was seen in the prices of Peas Dhall (7.32 %)

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	106.29	115.36	120	4.02	12.9
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	116.29	118.21	119.86	1.4	3.07
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	118.7	127.2	125.5	-1.34	5.73
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	113.75	121.4	121.4	0	6.73
5	Redgram	Kg.	92.43	99.86	97.86	-2	5.87
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	112.21	125.57	128.07	1.99	14.13
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	84.86	90.71	90.5	-0.23	6.65
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	76.1	76.64	75.45	-1.55	-0.85
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	84.25	79.17	78.08	-1.38	-7.32

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of other food items.

During the month increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month except Egg Hen's (white lagoon) while an increasing trend observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State Average Retail Price of Egg Hen's (white lagoon) decreased by 2.5 % and all the remaining items in this group showed only a marginal variation except Baby Food Amul(5.24%) when compared with the prices of the previous month. There has been no price difference in the case of milk and tea when compared to the previous month.

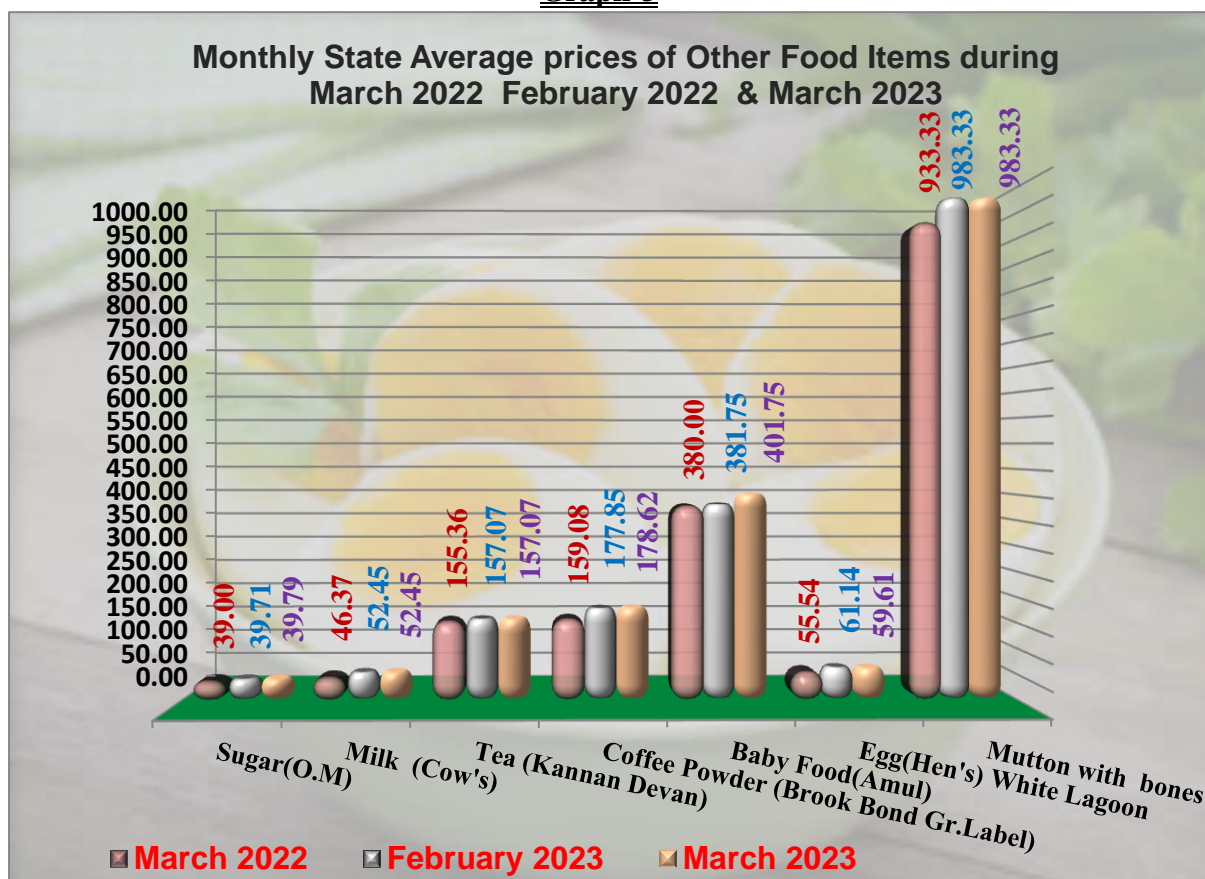
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of other Food Items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Milk (Cows) (13.11 %), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond) (12.28%), Baby Food Amul (5.72%), Egg (Hen) while lagoon (7.33 %) and Mutton without bones (5.36%)

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39	39.71	39.79	0.2	2.03
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	0	13.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	157.07	157.07	0	1.1
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	159.08	177.85	178.62	0.43	12.28
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	380	381.75	401.75	5.24	5.72
6	Egg Hen's (White lagoon)	Dozen	55.54	61.14	59.61	-2.5	7.33
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	983.33	983.33	0	5.36

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

During the month decreasing trend was seen in the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year except Gingelly oil.

When compared with the prices of previous month a decreasing trend was observed. Notable decrease was seen in the price Refined Oil -Postman (5.64 %), Coconut oil (1.9%), Gingelly oil (1.08%), Coconut without husk (1.24 %) all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

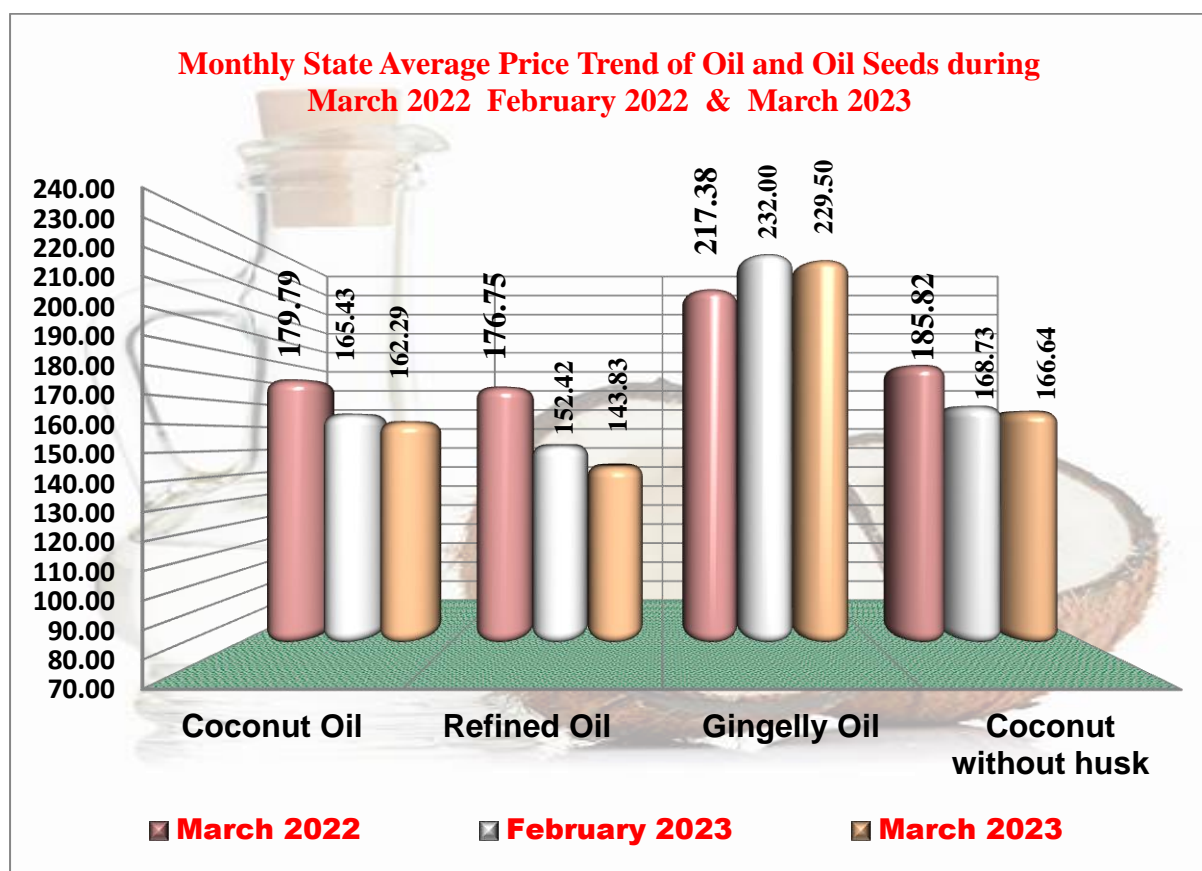
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oilseeds showed the mixed trend. Increase was seen only in the price of Gingelly oil (5.58 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil (9.73 %), Refined Oil -Postman (18.63 %), and Coconut without husk (10.32%).

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	179.79	165.43	162.29	-1.9	-9.73
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	176.75	152.42	143.83	-5.64	-18.63
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	217.38	232	229.5	-1.08	5.58
4	Coconut without husk	10 nos	185.82	168.73	166.64	-1.24	-10.32

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments.

During the month increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments except Coriander when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (6.79 %), Onion small (11.06%), Garlic(3.72 %) and Cumin seed (3.92 %), while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations when compared with the price of the previous month.

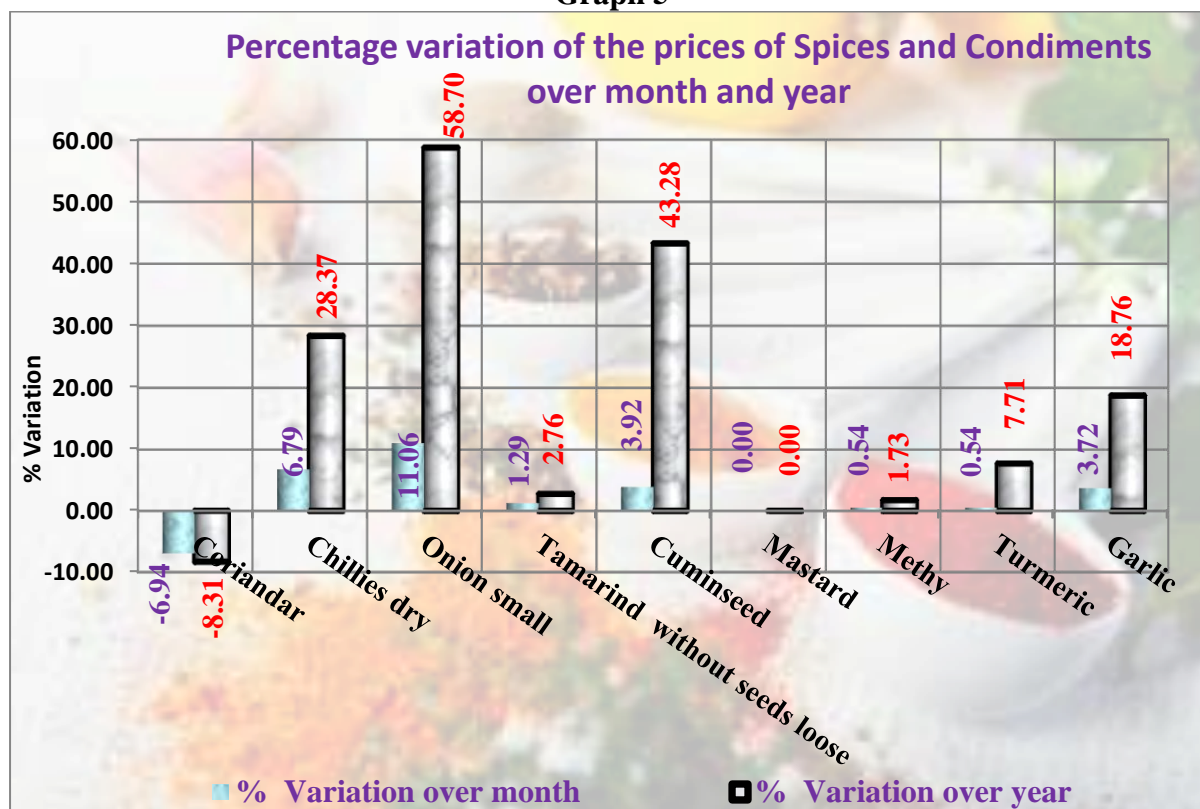
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed increasing trend except coriander. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (28.37 %), Garlic (18.76 %), Turmeric (7.71%) , Cumin seed (43.28 %), Onion small (58.7%) and it is more than 50%. While notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (8.31 %)

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	135.93	133.93	124.64	-6.94	-8.31
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	225.07	270.57	288.93	6.79	28.37
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.79	49.71	55.21	11.06	58.7
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	142.5	144.57	146.43	1.29	2.76
5	Cumin seed	100gm	30.36	41.86	43.5	3.92	43.28
6	Mustard	100gm	12.86	12.86	12.86	0.00	0.00
7	Methy	100gm	12.71	12.86	12.93	0.54	1.73
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.07	20.43	20.54	0.54	7.71
9	Garlic	100gm	9.86	11.29	11.71	3.72	18.76

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as corresponding month of the previous year except in the price of Potato.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Chennai increased by 8.48 % and Colocassia (6.04 %). Notable decrease was seen in the price of Potato (12.68%)

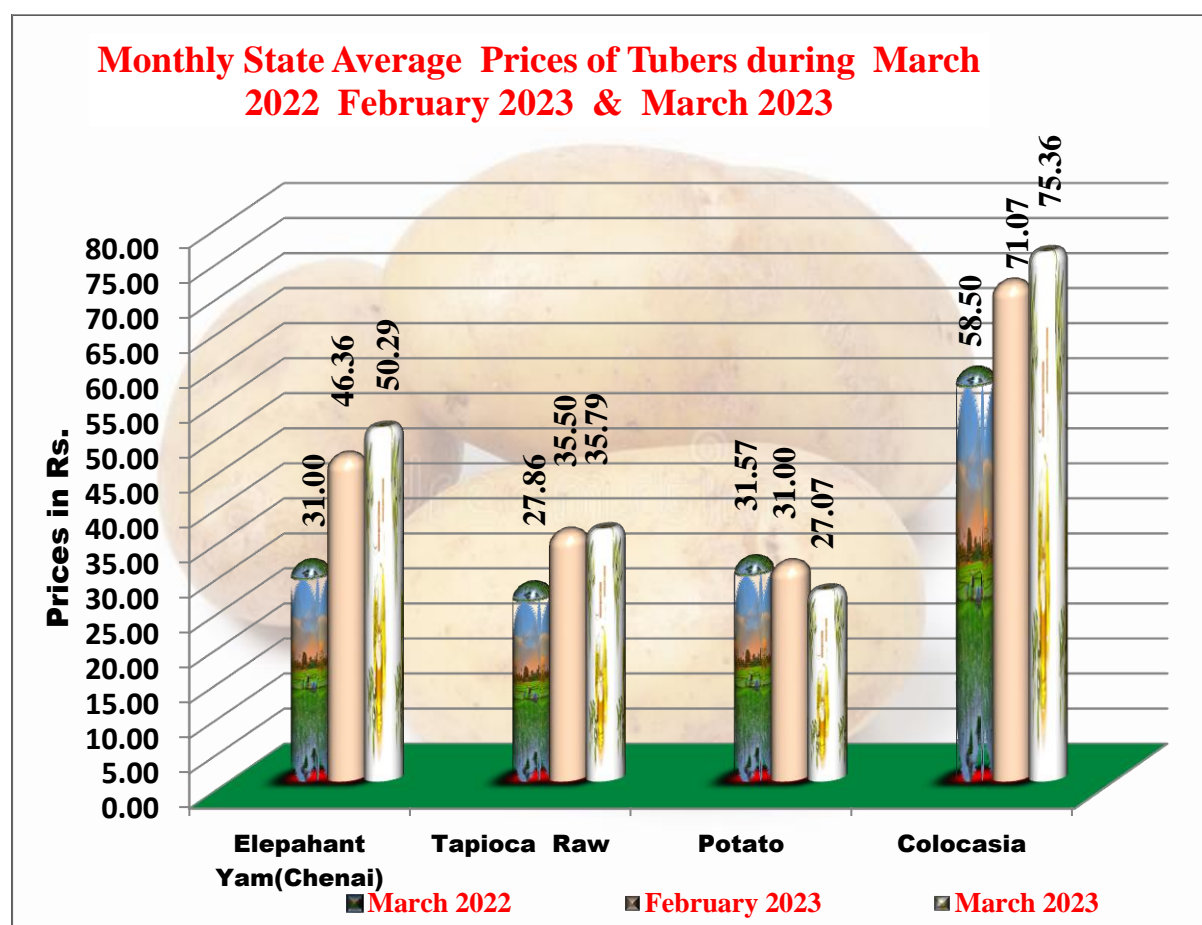
Increasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year except in the price of potato. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chennai (62.23 %), Tapioca (28.46 %), and Colocassia (28.82 %). While potato was decreased by (14.25%)

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

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	31	46.36	50.29	8.48	62.23
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.86	35.5	35.79	0.82	28.46
3	Potato	Kg.	31.57	31	27.07	-12.68	-14.25
4	Colocassia	Kg.	58.5	71.07	75.36	6.04	28.82

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables.

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month and mixed trend was observed in corresponding month of the previous year.

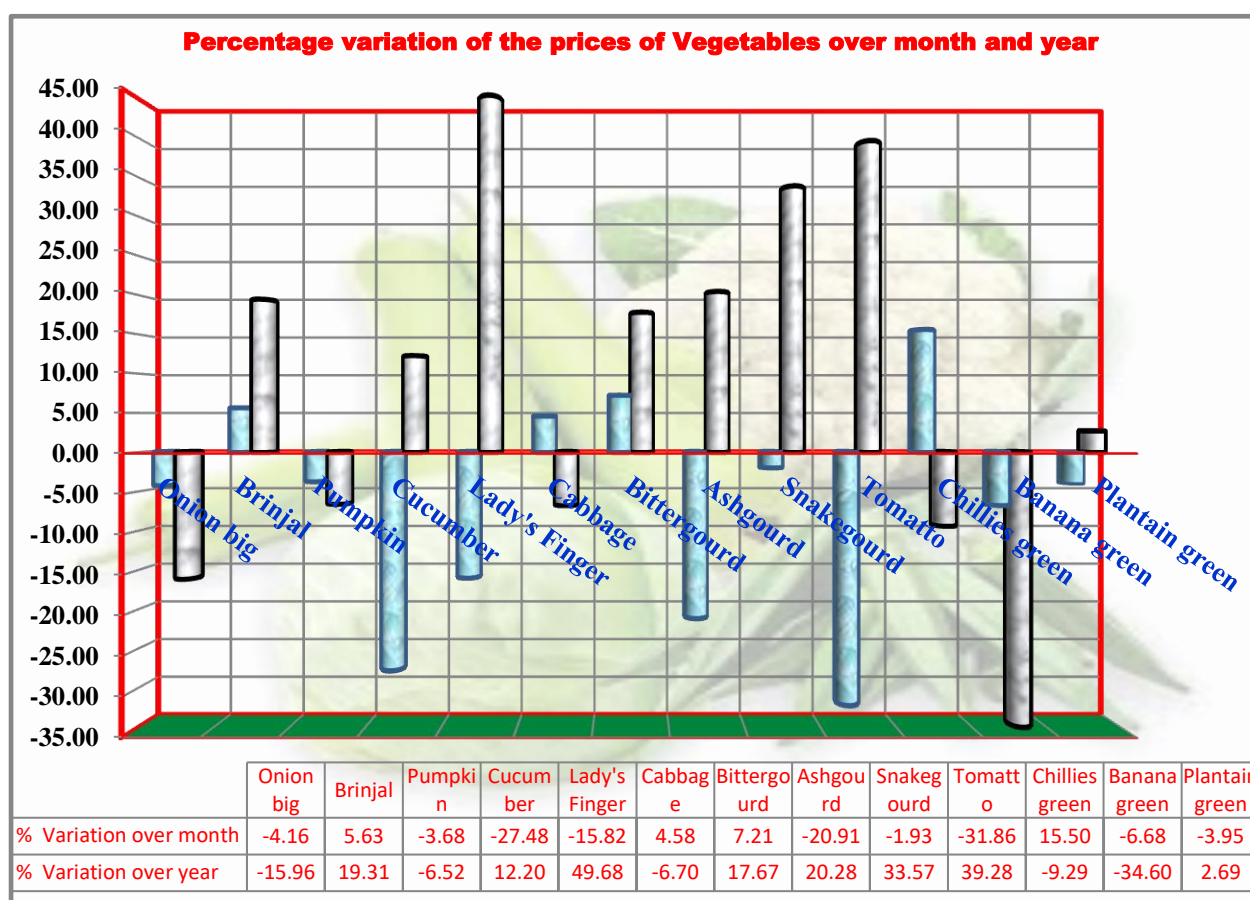
When compared with the prices of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables shows generally a decreasing trend. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber (27.48%), Ladies Finger (15.82%), Ash Gourd (20.91%), Tomato (31.86 %), Banana green (6.68%) and Onion big (4.16%) while notable increase was seen in the price of Cabbage (4.58%), Brinjal (5.63%), bitter gourd (7.21%), Chillies green (15.5%) .

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Brinjal (19.31%), Cucumber (12.2%), ladies finger (49.68%), bitter gourd (17.67), Ash Gourd (20.28%), snake gourd (33.57%), Plantain green (2.69%) and Tomato (39.28 %) While notable decrease was seen in the prices of Onion (Big) (15.96%), Pumpkin (6.52%), Cabbage (6.7%), Chillies green (9.29%) and Banana green (34.6%).

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	25.5	22.36	21.43	-4.16	-15.96
2	Bringal	Kg.	31.43	35.5	37.5	5.63	19.31
3	Pumpkin	Kg	24.07	23.36	22.5	-3.68	-6.52
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.36	36.14	26.21	-27.48	12.2
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	35.79	63.64	53.57	-15.82	49.68
6	Cabbage	Kg	29.86	26.64	27.86	4.58	-6.7
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	46.86	51.43	55.14	7.21	17.67
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	21.79	33.14	26.21	-20.91	20.28
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30	40.86	40.07	-1.93	33.57
10	Tomato	Kg.	18	36.79	25.07	-31.86	39.28
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.64	6	6.93	15.5	-9.29
12	Banana green	Kg.	56.36	39.5	36.86	-6.68	-34.6
13	Plantain green	Kg.	37.14	39.71	38.14	-3.95	2.69

Graph-7

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of miscellaneous items

During the month an increasing 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 increasing trend was observed in almost all items except Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag). Notable increase was seen in the price of Tobacco (2.42%), Washing Soda (2.34%) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (2.42%)

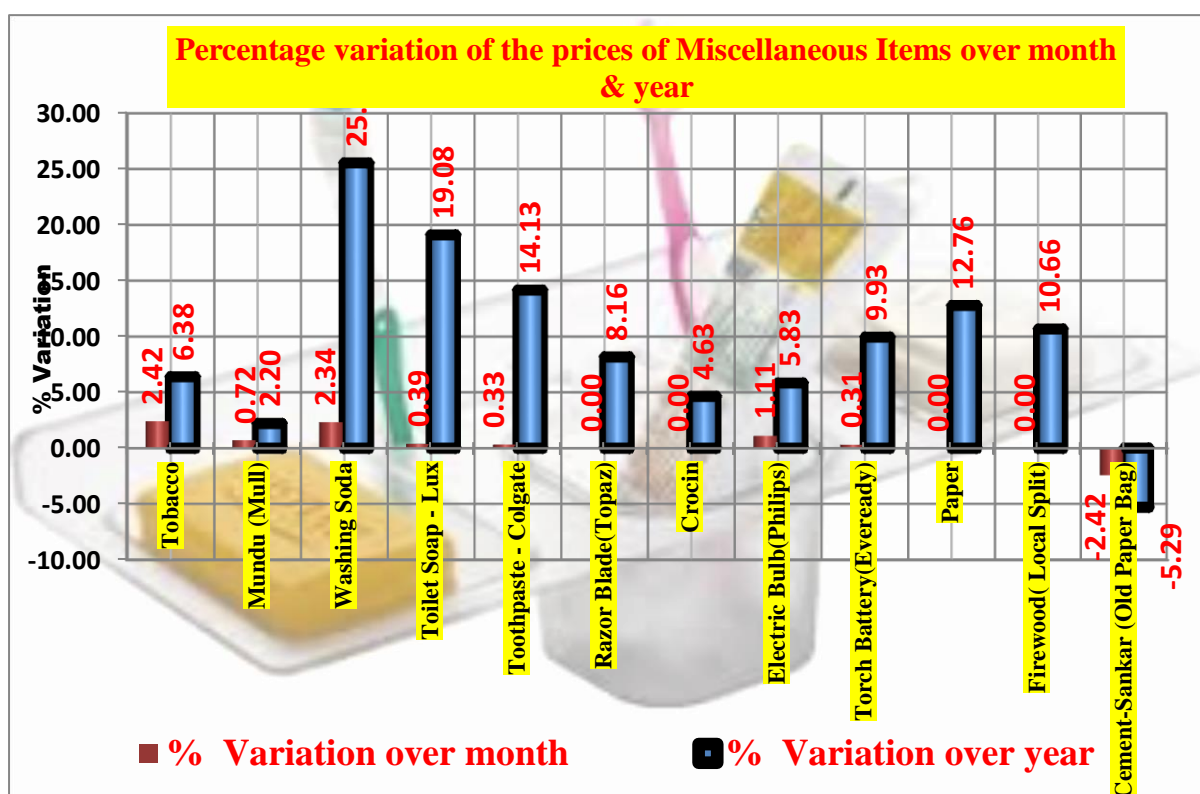
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of this group showed an increasing trend except Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag). Notable increase was seen in the price of Washing Soda (25.51%), Toilet Soap Lux (19.08%), Toothpaste –Colgate (14.13%), Paper (12.76%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (9.93 %), Firewood (Local split) (10.66%), Tobacco (6.38%) , Razor blade (8.16%) and electric bulb (Philips) (5.83 %)

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	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	212.86	221.07	226.43	2.42	6.38
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	136.5	138.5	139.5	0.72	2.2
3	Washing Soda	Kg	52.25	64.08	65.58	2.34	25.51
4	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	29.93	35.5	35.64	0.39	19.08
5	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	55.64	63.29	63.5	0.33	14.13
6	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.17	11	11	0.00	8.16
7	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.94	2.94	0.00	4.63
8	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.57	15.25	15.42	1.11	5.83
9	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.08	28.58	28.67	0.31	9.93
10	Paper	24 sheets	18.73	21.12	21.12	0.00	12.76
11	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	491	543.33	543.33	0.00	10.66
12	Cement -Sankar (Old Paper Bag)	Each	425	412.5	402.5	-2.42	-5.29

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ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of March 2023							
Sno	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average			Percentage	Percentage
			State Average On			% Var. over month	
			March 2022	February 2023	March 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	40.79	49.07	49.43	0.73	21.18
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	38	45	45.5	1.11	19.74
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	37.58	47.46	48.08	1.31	27.94
B	PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	106.29	115.36	120	4.02	12.9
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	116.29	118.21	119.86	1.4	3.07
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	118.7	127.2	125.5	-1.34	5.73
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	113.75	121.4	121.4	0	6.73
5	Redgram	Kg.	92.43	99.86	97.86	-2	5.87
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	112.21	125.57	128.07	1.99	14.13
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	84.86	90.71	90.5	-0.23	6.65
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	76.1	76.64	75.45	-1.55	-0.85
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	84.25	79.17	78.08	-1.38	-7.32
C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39	39.71	39.79	0.2	2.03
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	0	13.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	157.07	157.07	0	1.1
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	159.08	177.85	178.62	0.43	12.28
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	380	381.75	401.75	5.24	5.72
6	Egg Hen's (White lagon)	Dozen	55.54	61.14	59.61	-2.5	7.33
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	983.33	983.33	0	5.36
D	OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Kg	179.79	165.43	162.29	-1.9	-9.73
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	176.75	152.42	143.83	-5.64	-18.63
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	217.38	232	229.5	-1.08	5.58
4	Coconut without husk	10 nos	185.82	168.73	166.64	-1.24	-10.32
E	SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriandar	Kg.	135.93	133.93	124.64	-6.94	-8.31
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	225.07	270.57	288.93	6.79	28.37
3	Onion small	Kg.	34.79	49.71	55.21	11.06	58.7
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	142.5	144.57	146.43	1.29	2.76
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.36	41.86	43.5	3.92	43.28
6	Mastard	100gm	12.86	12.86	12.86	0	0
7	Methy	100gm	12.71	12.86	12.93	0.54	1.73
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.07	20.43	20.54	0.54	7.71

9	Garlic	100gm	9.86	11.29	11.71	3.72	18.76
F	TUBERS						
1	Chenai	Kg.	31	46.36	50.29	8.48	62.23
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	27.86	35.5	35.79	0.82	28.46
3	Potato	Kg.	31.57	31	27.07	-12.68	-14.25
4	Colocassia	Kg.	58.5	71.07	75.36	6.04	28.82
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2	Bringal	Kg.	31.43	35.5	37.5	5.63	19.31
3	Pumpkin	Kg	24.07	23.36	22.5	-3.68	-6.52
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.36	36.14	26.21	-27.48	12.2
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	35.79	63.64	53.57	-15.82	49.68
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7	Bittergourd	Kg.	46.86	51.43	55.14	7.21	17.67
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	21.79	33.14	26.21	-20.91	20.28
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30	40.86	40.07	-1.93	33.57
10	Tomatto	Kg.	18	36.79	25.07	-31.86	39.28
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.64	6	6.93	15.5	-9.29
12	Banana green	Kg.	56.36	39.5	36.86	-6.68	-34.6
13	Plantain green	Kg.	37.14	39.71	38.14	-3.95	2.69
H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	212.86	221.07	226.43	2.42	6.38
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	136.5	138.5	139.5	0.72	2.2
3	Washing Soda	Kg	52.25	64.08	65.58	2.34	25.51
4	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	29.93	35.5	35.64	0.39	19.08
5	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	55.64	63.29	63.5	0.33	14.13
6	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.17	11	11	0	8.16
7	Crocic	2 tabs	2.81	2.94	2.94	0	4.63
8	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(4 0Wt)	14.57	15.25	15.42	1.11	5.83
9	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.08	28.58	28.67	0.31	9.93
10	Paper	24 sheets	18.73	21.12	21.12	0	12.76
11	Firewood (Local split)	Quinta l	491	543.33	543.33	0	10.66
12	Cement -Sanker (Ord Paper Bag)	Each	425	412.5	402.5	-2.42	-5.29