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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

August- 2023

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of August 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 August of the previous year 2022, previous month July 2023 and current month of August 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 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.

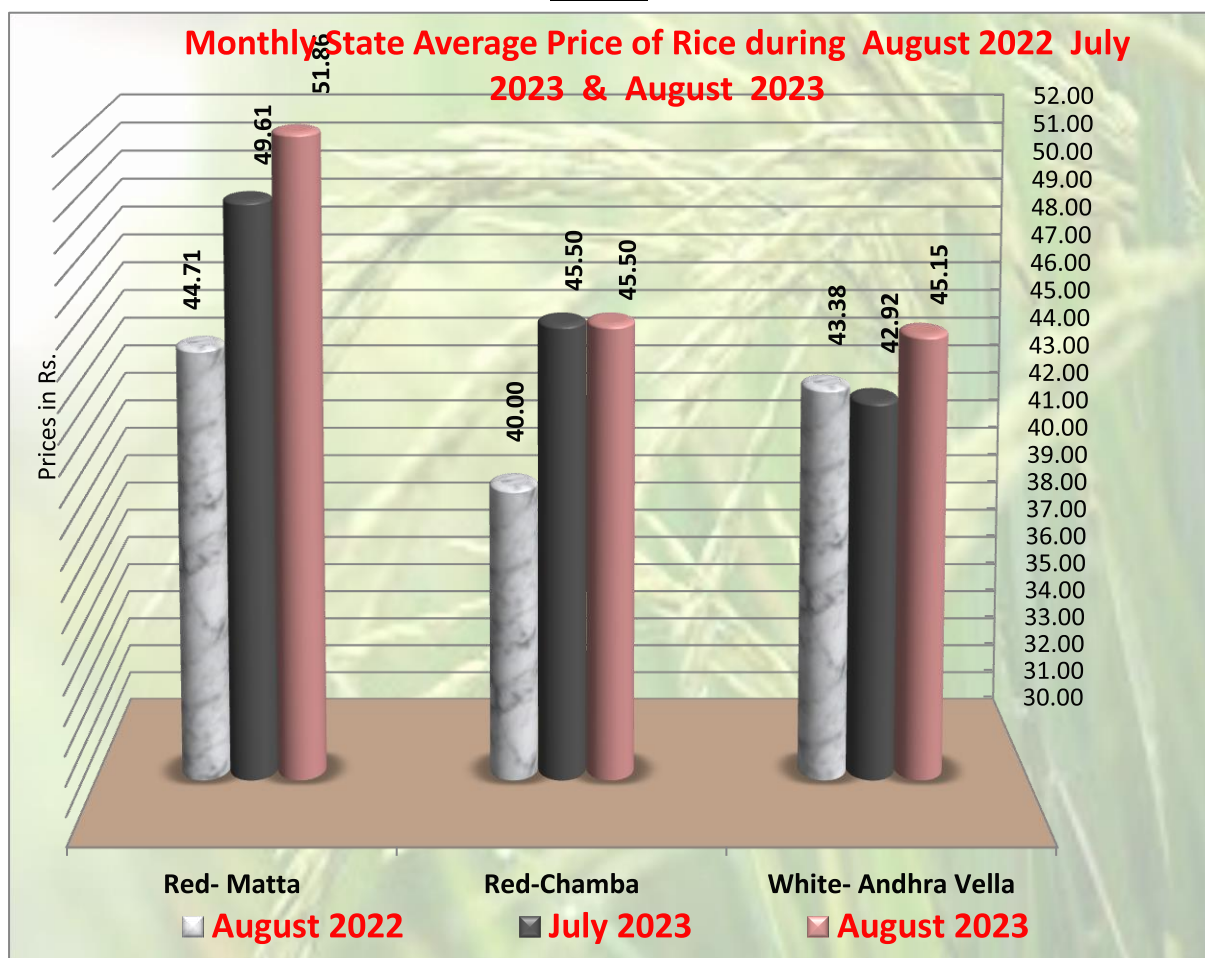
The State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta increased by 4.54% and Andhra-Vella increased by 5.2% but there was no change in the price of Red - Chamba when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and Andhra-Vella increased by 15.99% , 13.75% and 4.08% 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	
			August 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	44.71	49.61	51.86	4.54	15.99
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	40	45.5	45.5	-	13.75
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	43.38	42.92	45.15	5.2	4.08

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Price 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 notable increase was seen in Red Gram (7.13%), Dhall (Tur) (5.31%) and Bengal Gram small (2.56%). But all other items have only marginal variations.

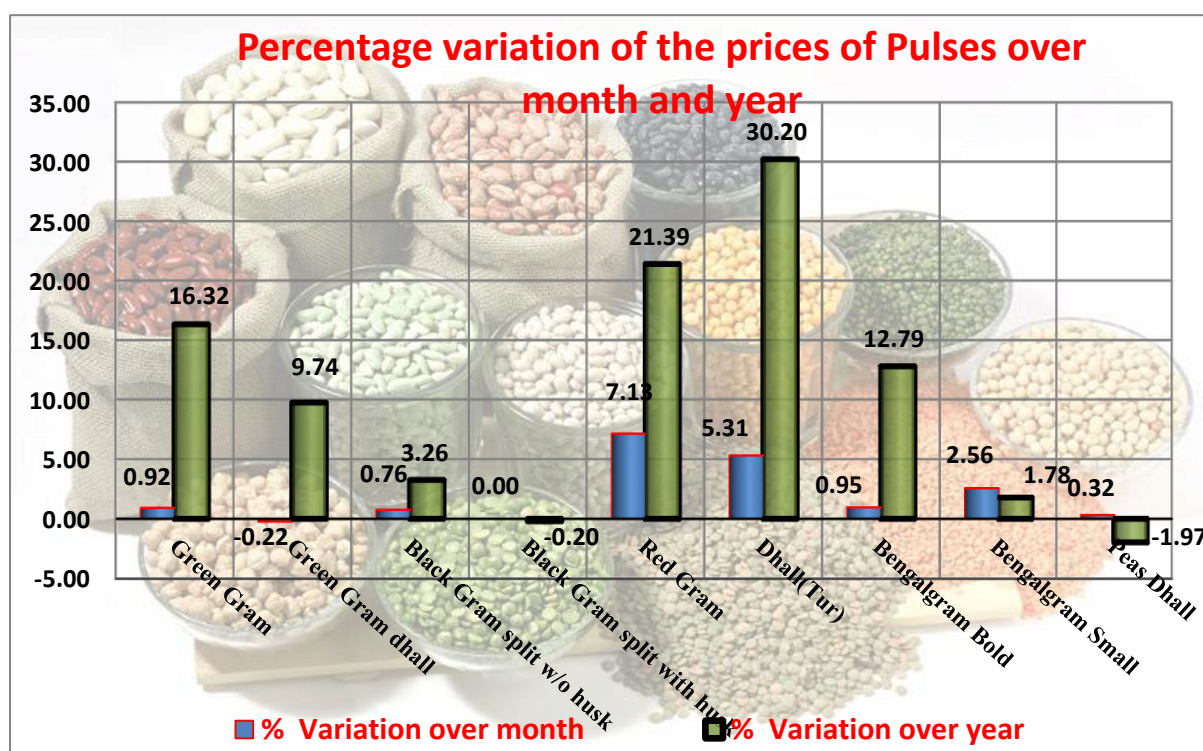
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhall (Tur) (30.2%), Red Gram (21.39%), Green gram (16.32%), Bengal Gram Bold (12.79%), Green Gram Dhall (9.74%), Black Gram split without husk (3.26%), Bengal Gram small (1.78%) while notable decrease was seen in the prices of Peas Dhall (1.97%).

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	115.14	132.71	133.93	0.92	16.32
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	118.07	129.86	129.57	-0.22	9.74
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	128.8	132	133	0.76	3.26
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	124	123.75	123.75	-	-0.2
5	Redgram	Kg.	95.5	108.21	115.93	7.13	21.39
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	125.14	154.71	162.93	5.31	30.2
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	87.21	97.43	98.36	0.95	12.79
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	78.6	78	80	2.56	1.78
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	80.08	78.25	78.5	0.32	-1.97

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Other Food items.

During the month an increasing 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.

When compared with the prices of previous month notable increase was seen in Coffee Powder (Brook Bond) (4.32%) and Egg Hen's (White lagoon) (4.05%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

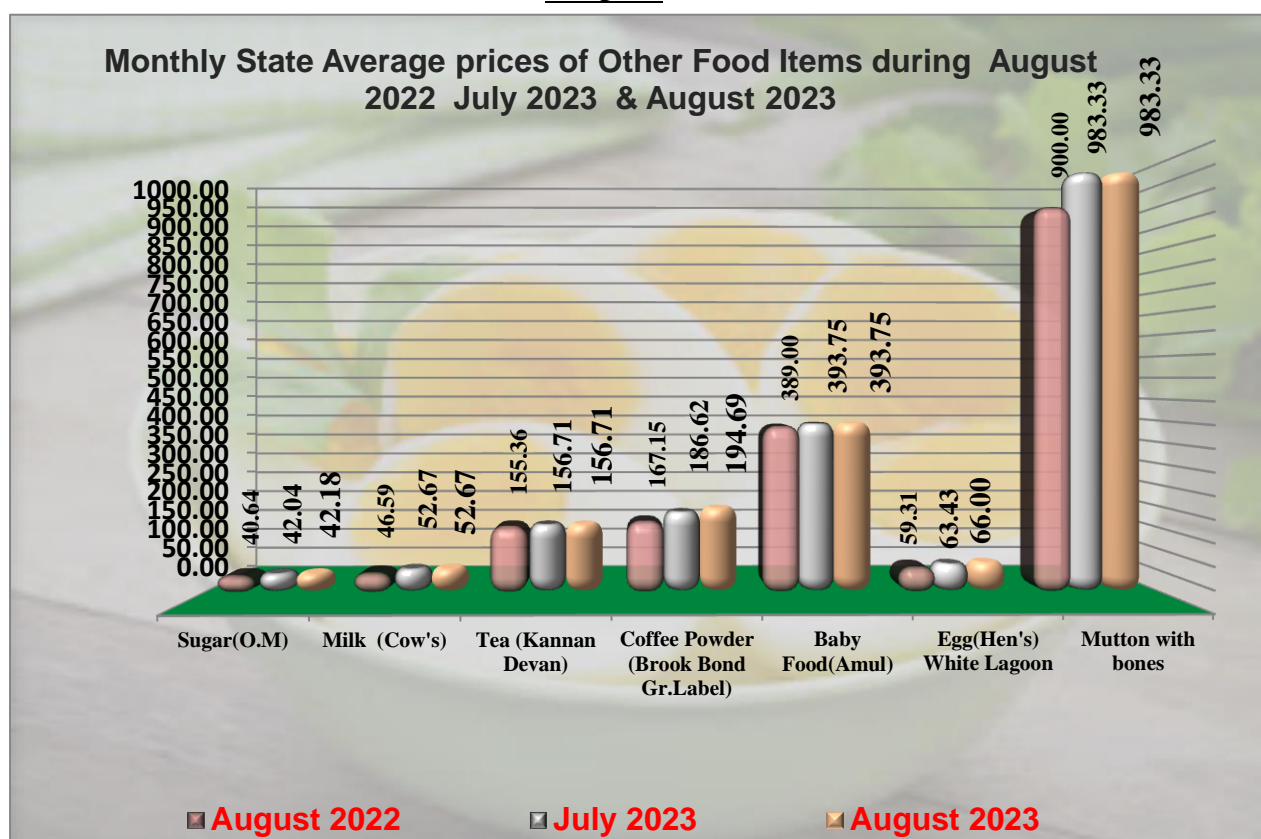
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of other Food Items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond) (16.48%), Milk (Cows) (13.05%), Egg Hen's (White lagoon) (11.28 %), Mutton without bones (9.26%), Sugar(O.M) (3.79%) and Baby Food Amul (1.22%).

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.64	42.04	42.18	0.33	3.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	156.71	156.71	-	0.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	167.15	186.62	194.69	4.32	16.48
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	389	393.75	393.75	-	1.22
6	Egg Hen's (White lagoon)	Dozen	59.31	63.43	66	4.05	11.28
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	900	983.33	983.33	-	9.26

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

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

When compared with the prices of previous month a mixed trend was observed. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (4.11%), Coconut oil (2.54%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (1.31%).

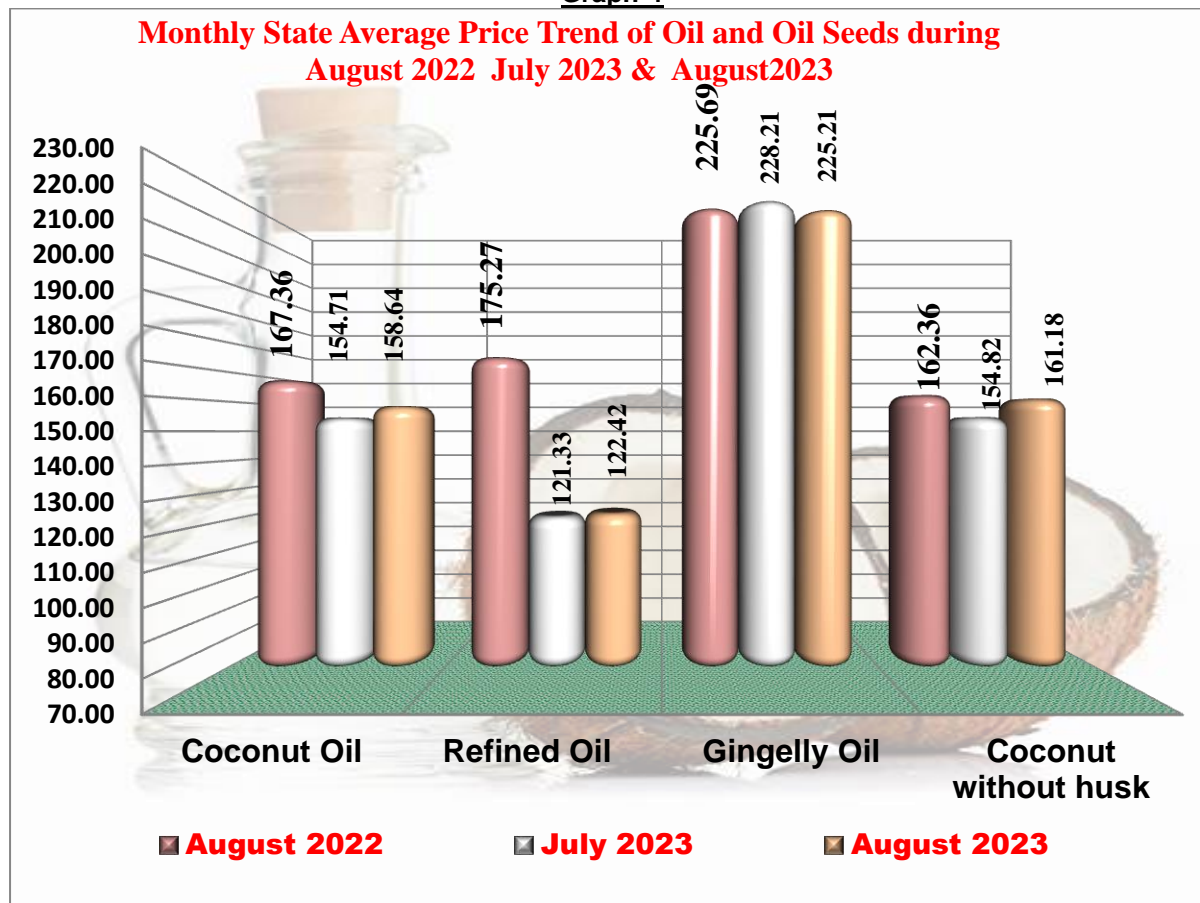
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds showed the decreasing trend. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined Oil -Postman (30.15 %) and Coconut oil (5.21%) and Coconut without husk (3.45%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous year.

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	167.36	154.71	158.64	2.54	-5.21
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	175.27	121.33	122.42	0.9	-30.15
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	225.69	228.21	225.21	-1.31	-0.21
4	Coconut without husk	10 no.s	162.36	154.82	161.18	4.11	-0.73

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 the corresponding month of the previous year.

Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (9.41%), Cumin seed (3.57%) and Garlic (1.88%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (41.73%) when compared with the price of the previous month.

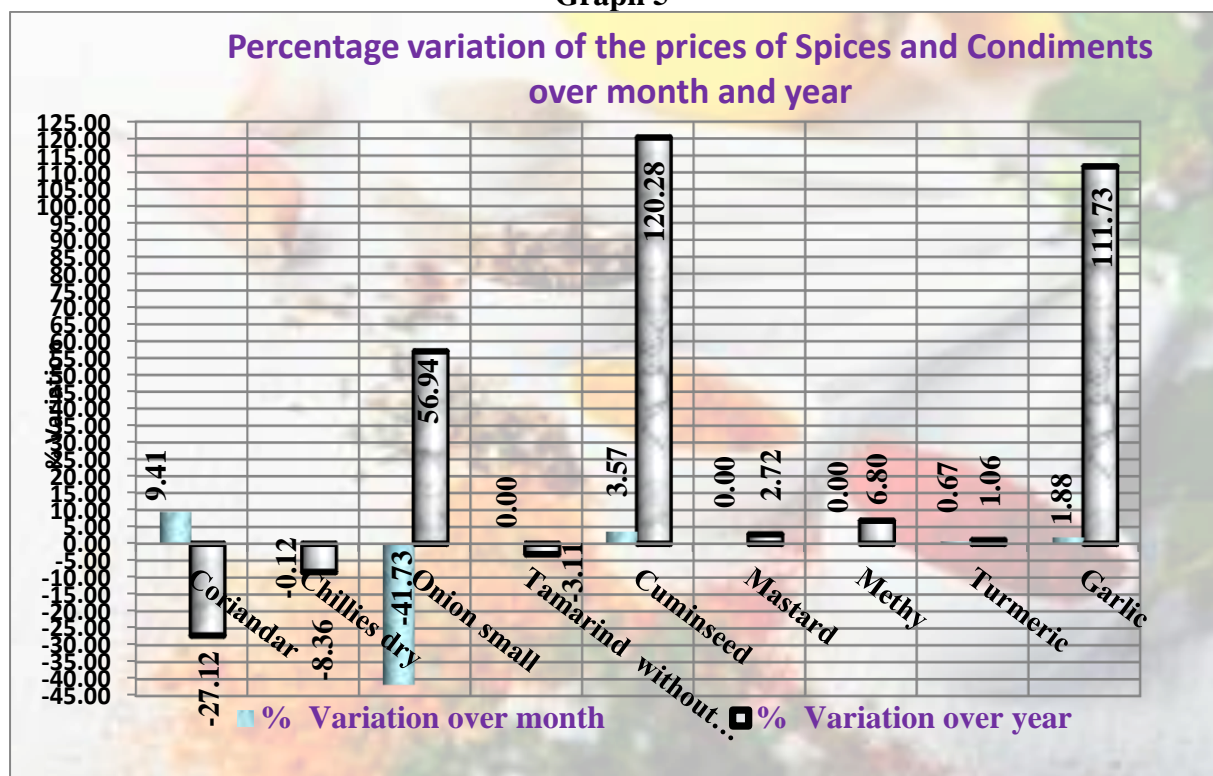
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cumin seed (120.28%), Garlic (111.73%), Onion small (56.94%), Methy (6.8%), Mustard (2.72%) and Turmeric (1.06%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (27.12%), Chillies dry (8.36%) and Tamarind without seeds loose (3.11%).

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	164.07	109.29	119.57	9.41	-27.12
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	316.86	290.71	290.36	-0.12	-8.36
3	Onion small	Kg.	48.93	131.79	76.79	-41.73	56.94
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	147.07	142.5	142.5	-	-3.11
5	Cumin seed	100gm	34.86	74.14	76.79	3.57	120.28
6	Mustard	100gm	12.86	13.21	13.21	-	2.72
7	Methy	100gm	12.64	13.5	13.5	-	6.8
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.71	20.79	20.93	0.67	1.06
9	Garlic	100gm	9.21	19.14	19.5	1.88	111.73

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 as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Potato increased by 6.29% but Chennai and Colocassia decreased by 5.04% and 2.84% respectively.

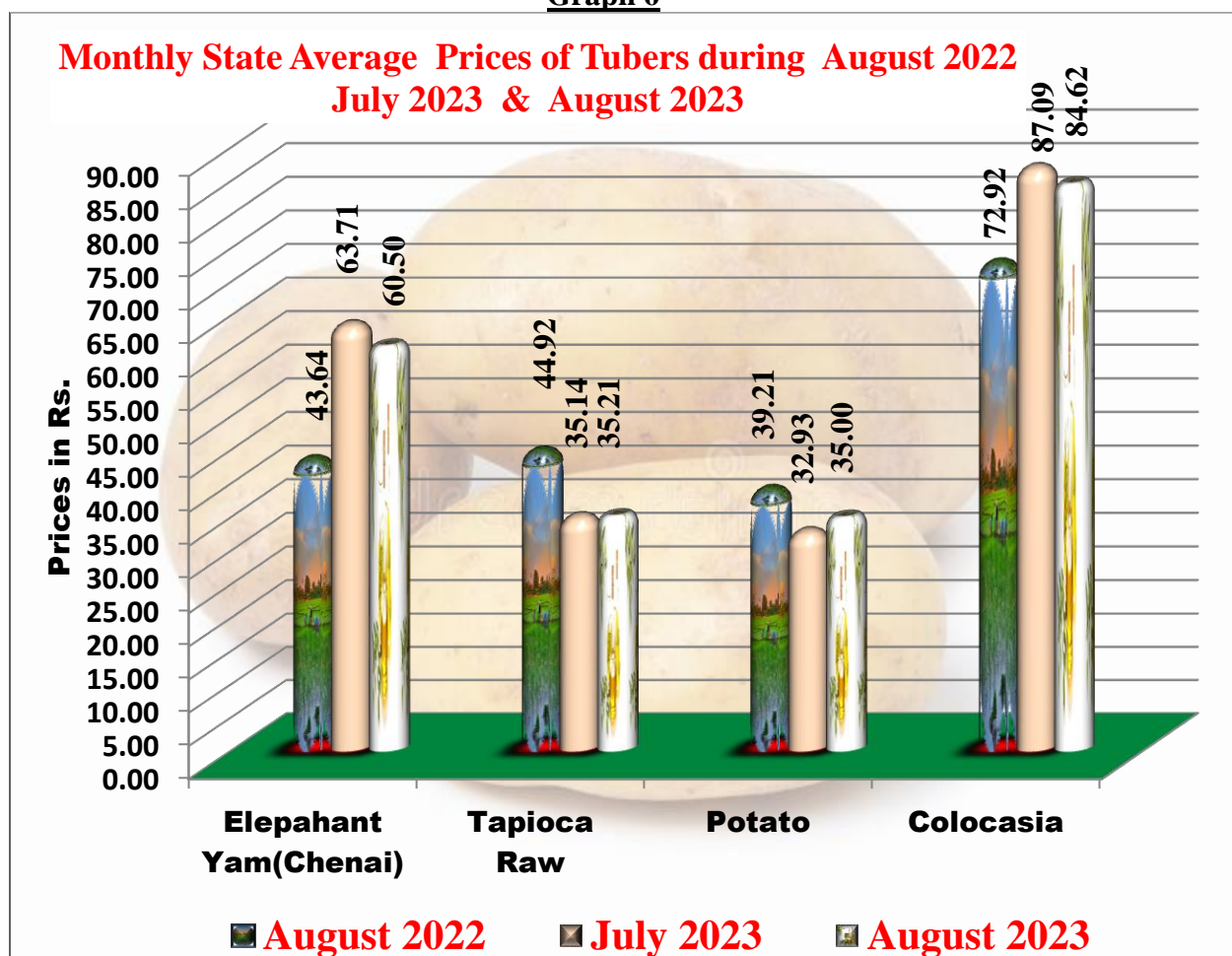
Mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chennai (38.63%) and Colocassia (16.04%) while Tapioca and Potato were decreased by 21.62% and 10.74% respectively.

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	
			August 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	43.64	63.71	60.5	-5.04	38.63
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	44.92	35.14	35.21	0.2	-21.62
3	Potato	Kg.	39.21	32.93	35	6.29	-10.74
4	Colocassia	Kg.	72.92	87.09	84.62	-2.84	16.04

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 mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (33.54%), Cabbage (18.16%), Banana green (12.21%), Snake gourd (9.32%), Plantain green (6.34%) and Brinjal (4.51%) while notable decrease was seen in the prices of Tomato (64.16%), Chillies green (19.35%), Ladies Finger (18.02%), Ash gourd (8.65%), Pumpkin (7.95%) and Bitter gourd (3.36%).

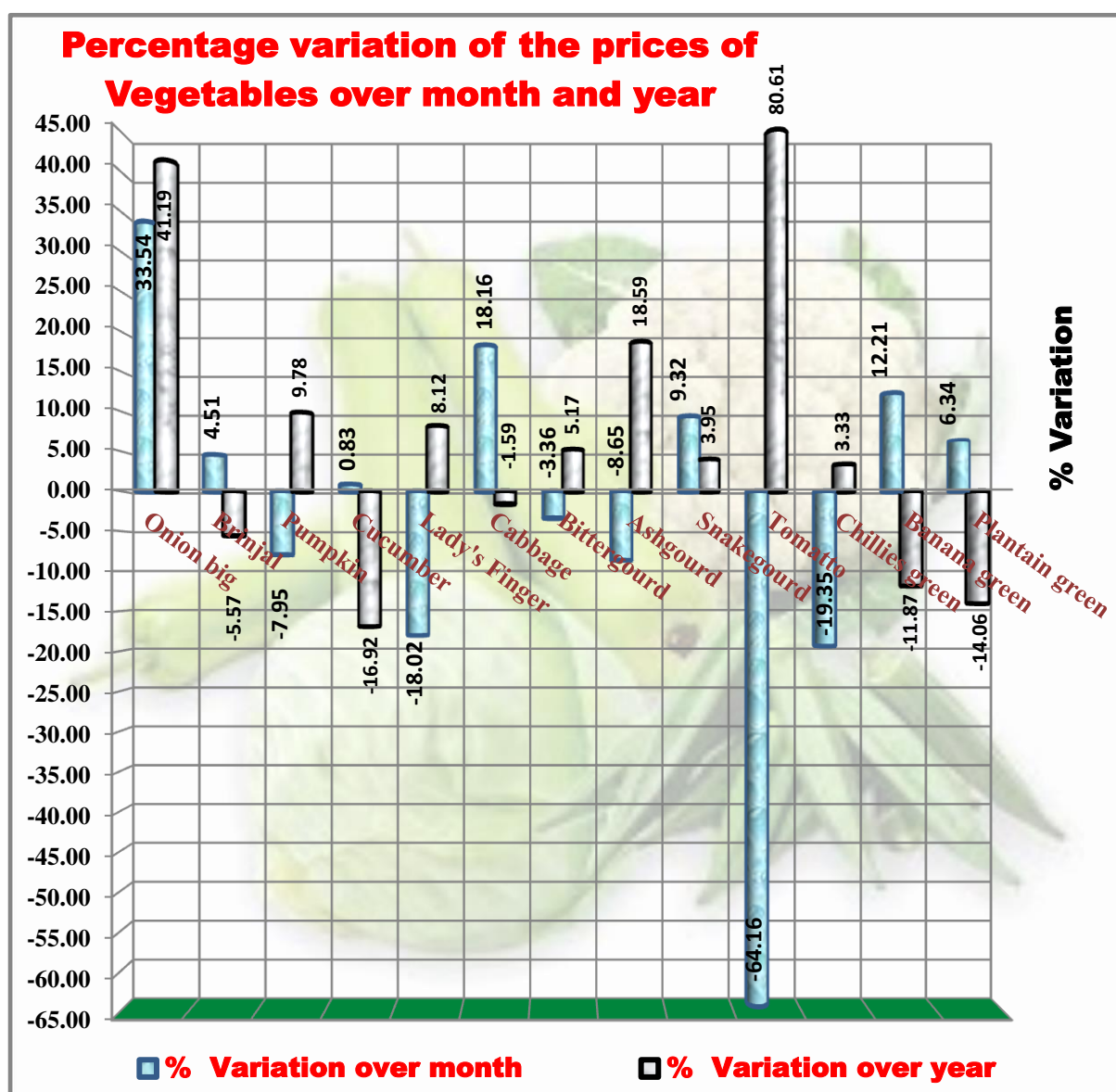
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (80.61%), Onion big (41.19%), Ash gourd (18.59%), Pumpkin (9.78%), Ladies Finger (8.12%), Bitter gourd (5.17%), Snake gourd (3.95%) and Chillies green (3.33%) while notable decrease was seen in the prices of Cucumber (16.92%), Plantain green (14.06%), Banana green (11.87%), Brinjal (5.57%) and Cabbage (1.59%).

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.79	26.21	35	33.54	41.19
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.21	38.14	39.86	4.51	-5.57
3	Pumpkin	Kg	24.14	28.79	26.5	-7.95	9.78
4	Cucumber	Kg.	30.86	25.43	25.64	0.83	-16.92
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	36.07	47.57	39	-18.02	8.12
6	Cabbage	Kg	40.14	33.43	39.5	18.16	-1.59
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	56.64	61.64	59.57	-3.36	5.17
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.21	31.43	28.71	-8.65	18.59
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	43.57	41.43	45.29	9.32	3.95
10	Tomato	Kg.	23.57	118.79	42.57	-64.16	80.61
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.5	9.61	7.75	-19.35	3.33
12	Banana green	Kg.	65.57	51.5	57.79	12.21	-11.87
13	Plantain green	Kg.	48.79	39.43	41.93	6.34	-14.06

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of miscellaneous items

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of this group when compared with the prices of the previous month and an increasing trend when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month mixed trend was observed in almost all items. Notable increase was seen in the price of Washing Soda (1.85%) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

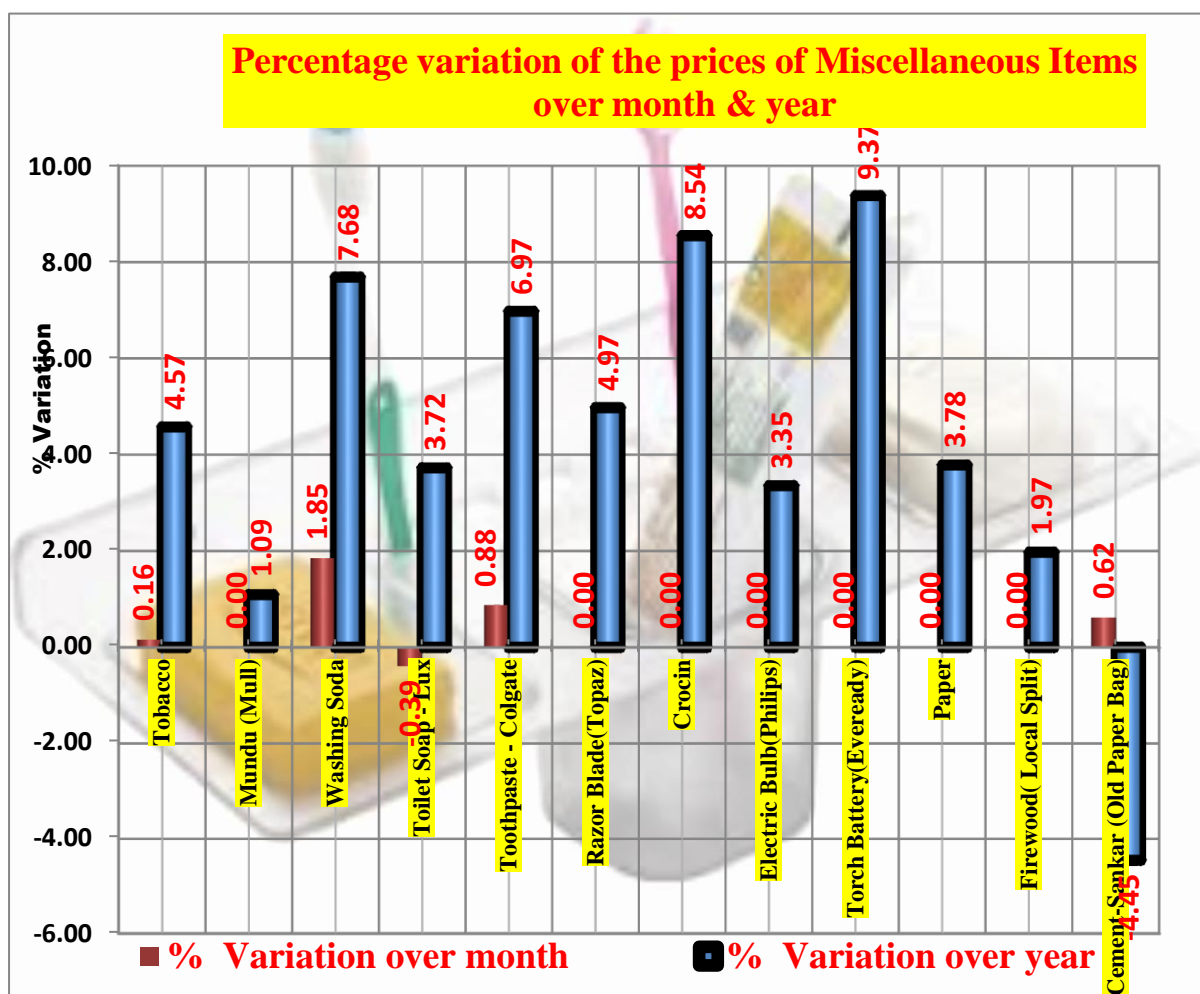
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of this group showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready) (9.37%), Crocin (8.54%), Washing Soda (7.68%), Tooth paste (Colgate) (6.97%), Razor Blade (Topaz) (4.97%), Tobacco (4.57%), Paper (3.78%), Toilet Soap Lux (3.72%), Electric Bulb (Philips) (3.35%), Firewood (Local split) (1.97%) and Mundu (Mull) (1.09%) while notable decrease was seen only in the prices of Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (4.45%).

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 2022	July 2023	August 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	218.93	228.57	228.93	0.16	4.57
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	138	139.5	139.5	0.00	1.09
3	Washing Soda	Kg	63.92	67.58	68.83	1.85	7.68
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.64	36.07	35.93	-0.39	3.72
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.43	65.14	65.71	0.88	6.97
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	3.05	3.05	-	8.54
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.92	15.42	15.42	-	3.35
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	29.17	29.17	-	9.37
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	21.12	21.12	-	3.78
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	508.33	518.33	518.33	-	1.97
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag)	Each	427.78	406.25	408.75	0.62	-4.45

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ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of August 2023							
Sl.no.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average			Percentage	Percentage
			State Average On			% Var. over month	% Var. over year
			August 2022	July 2023	August 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	44.71	49.61	51.86	4.54	15.99
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	40	45.5	45.5	-	13.75
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B	PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	115.14	132.71	133.93	0.92	16.32
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3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	128.8	132	133	0.76	3.26
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	124	123.75	123.75	-	-0.2
5	Redgram	Kg.	95.5	108.21	115.93	7.13	21.39
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	125.14	154.71	162.93	5.31	30.2
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	87.21	97.43	98.36	0.95	12.79
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	78.6	78	80	2.56	1.78
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	80.08	78.25	78.5	0.32	-1.97
C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.64	42.04	42.18	0.33	3.79
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	156.71	156.71	-	0.87
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	167.15	186.62	194.69	4.32	16.48
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6	Egg Hen's (White lagon)	Dozen	59.31	63.43	66	4.05	11.28
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	900	983.33	983.33	-	9.26
D	OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Kg	167.36	154.71	158.64	2.54	-5.21
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	0	0	0		
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	175.27	121.33	122.42	0.9	-30.15
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	225.69	228.21	225.21	-1.31	-0.21
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	162.36	154.82	161.18	4.11	-0.73
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1	Corriandar	Kg.	164.07	109.29	119.57	9.41	-27.12
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	316.86	290.71	290.36	-0.12	-8.36
3	Onion small	Kg.	48.93	131.79	76.79	-41.73	56.94
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	147.07	142.5	142.5	-	-3.11
5	Cuminseed	100gm	34.86	74.14	76.79	3.57	120.28
6	Mastard	100gm	12.86	13.21	13.21	-	2.72
7	Methy	100gm	12.64	13.5	13.5	-	6.8
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.71	20.79	20.93	0.67	1.06

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5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	36.07	47.57	39	-18.02	8.12
6	Cabbage	Kg	40.14	33.43	39.5	18.16	-1.59
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	56.64	61.64	59.57	-3.36	5.17
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H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	218.93	228.57	228.93	0.16	4.57
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	138	139.5	139.5	-	1.09
3	Washing Soda	Kg	63.92	67.58	68.83	1.85	7.68
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0	-	
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.64	36.07	35.93	-0.39	3.72
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.43	65.14	65.71	0.88	6.97
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	3.05	3.05	-	8.54
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40 Wt)	14.92	15.42	15.42	-	3.35
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	29.17	29.17	-	9.37
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	21.12	21.12	-	3.78
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