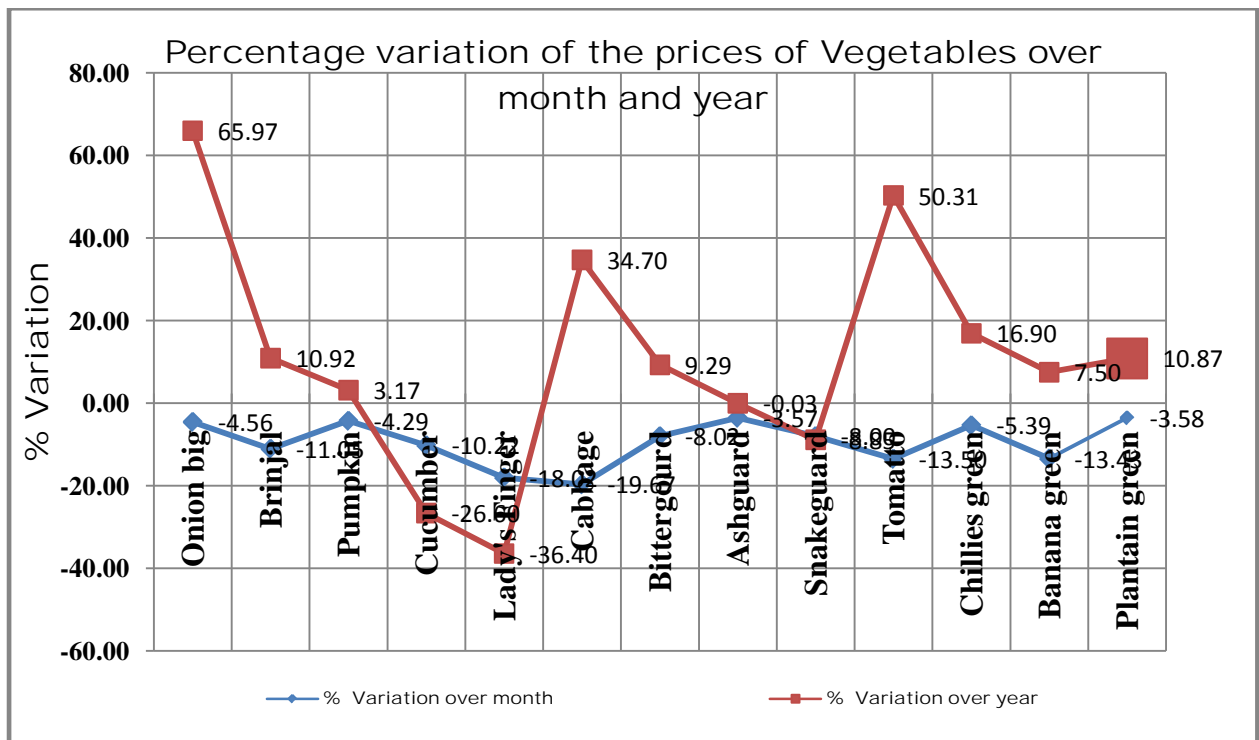




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**FEBRUARY 2015**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February 2015. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last month as well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February of the previous year 2014, previous month January 2015 and current month of February 2015 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are attached. Group Wise 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

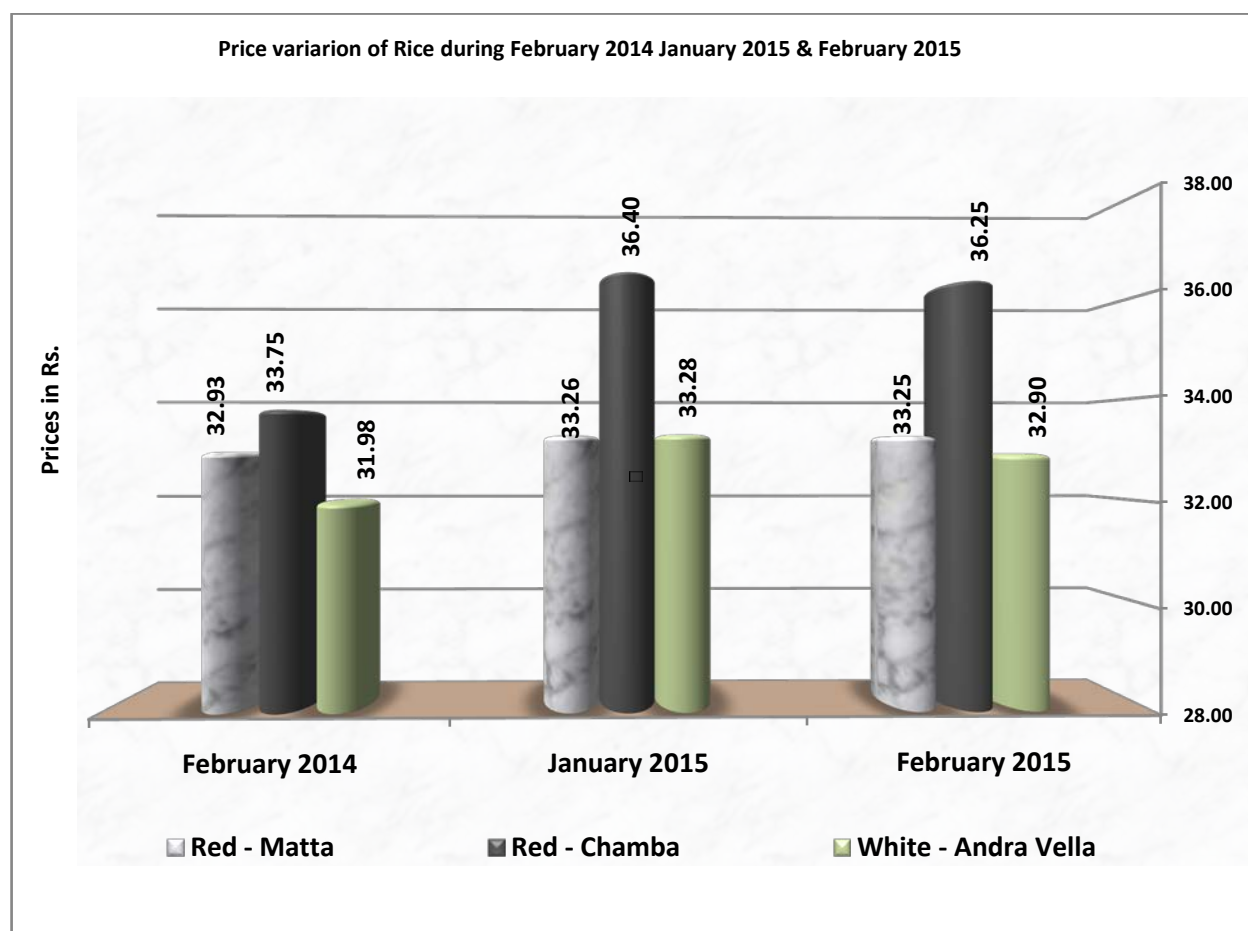
During this period a downward trend was observed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed a downward trend up to 1.12% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of all items of Rice showed an upward trend up to 7%. The state average retail price of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 0.97% ,7.40% and 2.88% respectively when compared with the prices of the Previous year .The following table and diagraph 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	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	32.93	33.26	33.25	-0.02	0.97
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.75	36.40	36.25	-0.41	7.40
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.98	33.28	32.90	-1.12	2.88

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

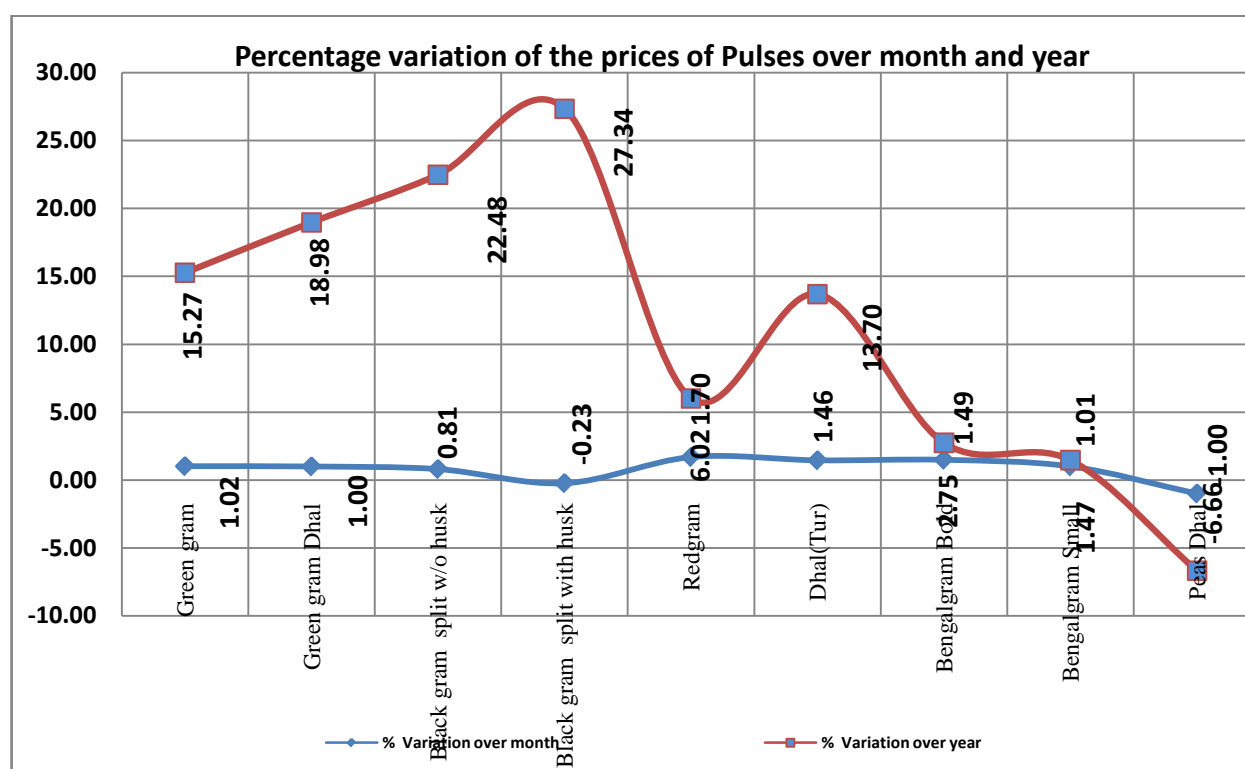
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Blackgram split with husk and Peas Dhal showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 1.7% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Peas Dhal had decreased by 6.66%, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 27%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Blackgram split with husk (27.34%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. 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	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	94.45	107.77	108.87	1.02	15.27
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	98.18	115.66	116.81	1.00	18.98
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	72.72	88.35	89.06	0.81	22.48
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.75	85.20	85.00	-0.23	27.34
5	Redgram	Kg	56.61	59.01	60.01	1.70	6.02
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	76.36	85.57	86.82	1.46	13.70
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	58.48	59.20	60.09	1.49	2.75
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	52.75	52.99	53.53	1.01	1.47
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	45.09	42.51	42.08	-1.00	-6.66

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

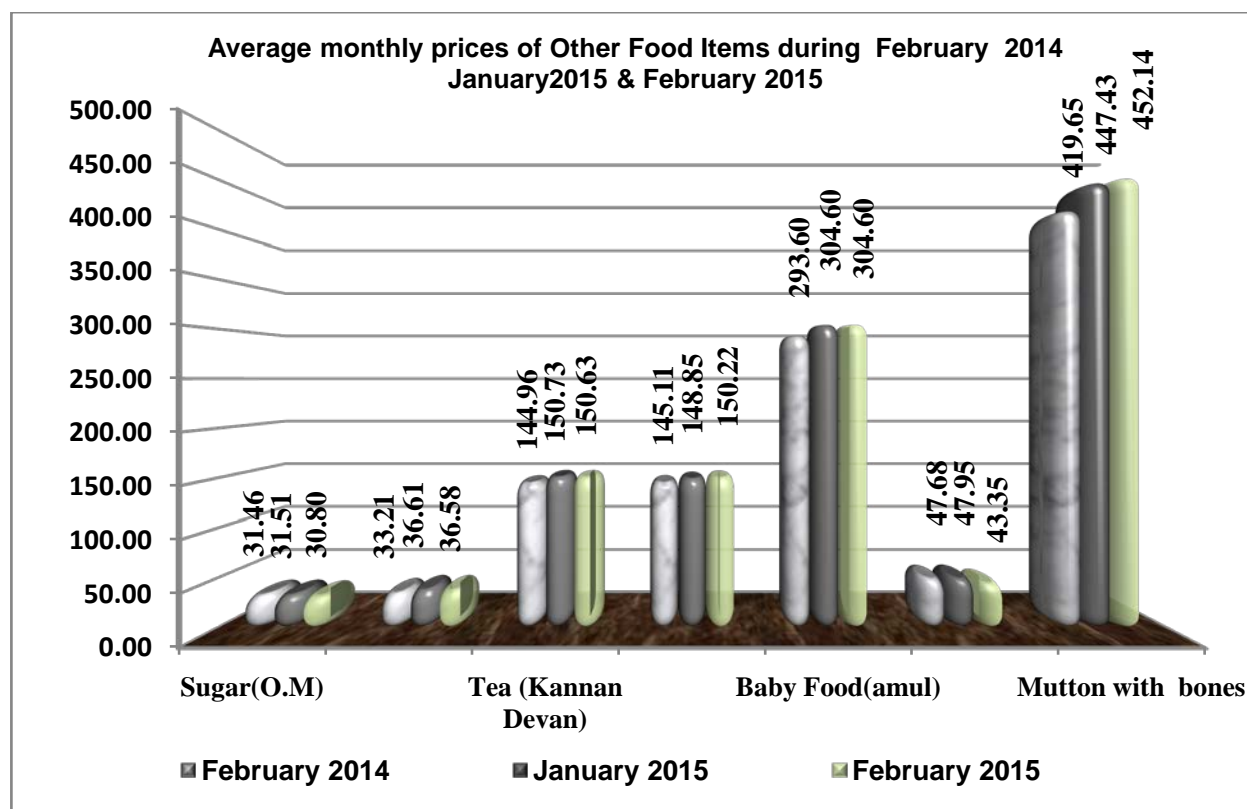
#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail 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 price of Sugar (O.M), Milk (Cow's), Tea (Kannan Devan) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 1.05% 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 all items of other food Items except Sugar (O.M) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed an upward trend up to 10% .

**Table-3**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.46	31.51	30.80	-2.27	-2.09
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.21	36.61	36.58	-0.08	10.16
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	144.96	150.73	150.63	-0.07	3.91
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	145.11	148.85	150.22	0.91	3.52
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	293.60	304.60	304.60	0.00	3.75
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	47.68	47.95	43.35	-9.60	-9.10
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	419.65	447.43	452.14	1.05	7.74

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

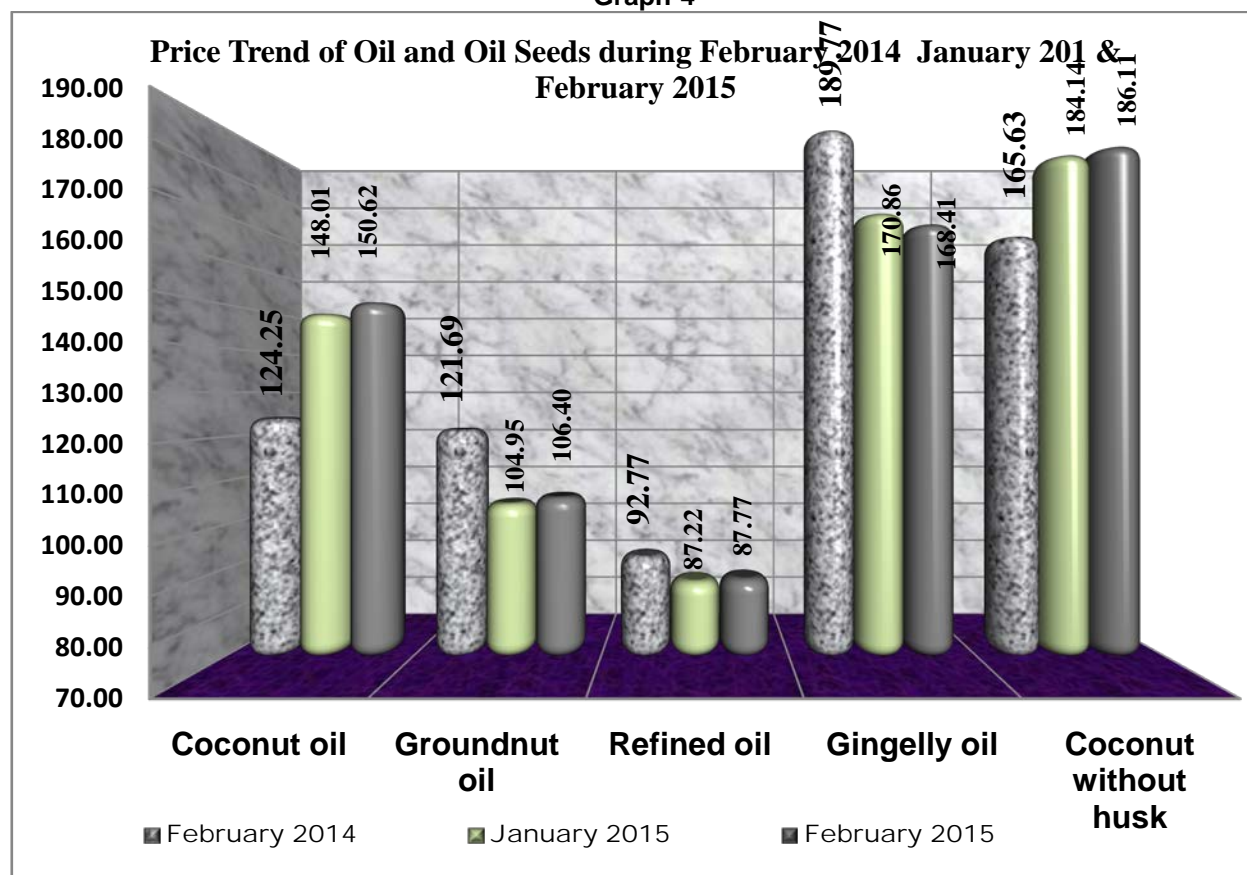
### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds 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 of oil and oil seeds except Gingelly oil, showed an uptrend trend up to 2% 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 Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil showed a negative trend of 12.57%, 5.39% and 11.26% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 21%

**Table-4**

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	124.25	148.01	150.62	1.76	21.23
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	121.69	104.95	106.40	1.38	-12.57
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	92.77	87.22	87.77	0.64	-5.39
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	189.77	170.86	168.41	-1.43	-11.26
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	165.63	184.14	186.11	1.07	12.37

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

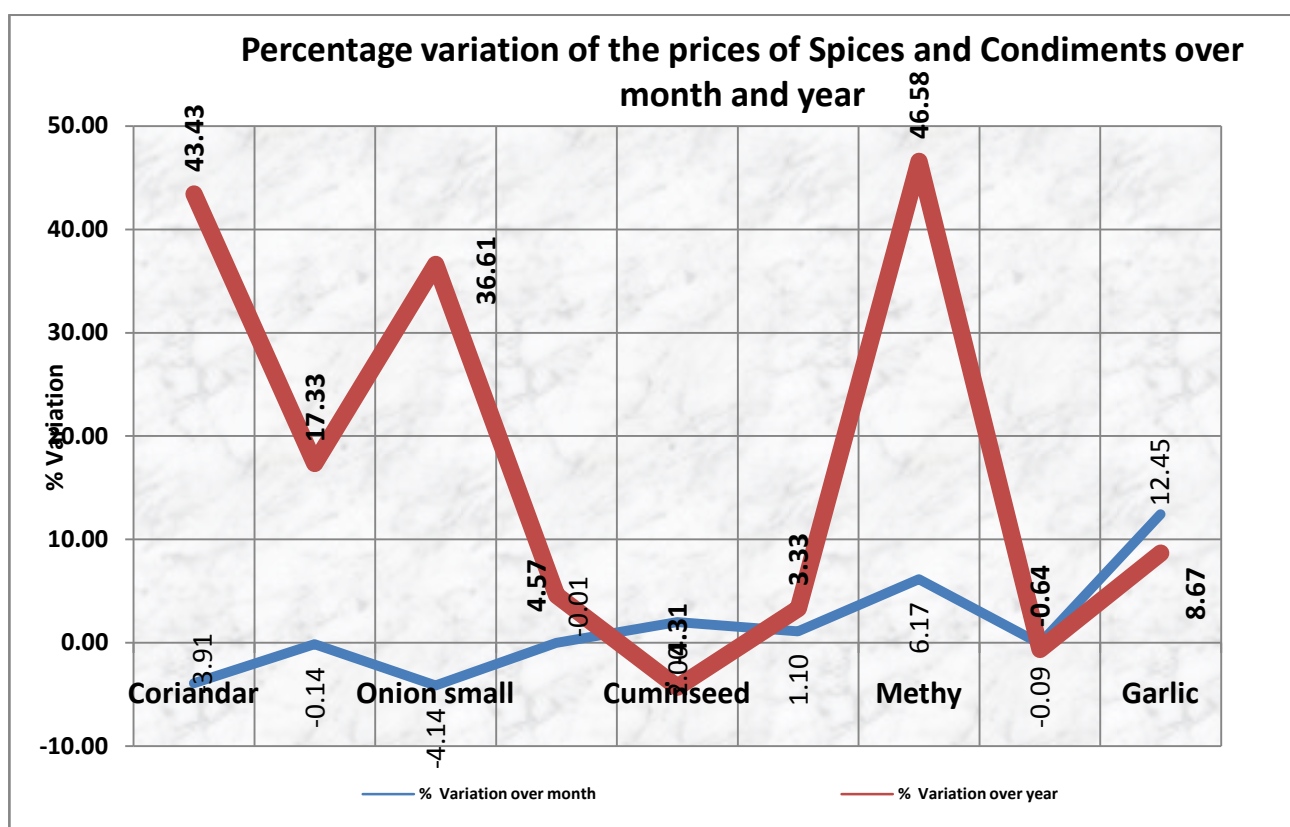
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coriander, Chillies dry, Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose and Turmeric showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 12% 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 Cuminseed and Turmeric showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 47% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (43.43%), Onion small (36.61%) and Methy (46.58%) 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	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	96.75	144.42	138.77	-3.91	43.43
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	97.29	114.31	114.15	-0.14	17.33
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.23	40.23	38.57	-4.14	36.61
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	84.68	88.56	88.55	-0.01	4.57
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.34	20.96	21.38	2.00	-4.31
6	Mustard	100gm	7.59	7.76	7.85	1.10	3.33
7	Methy	100gm	7.06	9.74	10.35	6.17	46.58
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.86	14.78	14.77	-0.09	-0.64
9	Garlic	100gm	9.48	9.16	10.31	12.45	8.67

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

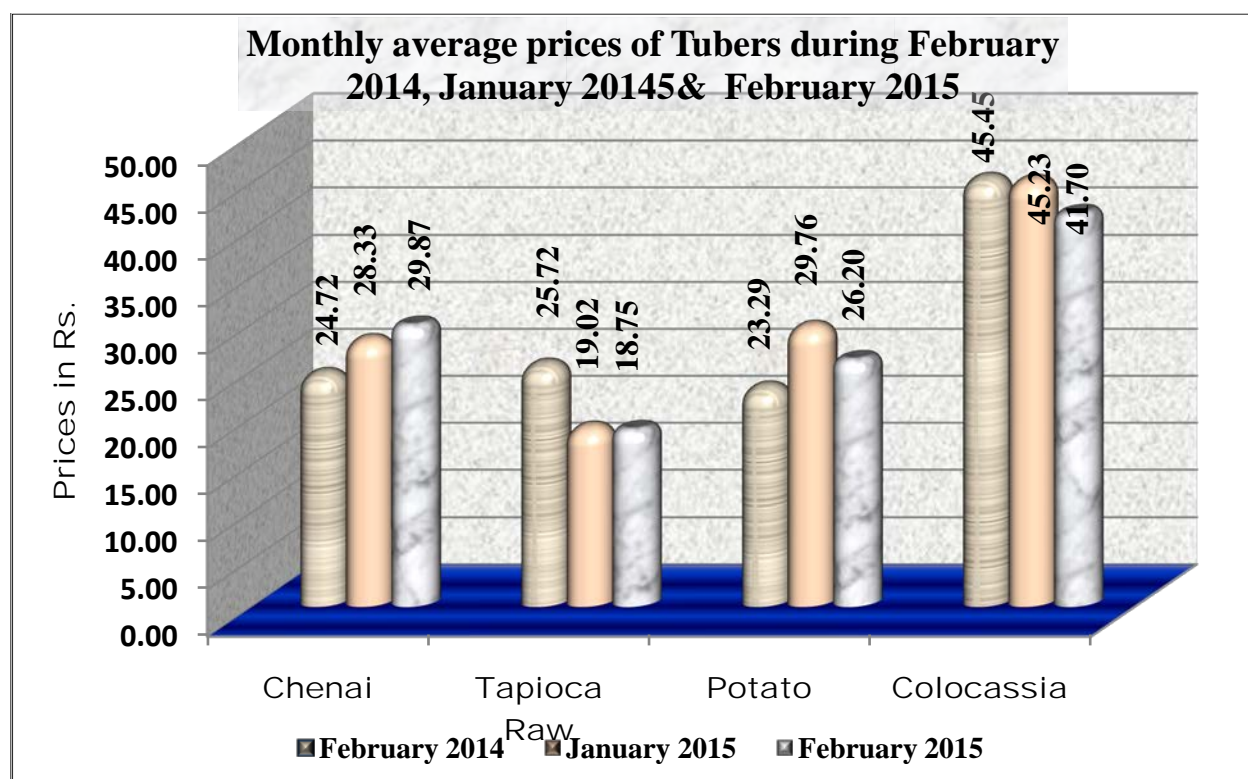
### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of tubers except Chennai showed a downward trend up to 12% 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 Chennai and Potato increased by 20.83% and 12.50% respectively, while the state average retail prices of Tapioca Raw and Colocassia showed a negative trend of 27.10% and 8.25% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	24.72	28.33	29.87	5.40	20.83
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.72	19.02	18.75	-1.41	-27.10
3	Potato	Kg.	23.29	29.76	26.20	-11.97	12.50
4	Colocassia	Kg.	45.45	45.23	41.70	-7.81	-8.25

Graph 6



## 7. VEGETABLES

### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

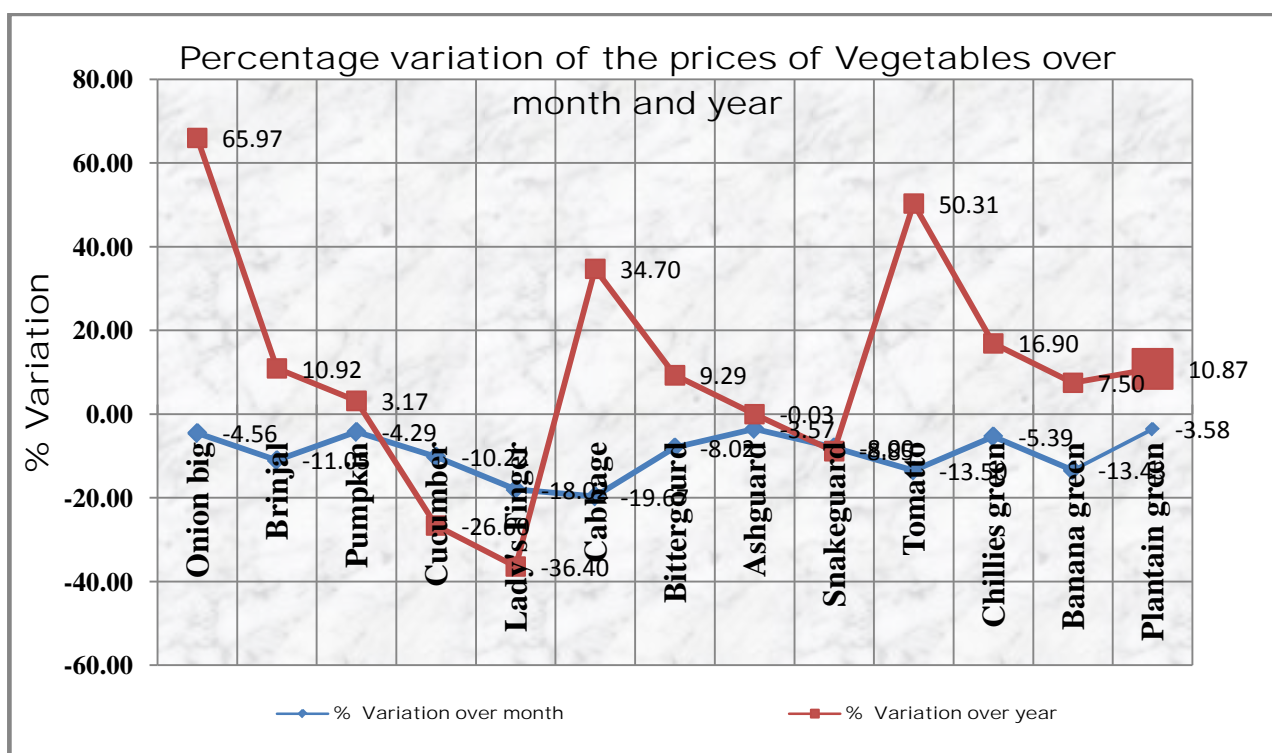
A downward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 20% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Cucumber, Lady's Finger Ashgourd and Snakegourd showed a downward trend of 26.60%, 36.40%, 0.03% and 8.85% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 66% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Big (65.97%), Cabbage (34.70%) and Tomato (50.31%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Vegetables.

**Table-7**

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.07	27.95	26.68	-4.56	65.97
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.38	29.15	25.93	-11.05	10.92
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.77	16.99	16.27	-4.29	3.17
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.55	18.44	16.55	-10.22	-26.60
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	38.14	29.59	24.26	-18.02	-36.40
6	Cabbage	Kg	19.09	32.01	25.71	-19.67	34.70
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	33.63	39.95	36.75	-8.02	9.29
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.68	18.33	17.68	-3.57	-0.03
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	26.27	26.02	23.94	-8.00	-8.85
10	Tomatto	Kg.	12.66	22.00	19.03	-13.50	50.31
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.80	4.70	4.45	-5.39	16.90
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.36	36.46	31.56	-13.43	7.50
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.42	28.08	27.08	-3.58	10.87

**Graph-7**



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

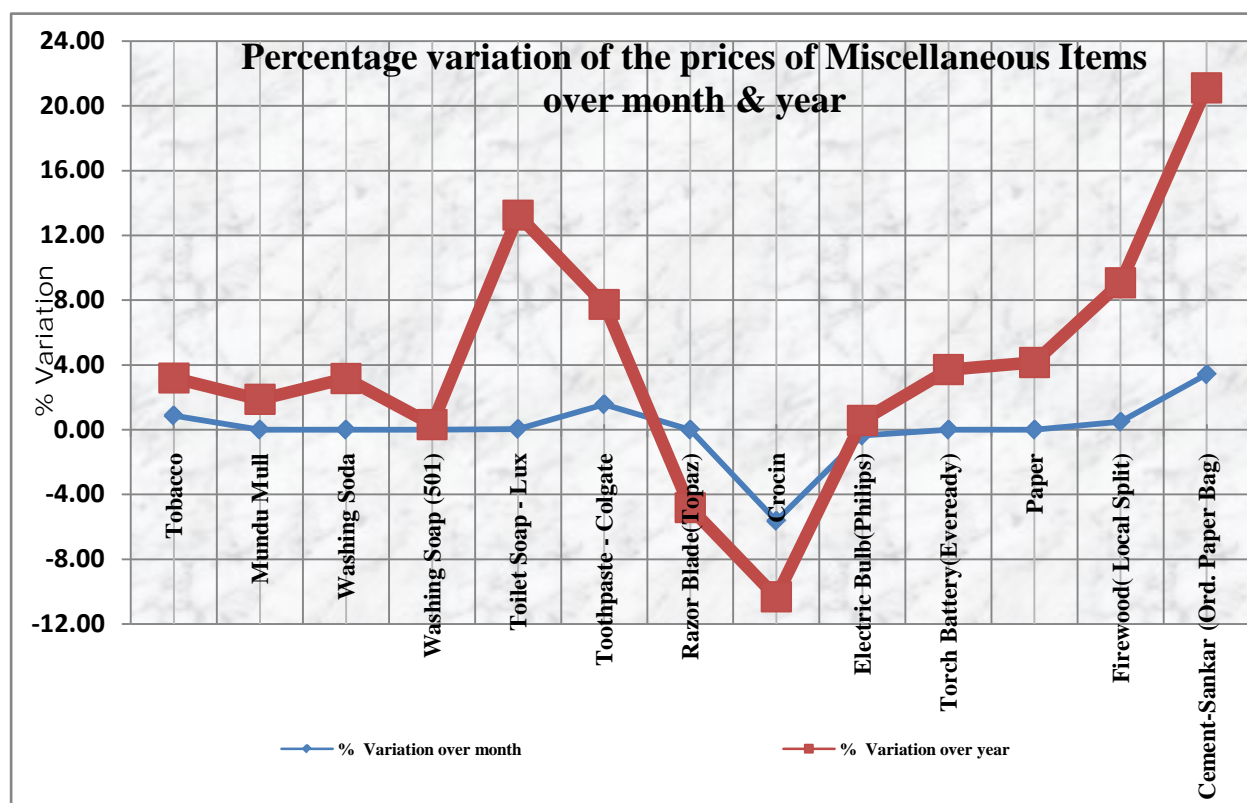
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Crocin and Electric Bulb (Philips) while the prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items except Razor Blade (Topaz) and Crocin showed an increasing trend up to 21%.

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	154.11	157.64	159.02	0.87	3.19
2	Mundu Mull	Each	116.25	118.42	118.42	0.00	1.87
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.40	40.64	40.64	0.00	3.16
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.32
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.46	24.29	24.30	0.04	13.25
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	37.46	39.74	40.36	1.57	7.73
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.90	7.90	0.00	-4.82
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.22	3.06	2.89	-5.64	-10.33
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.21	14.34	14.29	-0.36	0.56
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.56	16.14	16.14	0.00	3.71
11	Paper	24Sheet	13.86	14.43	14.43	0.00	4.15
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	406.67	441.43	443.57	0.49	9.07
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	348.13	407.67	421.61	3.42	21.11

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of February 2015							
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(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
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2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.75	36.40	36.25	-0.41	7.40
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1	Green gram	Kg	94.45	107.77	108.87	1.02	15.27
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3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	72.72	88.35	89.06	0.81	22.48
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5	Redgram	Kg	56.61	59.01	60.01	1.70	6.02
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	76.36	85.57	86.82	1.46	13.70
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	58.48	59.20	60.09	1.49	2.75
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	52.75	52.99	53.53	1.01	1.47
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	45.09	42.51	42.08	-1.00	-6.66
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.46	31.51	30.80	-2.27	-2.09
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	33.21	36.61	36.58	-0.08	10.16
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	144.96	150.73	150.63	-0.07	3.91
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2	Chilies dry	Kg.	97.29	114.31	114.15	-0.14	17.33
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.23	40.23	38.57	-4.14	36.61
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	84.68	88.56	88.55	-0.01	4.57
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.34	20.96	21.38	2.00	-4.31
6	Mustard	100gm	7.59	7.76	7.85	1.10	3.33
7	Methy	100gm	7.06	9.74	10.35	6.17	46.58
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.86	14.78	14.77	-0.09	-0.64
9	Garlic	100gm	9.48	9.16	10.31	12.45	8.67

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4	Colocassia	Kg.	45.45	45.23	41.70	-7.81	-8.25
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1	Onion big	Kg.	16.07	27.95	26.68	-4.56	65.97
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.38	29.15	25.93	-11.05	10.92
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.77	16.99	16.27	-4.29	3.17
4	Cucumber	Kg.	22.55	18.44	16.55	-10.22	-26.60
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	38.14	29.59	24.26	-18.02	-36.40
6	Cabbage	Kg.	19.09	32.01	25.71	-19.67	34.70
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	33.63	39.95	36.75	-8.02	9.29
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	17.68	18.33	17.68	-3.57	-0.03
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	26.27	26.02	23.94	-8.00	-8.85
10	Tomato	Kg.	12.66	22.00	19.03	-13.50	50.31
11	Chilies green	100gm	3.80	4.70	4.45	-5.39	16.90
12	Banana green	Kg.	29.36	36.46	31.56	-13.43	7.50
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.42	28.08	27.08	-3.58	10.87
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	154.11	157.64	159.02	0.87	3.19
2	Mundu Mull	Each	116.25	118.42	118.42	0.00	1.87
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.40	40.64	40.64	0.00	3.16
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.00	0.32
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.46	24.29	24.30	0.04	13.25
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	37.46	39.74	40.36	1.57	7.73
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.30	7.90	7.90	0.00	-4.82
8	Crocic	2 tabs	3.22	3.06	2.89	-5.64	-10.33
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.21	14.34	14.29	-0.36	0.56
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	15.56	16.14	16.14	0.00	3.71
11	Paper	24 Sheets	13.86	14.43	14.43	0.00	4.15
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