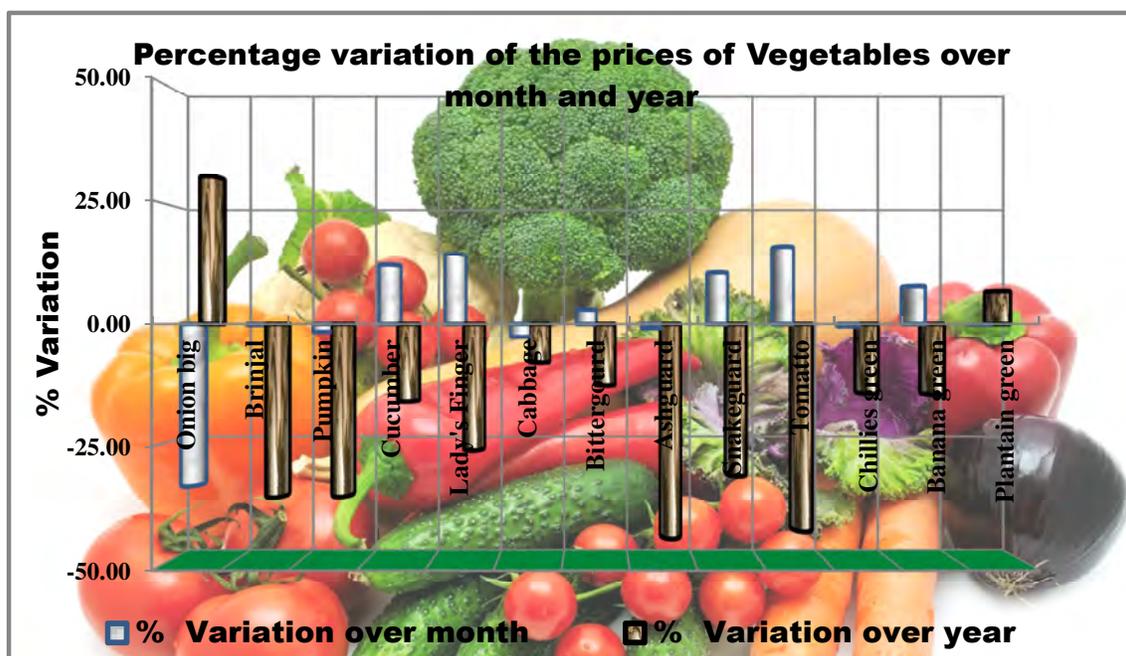




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PREFACE

Price collection is one of the major items of work undertaken by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The importance and usefulness of the information pertaining to the price movements has much significance in the context of a growing economy. This Department has been collecting different types of prices viz. Farm price, Market price, etc. (both Wholesale and Retail). These prices are being widely used for various purposes such as for the preparation of Indices, to provide compensation to Farmers and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the statement of daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assume significance, because it is being forwarded daily to the office of the Chief Minister and Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Minister for Agriculture, Chief Secretary, Food and civil Supplies Secretary, Planning secretary,, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India, Consumerfed etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

From January 2004 onwards a publication titled "PRICE BULLETIN" is being prepared and published monthly incorporating the Retail prices of main essential commodities under 8 major groups. Group wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2018

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2018. 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 March of the previous year 2017, previous month February 2018 and current month of March 2018 are attached and the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are attached. 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

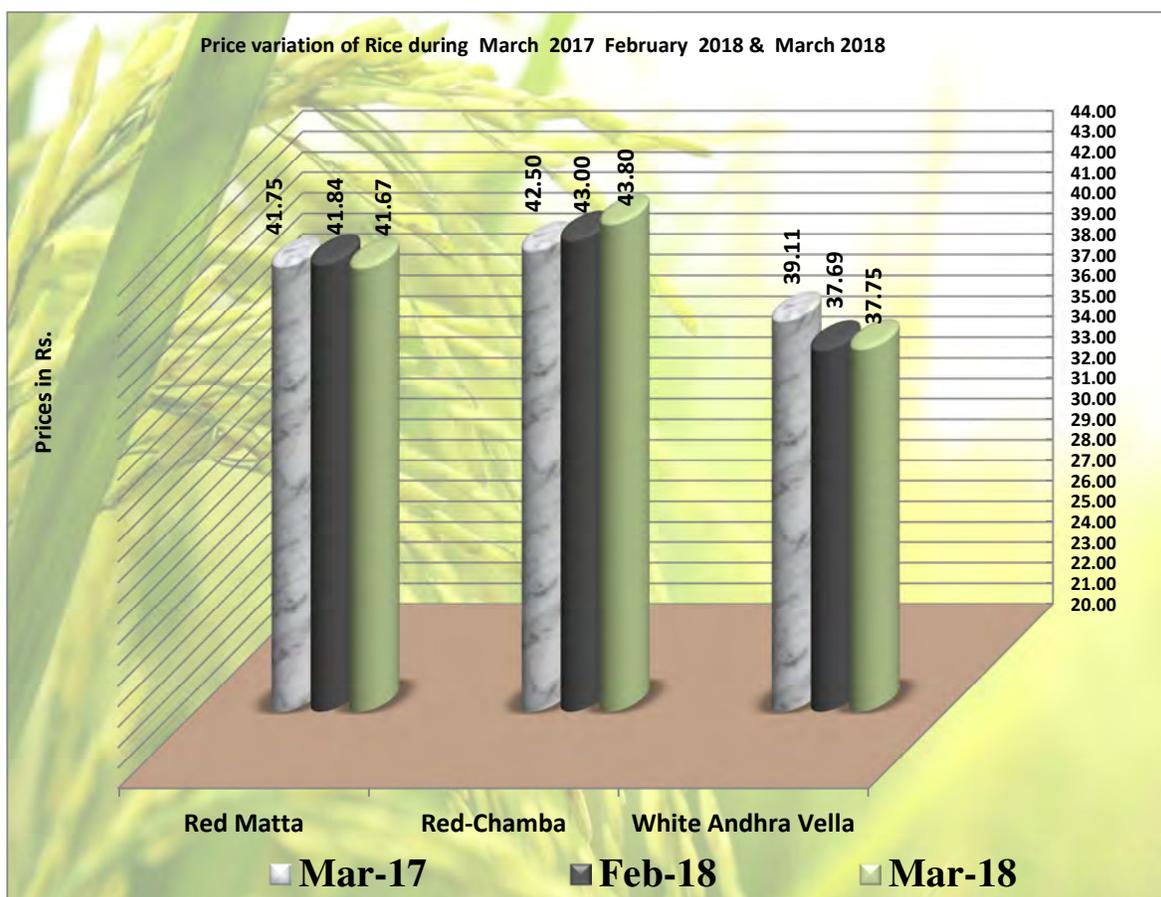
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta showed negative change while the price of Red Chamba and White Andhra vella showed an upward trend up to 1.86% 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 showed a negative change up to 3.48% , while the price of Red Chamba showed an upward trend up to 3.06% 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 Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.75	41.84	41.67	-0.42	-0.19
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	42.50	43.00	43.80	1.86	3.06
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	39.11	37.69	37.75	0.15	-3.48

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

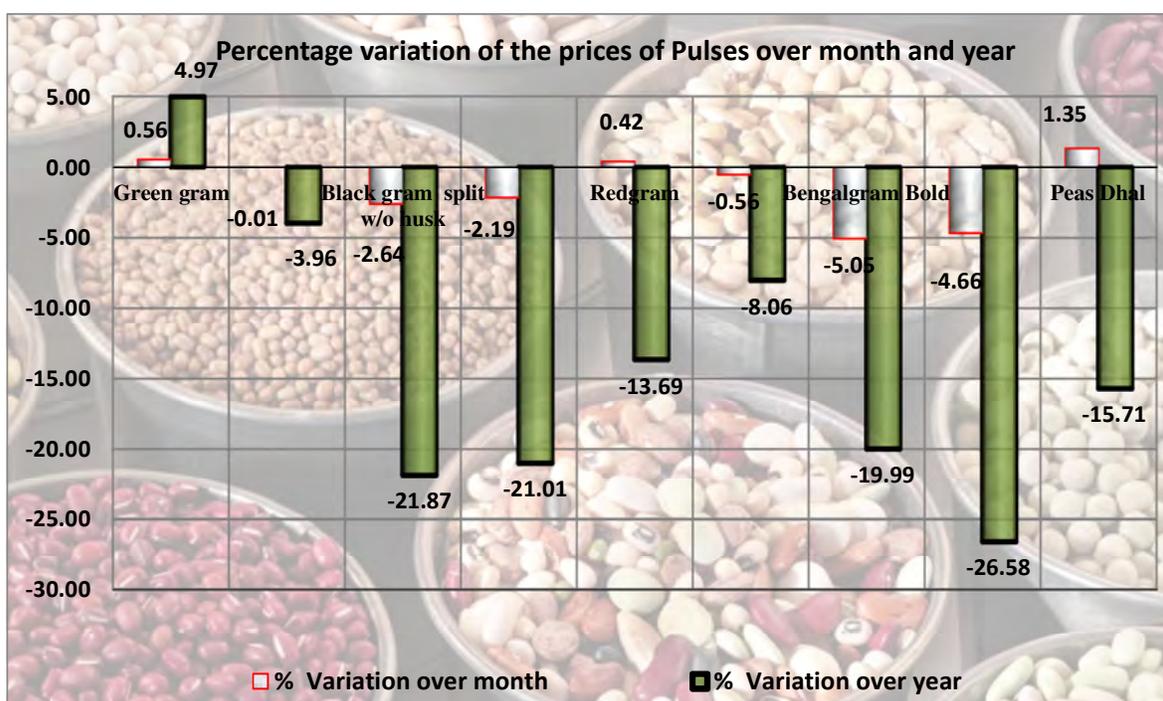
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail the price of all items of pulses except Green gram, Red gram and Peas Dhall showed a downward trend up to 5.05% 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 all items of pulses except Green gram showed a downward trend up to 26.58% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (21.87%), Blackgram split with husk (21.01%) and Bengalgram Small (26.58%) 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	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	82.25	85.86	86.34	0.56	4.97
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	92.20	88.56	88.54	-0.01	-3.96
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	111.46	89.45	87.09	-2.64	-21.87
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	105.56	85.25	83.38	-2.19	-21.01
5	Redgram	Kg	82.61	71.00	71.30	0.42	-13.69
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	91.54	84.63	84.15	-0.56	-8.06
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	99.06	83.48	79.26	-5.05	-19.99
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	89.31	68.78	65.57	-4.66	-26.58
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	50.42	41.94	42.50	1.35	-15.71

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

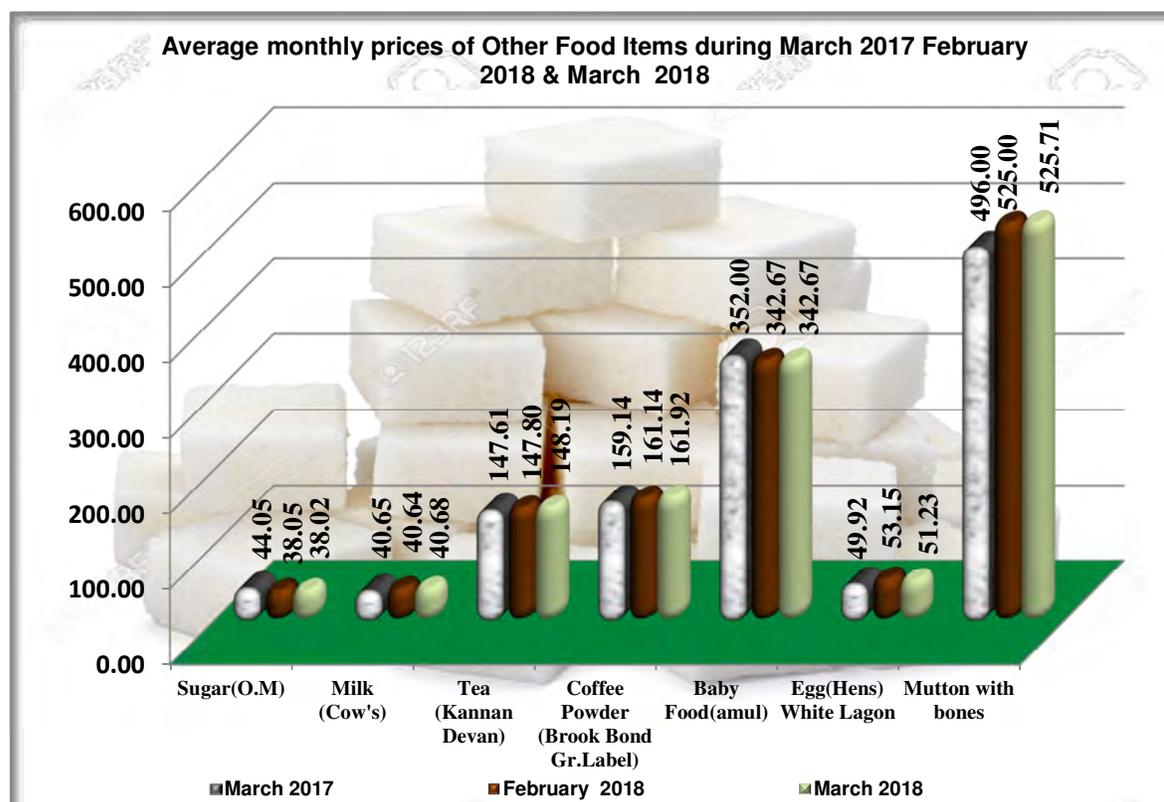
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed a downward trend up to 3.61 % while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 0.49% 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 Sugar (O.M.) and Baby Food (amul) showed a downward trend up to 13.71% while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 5.99% 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	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	44.05	38.05	38.02	-0.08	-13.71
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.65	40.64	40.68	0.09	0.07
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.61	147.80	148.19	0.26	0.39
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	159.14	161.14	161.92	0.49	1.75
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	49.92	53.15	51.23	-3.61	2.62
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	496.00	525.00	525.71	0.14	5.99

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

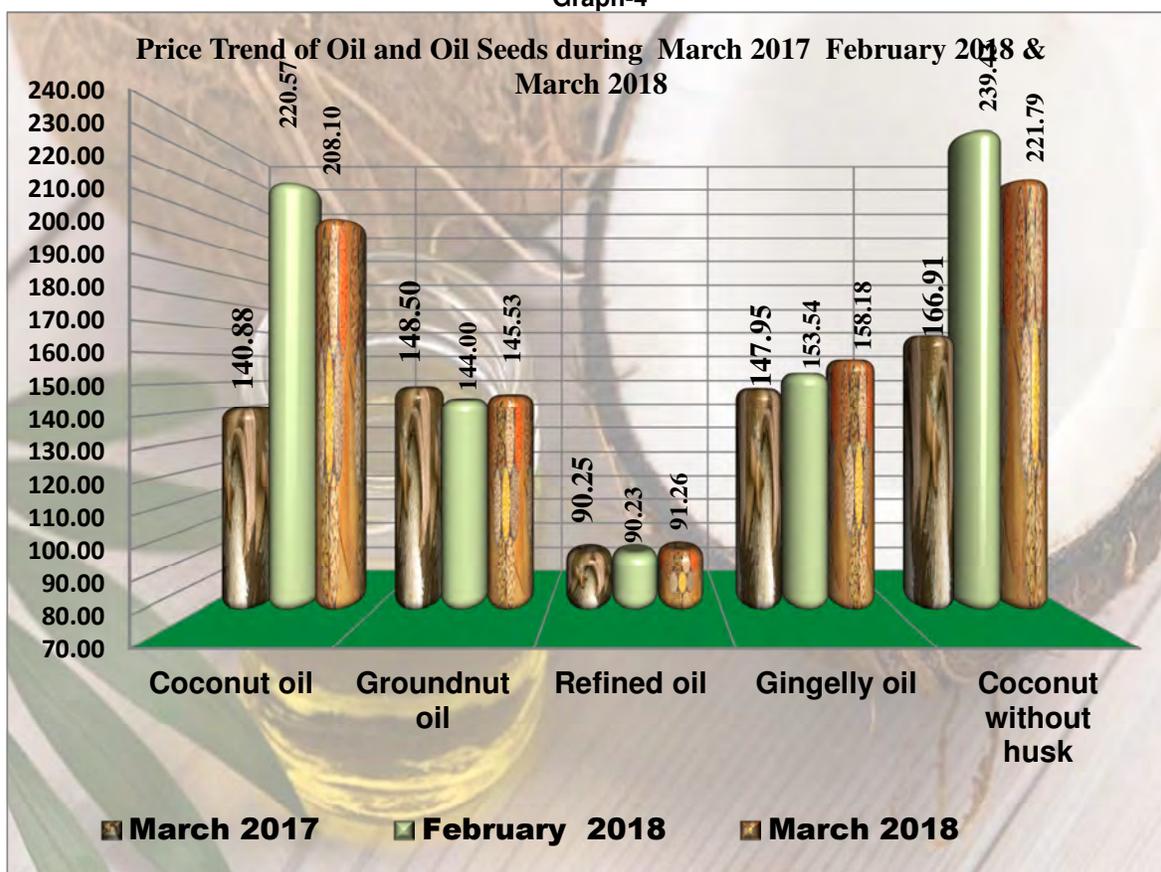
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coconut oil and Coconut without Husk showed a downward trend up to 7.37% while the price of all other items oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 3.02% 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 oil and oil seeds except Groundnut oil showed an upward trend up to 47.72%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (47.72%) and Coconut without husk (32.88%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	140.88	220.57	208.10	-5.65	47.72
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	148.50	144.00	145.53	1.07	-2.00
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.25	90.23	91.26	1.14	1.12
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.95	153.54	158.18	3.02	6.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	166.91	239.43	221.79	-7.37	32.88

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

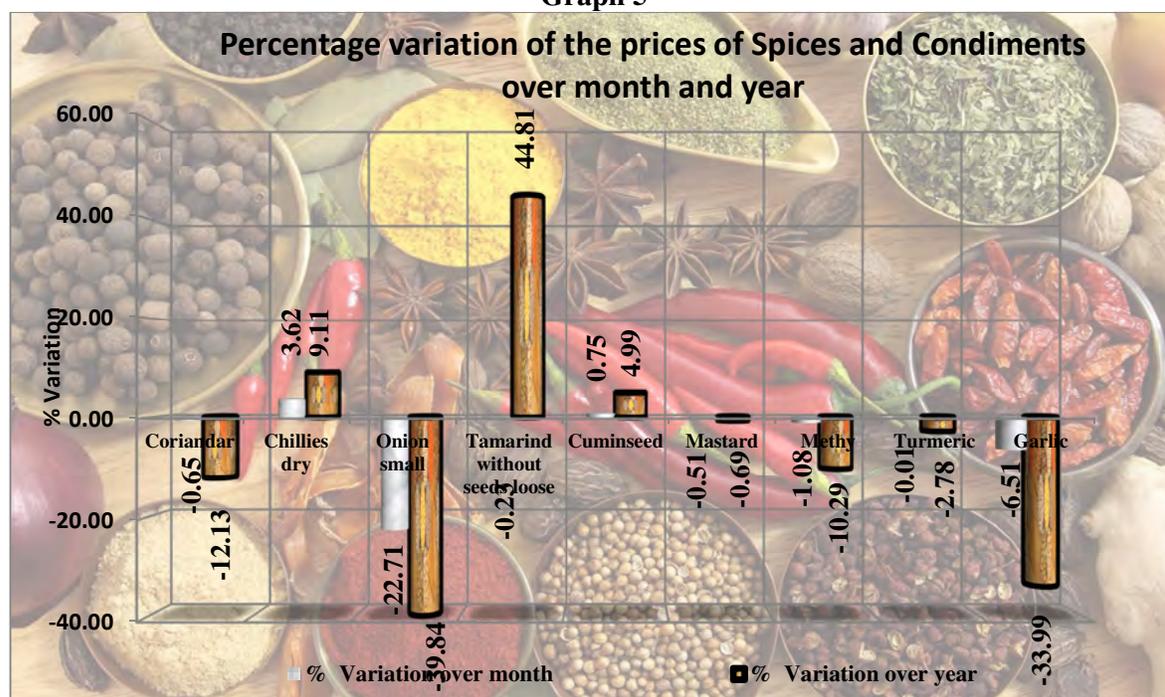
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Chillies dry and Cuminseed showed an upward trend up to 3.62% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 22.71% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (22.71%) 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 Chillies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose and Cuminseed showed an upward trend up to 44.81% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 39.84% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tamarind without seeds loose (44.81%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (39.84%) and Garlic(33.99%) 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	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.51	90.68	90.08	-0.65	-12.13
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	101.90	107.30	111.19	3.62	9.11
3	Onion small	Kg.	56.58	44.04	34.04	-22.71	-39.84
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	113.25	164.38	164.00	-0.23	44.81
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.59	29.80	30.02	0.75	4.99
6	Mustard	100gm	9.02	9.00	8.95	-0.51	-0.69
7	Methy	100gm	10.24	9.29	9.19	-1.08	-10.29
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.77	18.25	18.25	0.00	-2.78
9	Garlic	100gm	11.72	8.28	7.74	-6.51	-33.99

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

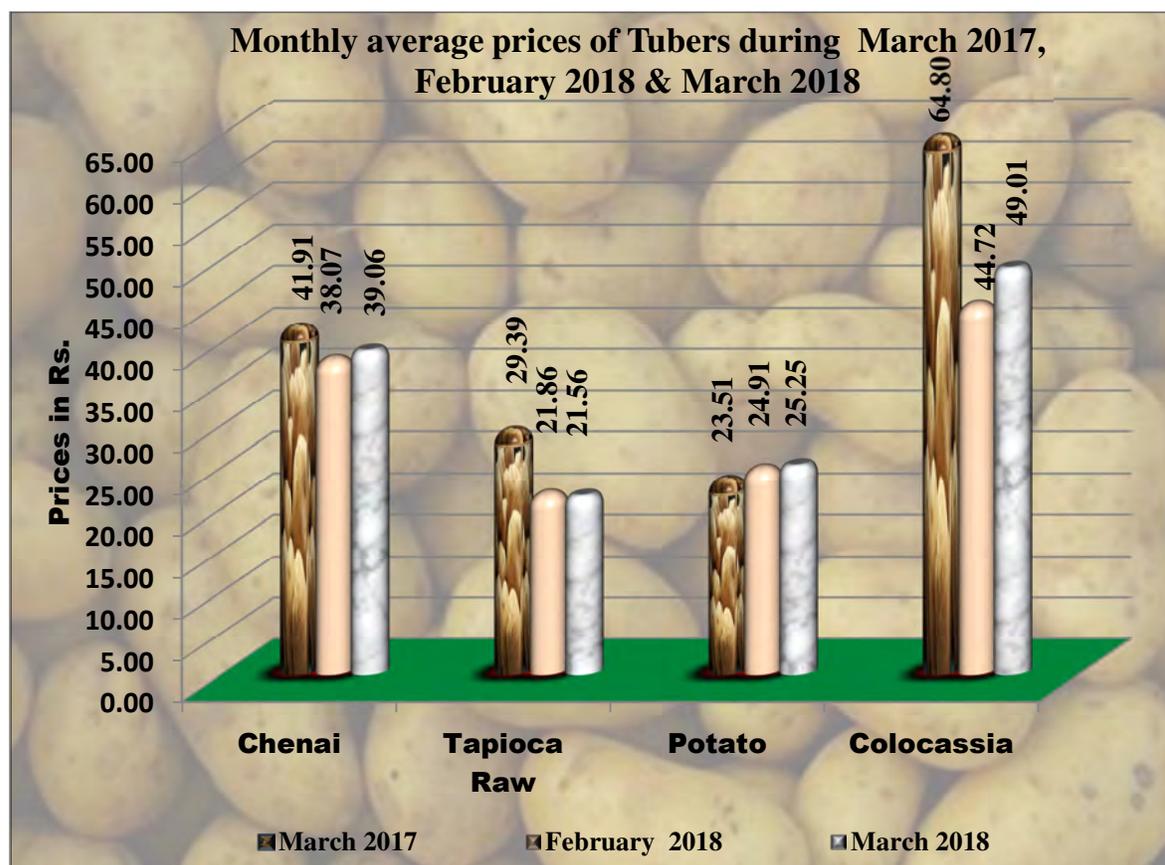
During this period a mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Tapioca Raw showed an upward trend up to 9.61% 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 Tubers except Potato showed a downward trend up to 26.66%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tapioca Raw (26.66%) and Colocassia (24.36%) 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	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chenai	Kg.	41.91	38.07	39.06	2.61	-6.80
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.39	21.86	21.56	-1.36	-26.66
3	Potato	Kg.	23.51	24.91	25.25	1.35	7.38
4	Colocassia	Kg.	64.80	44.72	49.01	9.61	-24.36

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

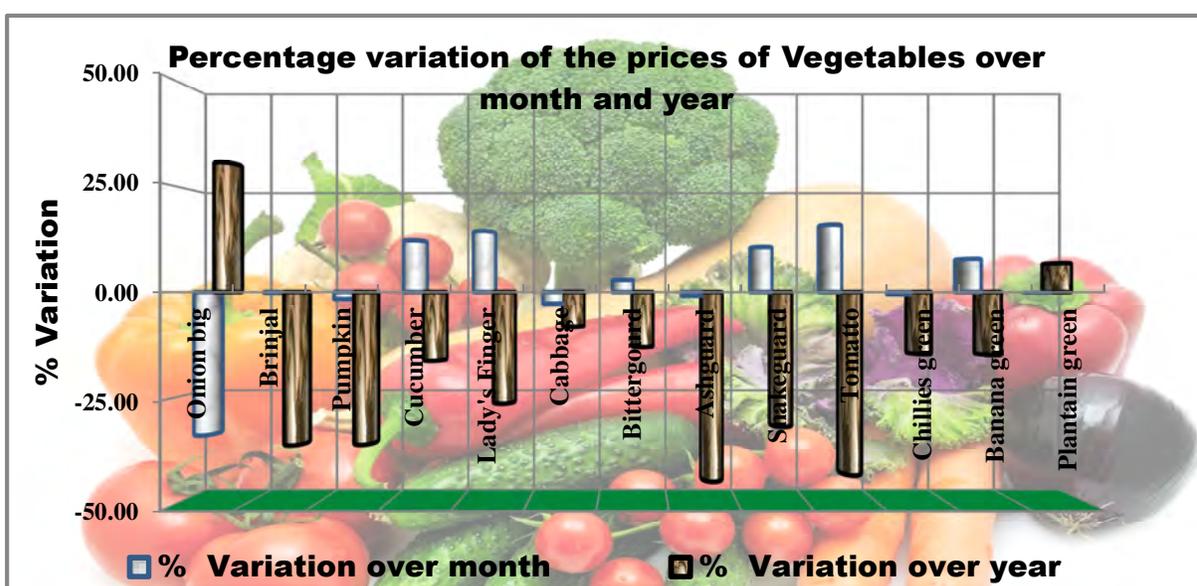
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Cucumber, Lady's Finger, Bittergourd, Snakegourd, Tomato and Banana green showed an upward trend up to 16.06% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 33.81% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (33.81%) 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 all items of vegetables except Onion big, and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 44.82% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (30.63%), and decrease was seen in the price of Brinjal (36.16%) Pumpkin (36.01%), Ashgourd (44.82%), Snakegourd (31.75%), and Tomato (43.33%) 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	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.05	31.68	20.97	-33.81	30.63
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.11	26.93	26.88	-0.17	-36.16
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	27.28	17.75	17.45	-1.67	-36.01
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.92	18.62	20.89	12.20	-16.16
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	53.53	34.40	39.37	14.45	-26.45
6	Cabbage	Kg.	25.44	24.02	23.35	-2.76	-8.19
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.62	43.72	44.97	2.88	-12.88
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	34.16	19.02	18.85	-0.86	-44.82
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	45.20	27.89	30.85	10.60	-31.75
10	Tomatto	Kg.	31.97	15.61	18.11	16.06	-43.33
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.74	4.07	4.05	-0.49	-14.59
12	Banana green	Kg.	47.43	37.50	40.41	7.77	-14.80
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.15	38.70	38.59	-0.28	6.73

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Mundu Mull, Washing Soap (501), Torch Battery (Eveready), and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed a downward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Toothpaste Colgate, Crocin and Electric Bulb (Philips) showed no change, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 2.01% when compared with the prices of the previous month. . Notable decrease was seen in the price of Washing Soap (501)(60.00%) when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items of miscellaneous except Washing Soap (501)(Toothpaste Colgate, Electric Bulb (Philips) and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an upward trend up to 14.58% .

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	171.50	200.63	196.50	-2.06	14.58
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.00	140.63	140.17	-0.33	4.60
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.64	47.23	47.35	0.26	6.07
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.93	18.00	18.00	0.00	6.30
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.10	27.59	27.80	0.77	2.60
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.97	47.07	47.07	0.00	-3.88
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.45	8.58	1.54	5.93
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.90
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.69	14.69	0.00	-1.14
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.15	18.96	18.90	-0.30	4.13
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.84	16.58	16.91	2.01	0.44
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	492.86	507.14	508.57	0.28	3.19
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	406.63	387.97	382.13	-1.51	-6.03

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2018							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	41.75	41.84	41.67	-0.42	-0.19
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	42.50	43.00	43.80	1.86	3.06
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	39.11	37.69	37.75	0.15	-3.48
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	82.25	85.86	86.34	0.56	4.97
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	92.20	88.56	88.54	-0.01	-3.96
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	111.46	89.45	87.09	-2.64	-21.87
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	105.56	85.25	83.38	-2.19	-21.01
5	Redgram	Kg	82.61	71.00	71.30	0.42	-13.69
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	91.54	84.63	84.15	-0.56	-8.06
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	99.06	83.48	79.26	-5.05	-19.99
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	89.31	68.78	65.57	-4.66	-26.58
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	50.42	41.94	42.50	1.35	-15.71
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	44.05	38.05	38.02	-0.08	-13.71
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.65	40.64	40.68	0.09	0.07
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.61	147.80	148.19	0.26	0.39
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	159.14	161.14	161.92	0.49	1.75
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	49.92	53.15	51.23	-3.61	2.62
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	496.00	525.00	525.71	0.14	5.99
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	140.88	220.57	208.10	-5.65	47.72
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	148.50	144.00	145.53	1.07	-2.00
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	90.25	90.23	91.26	1.14	1.12
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.95	153.54	158.18	3.02	6.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	166.91	239.43	221.79	-7.37	32.88
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	102.51	90.68	90.08	-0.65	-12.13
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	101.90	107.30	111.19	3.62	9.11
3	Onion small	Kg.	56.58	44.04	34.04	-22.71	-39.84
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	113.25	164.38	164.00	-0.23	44.81
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.59	29.80	30.02	0.75	4.99
6	Mustard	100gm	9.02	9.00	8.95	-0.51	-0.69
7	Methy	100gm	10.24	9.29	9.19	-1.08	-10.29
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.77	18.25	18.25	-0.01	-2.78
9	Garlic	100gm	11.72	8.28	7.74	-6.51	-33.99

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	41.91	38.07	39.06	2.61	-6.80
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.39	21.86	21.56	-1.36	-26.66
3	Potato	Kg.	23.51	24.91	25.25	1.35	7.38
4	Colocassia	Kg.	64.80	44.72	49.01	9.61	-24.36
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	16.05	31.68	20.97	-33.81	30.63
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.11	26.93	26.88	-0.17	-36.16
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	27.28	17.75	17.45	-1.67	-36.01
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.92	18.62	20.89	12.20	-16.16
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	53.53	34.40	39.37	14.45	-26.45
6	Cabbage	Kg	25.44	24.02	23.35	-2.76	-8.19
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.62	43.72	44.97	2.88	-12.88
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	34.16	19.02	18.85	-0.86	-44.82
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	45.20	27.89	30.85	10.60	-31.75
10	Tomato	Kg.	31.97	15.61	18.11	16.06	-43.33
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.74	4.07	4.05	-0.49	-14.59
12	Banana green	Kg.	47.43	37.50	40.41	7.77	-14.80
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.15	38.70	38.59	-0.28	6.73
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	171.50	200.63	196.50	-2.06	14.58
2	Mundu Mull	Each	134.00	140.63	140.17	-0.33	4.60
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.64	47.23	47.35	0.26	6.07
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.93	18.00	18.00	0.00	6.30
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.10	27.59	27.80	0.77	2.60
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.97	47.07	47.07	0.00	-3.88
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.10	8.45	8.58	1.54	5.93
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.90
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.69	14.69	0.00	-1.14
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.15	18.96	18.90	-0.30	4.13
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.84	16.58	16.91	2.01	0.44
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	492.86	507.14	508.57	0.28	3.19
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