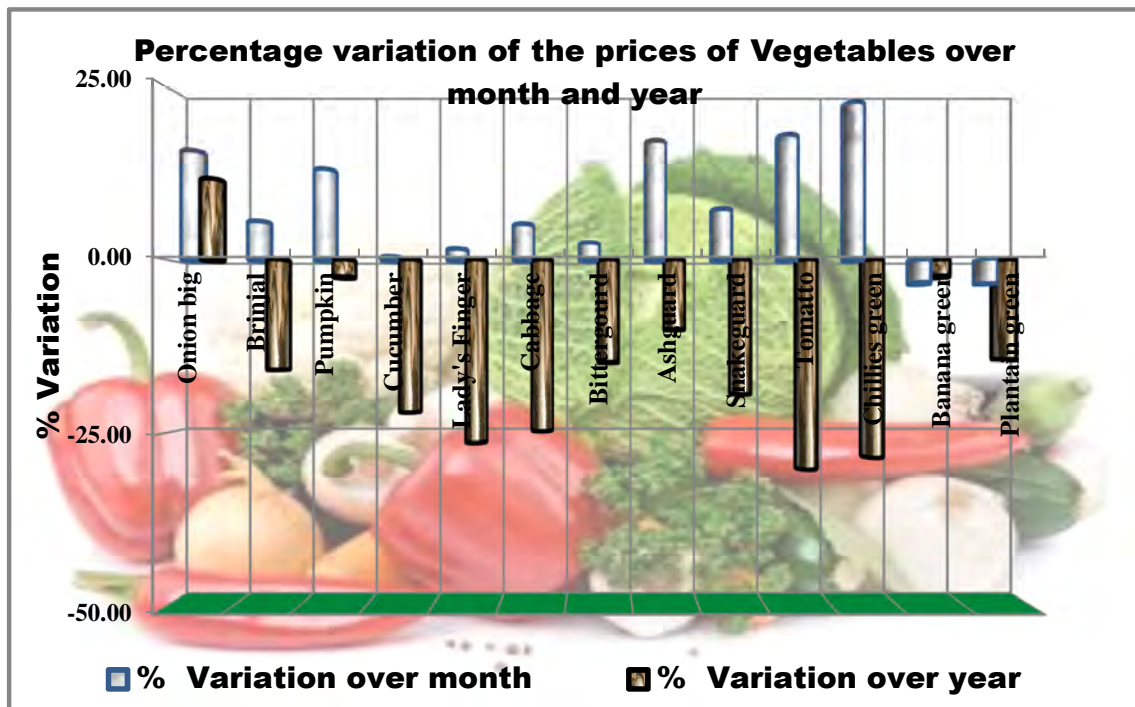




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**JUNE 2018**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of June 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 June of the previous year 2017, previous month May 2018 and current month of June 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

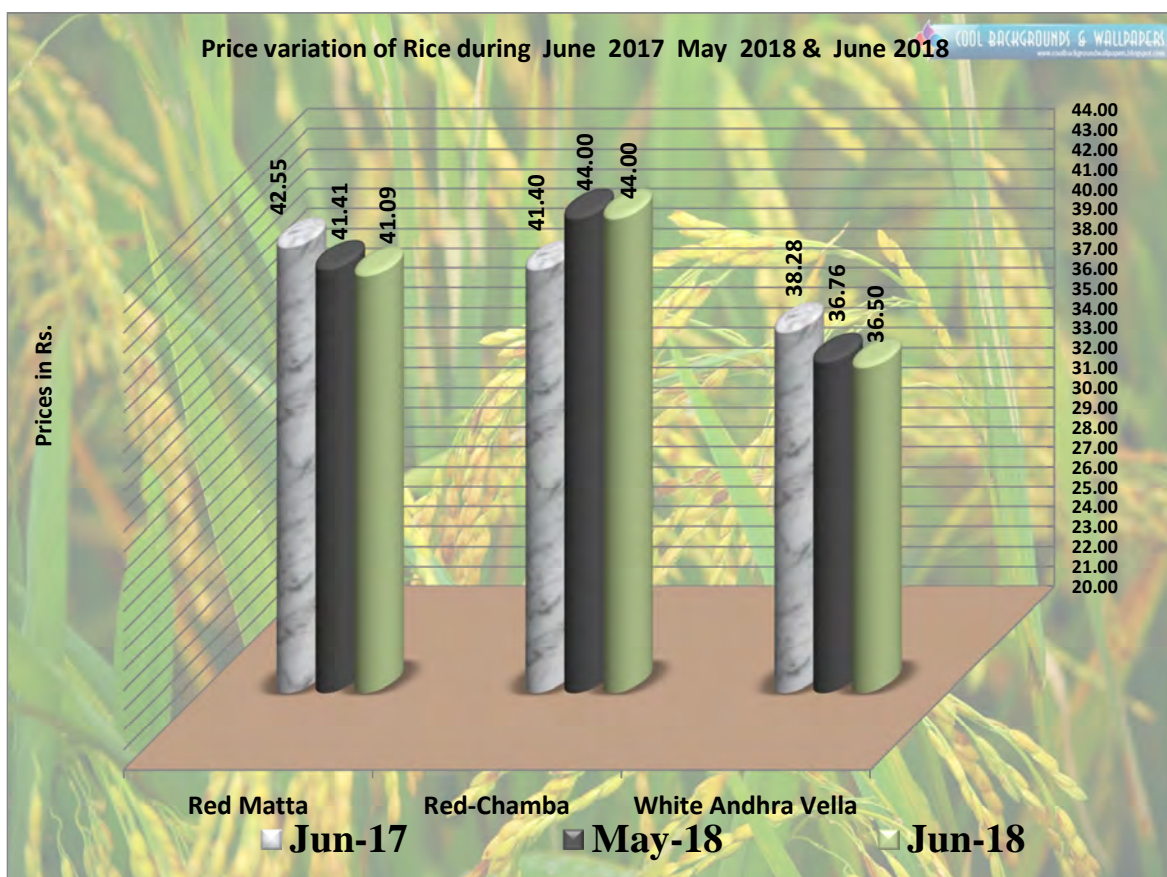
During this period a decreasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice except Red Chamba, when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and Andhra Vella showed a slight decrease and Red Chamba remains stable 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 Andhra Vella showed a downward trend up to 4.64%, while the price of Red Chamba increased by about 6% 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	42.55	41.41	41.09	-0.79	-3.44
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.40	44.00	44.00	0.00	6.28
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.28	36.76	36.50	-0.69	-4.64

**Graph-1**



## 2. PULSES

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

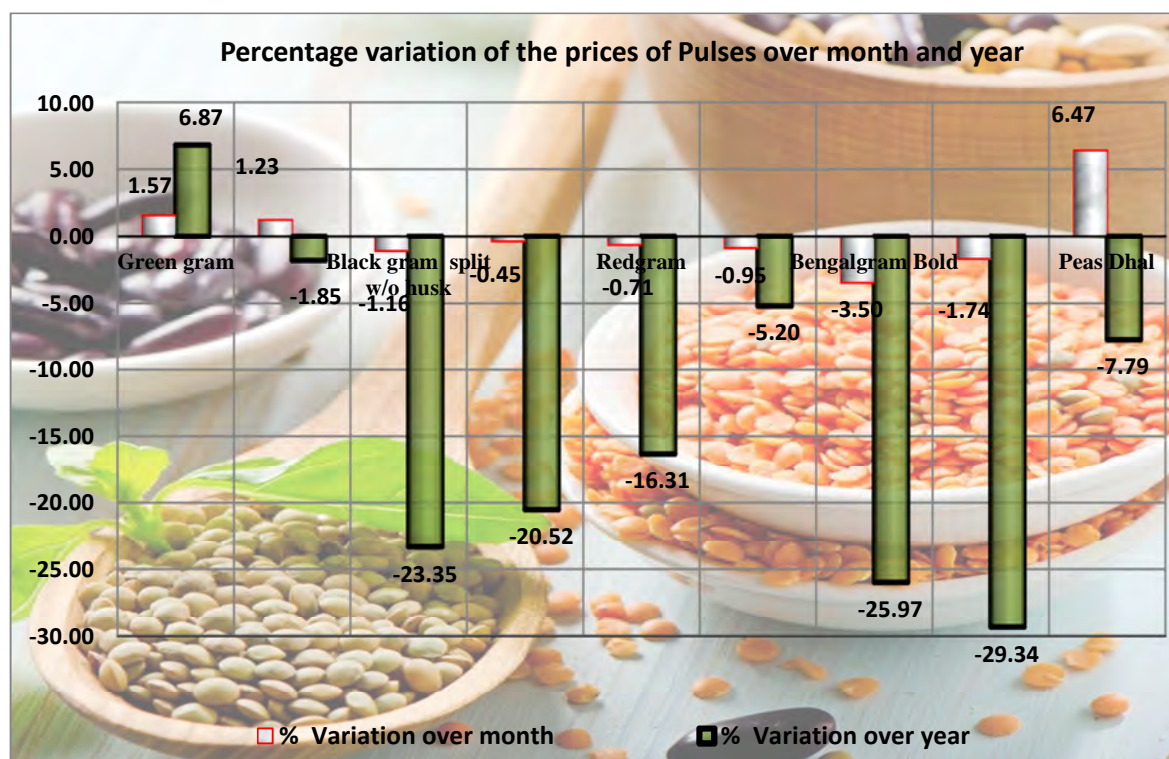
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of Green gram, Green gram dhal and Peas Dhall showed an upward trend up to 6.47% while the price of all other items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 3.50% 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 29.34% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (23.35%) Blackgram split with husk (20.52%), Bengalgram Bold (25.97%) Bengalgram Small (29.34%) and Redgram (16.31) 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	84.42	88.82	90.21	1.57	6.87
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	92.66	89.84	90.94	1.23	-1.85
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	110.35	85.58	84.58	-1.16	-23.35
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	103.80	82.88	82.50	-0.45	-20.52
5	Redgram	Kg	82.51	69.56	69.06	-0.71	-16.31
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	86.31	82.61	81.83	-0.95	-5.20
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	95.02	72.89	70.34	-3.50	-25.97
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	87.57	62.97	61.88	-1.74	-29.34
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	51.55	44.65	47.53	6.47	-7.79

Graph - 2



### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

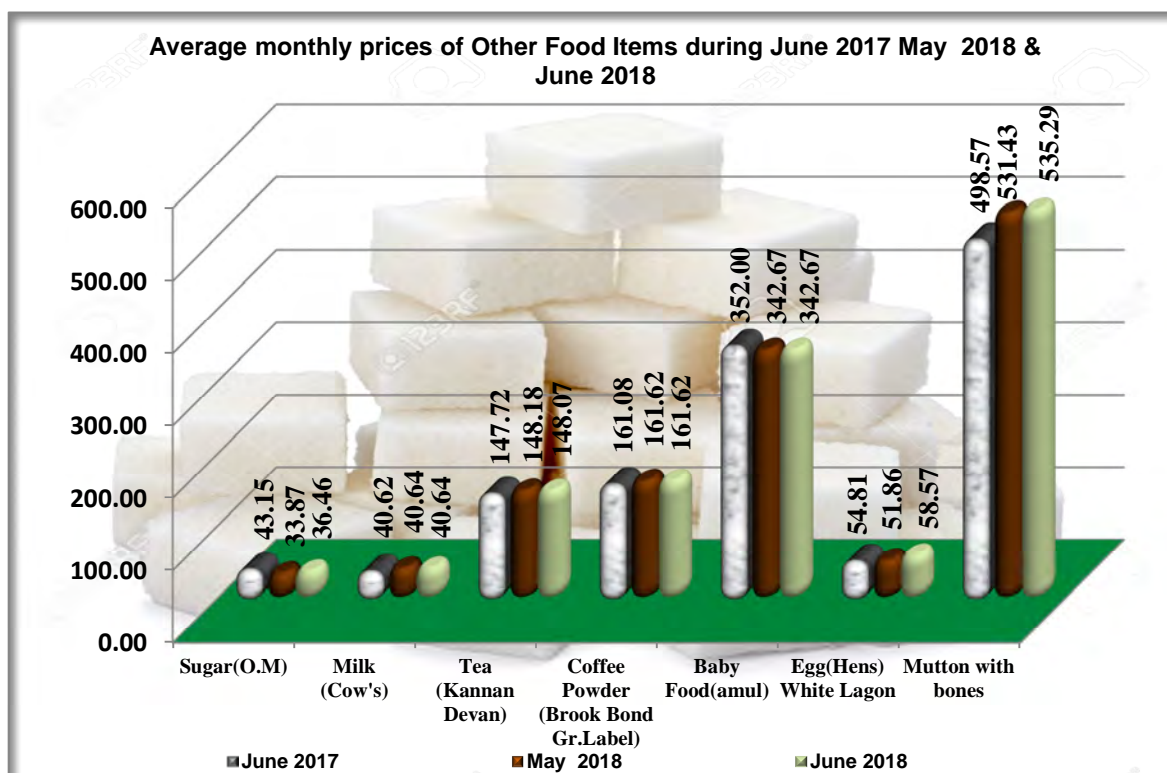
In this group remarkable variations are seen in the prices of Sugar and Egg Hen (White lagoon). The prices of both the items witnessed a steady gain during this month. Sugar and Egg Hen (White lagoon) gained by about 8% and 13% respectively.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year a mixed trend was seen in this group. the state average retail price of Sugar went down by about 16% while the price of Egg Hen (White lagoon) and Mutton With Bones rise to 6.86% and 7.36% respectively. 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.15	33.87	36.46	7.65	-15.51
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.62	40.64	40.64	0.00	0.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.72	148.18	148.07	-0.07	0.24
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.08	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.34
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	54.81	51.86	58.57	12.93	6.86
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	498.57	531.43	535.29	0.73	7.36

**Graph-3**



## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

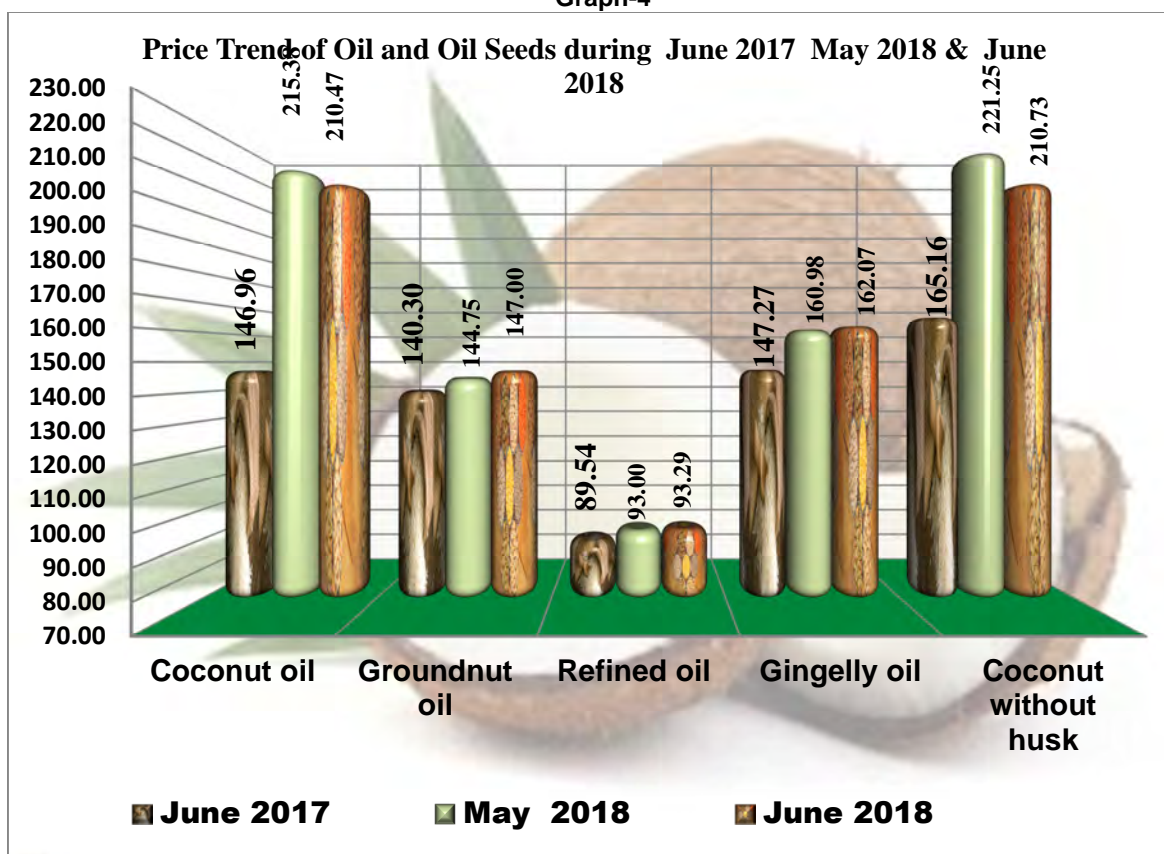
Downtrend continues in the prices of Coconut and Coconut Oil during the period of June. All other items in this group showed a nominal increase when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of Coconut without husk and Coconut Oil showed down by 4.75% and 2.28% respectively, while the price of all other items oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 1.55% 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 showed an upward trend up to 43.22%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (43.22%) and Coconut without husk (27.59%) 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	146.96	215.38	210.47	-2.28	43.22
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	140.30	144.75	147.00	1.55	4.78
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.54	93.00	93.29	0.30	4.18
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.27	160.98	162.07	0.67	10.04
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	165.16	221.25	210.73	-4.75	27.59

**Graph-4**



## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

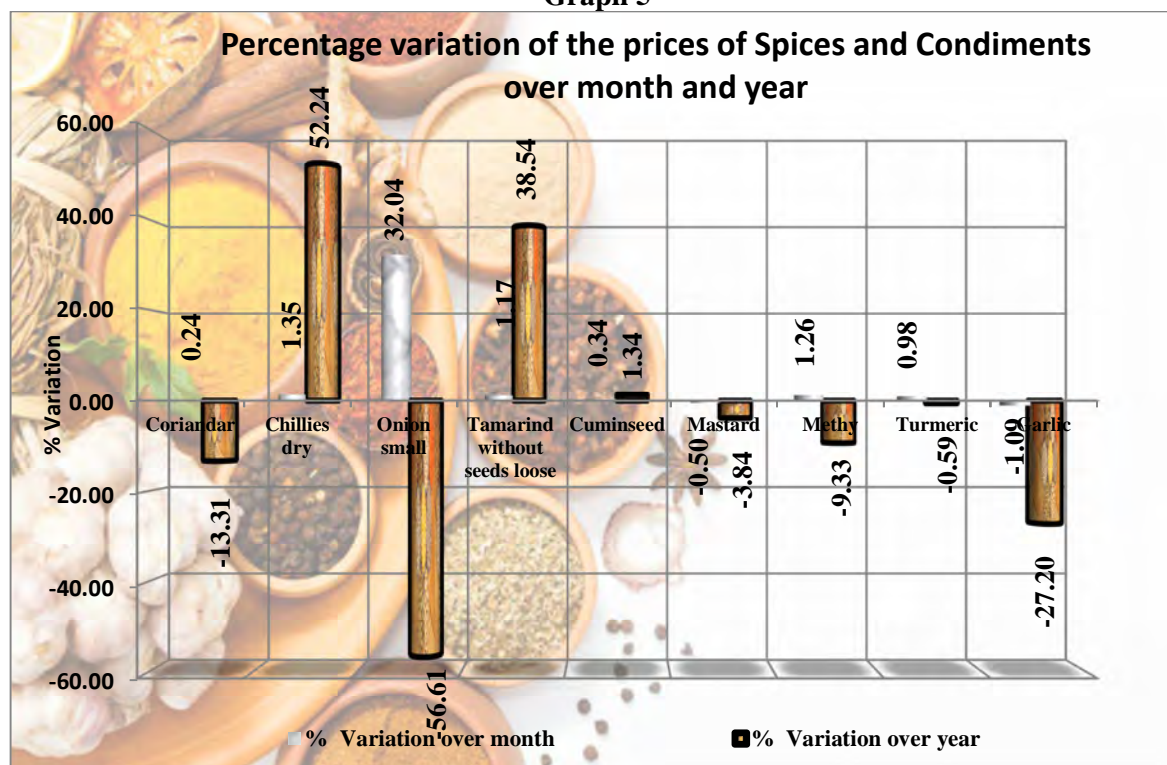
In this group a remarkable variations are seen the prices of Onion Small, that witnessed a continuous upward trend during this period. All other items in this group showed a slight up and down variations when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail price of Chillies dry, Tamarind without seed (loose), Corriander, Methy and Turmeric showed an upward trend up to 1.35% while the prices of Mustard and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 1.09% 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 Chillies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose and Cuminseed showed an upward trend up to 52.24% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 56.61% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (52.24%) Tamarind without seeds loose (38.54%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (56.61%) and Garlic (27.20%) 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.34	85.05	85.26	0.24	-13.31
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	82.48	123.90	125.57	1.35	52.24
3	Onion small	Kg.	113.84	37.41	49.40	32.04	-56.61
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	117.50	160.90	162.78	1.17	38.54
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.00	29.29	29.39	0.34	1.34
6	Mustard	100gm	9.17	8.86	8.82	-0.50	-3.84
7	Methy	100gm	10.31	9.23	9.35	1.26	-9.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.57	18.29	18.46	0.98	-0.59
9	Garlic	100gm	10.07	7.41	7.33	-1.09	-27.20

**Graph 5**





## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

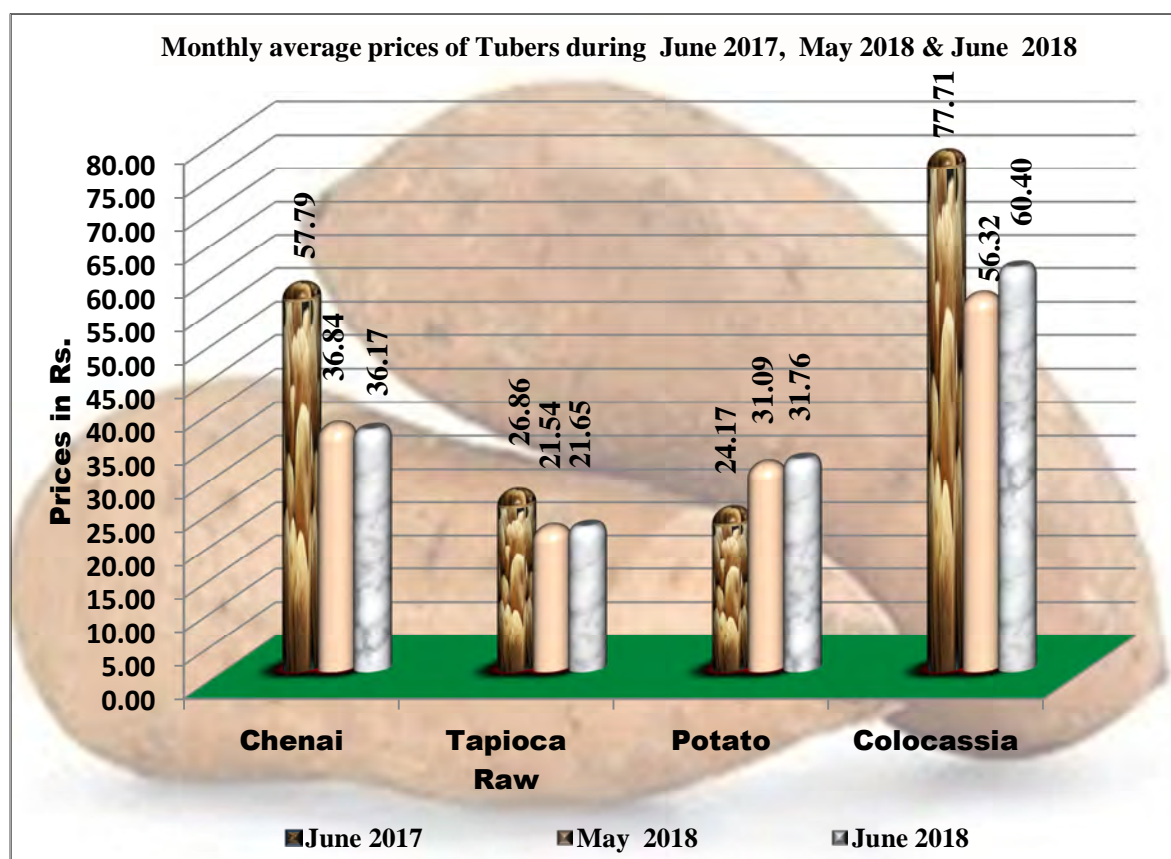
During this period a mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers, when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai showed an upward trend up to 7.24% 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 37.41%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Chennai (37.41%), Colocassia (22.27%) and Tapioca Raw (19.41%) 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	57.79	36.84	36.17	-1.82	-37.41
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.86	21.54	21.65	0.49	-19.41
3	Potato	Kg.	24.17	31.09	31.76	2.16	31.39
4	Colocassia	Kg.	77.71	56.32	60.40	7.24	-22.27

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

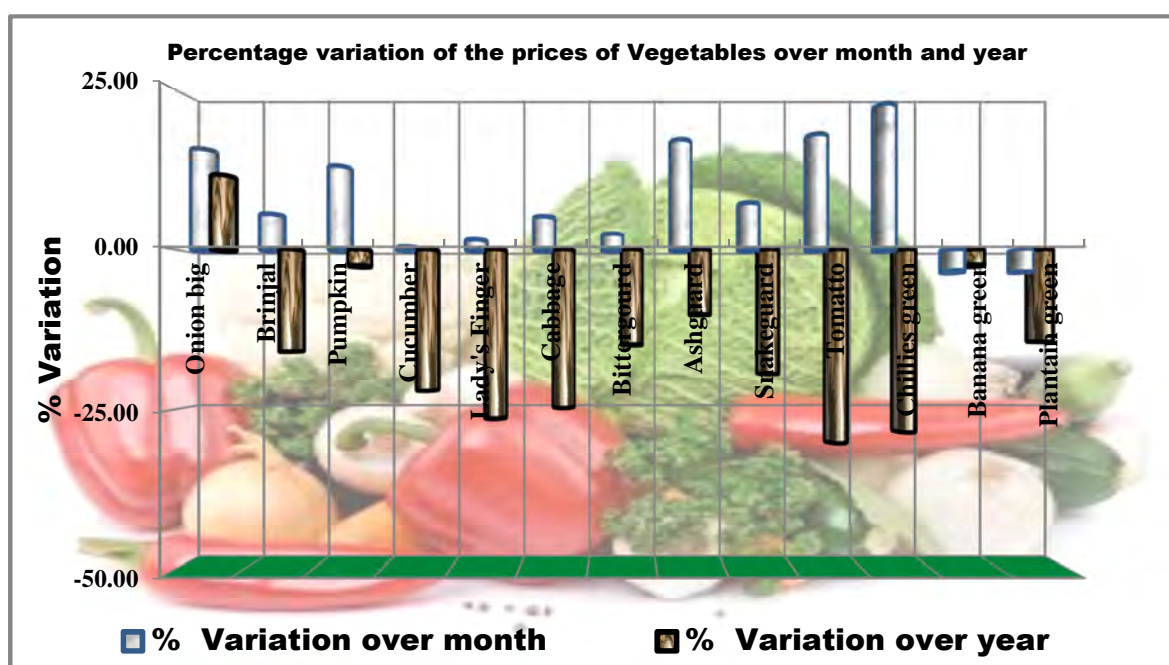
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. Most of the Items in this group showed a considerable increase during this month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies green Ash guard, Tomato, Onion Big and Pumpkin while the prices of banana Green and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 3.39% 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 except Onion Big showed a downward trend up to 30.16% Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (30.16%), Chillies green(28.45%), Cabbage (24.70%), Cucumber (22.01%), Snake gourd(19.29%), Brinjal (15.80%) Bittergourd (14.80%), and Plantain green (14.39%), while the prices of Onion Big increased by about 11.54% 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	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	18.39	17.73	20.52	15.70	11.54
2	Brinjal	Kg.	38.74	30.90	32.61	5.56	-15.80
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.87	18.02	20.34	12.91	-2.53
4	Cucumber	Kg.	25.81	20.05	20.13	0.39	-22.01
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	41.44	30.07	30.53	1.51	-26.34
6	Cabbage	Kg	33.39	23.91	25.14	5.15	-24.70
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	53.74	44.70	45.78	2.43	-14.80
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.30	20.95	24.53	17.09	-10.15
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.86	31.49	33.78	7.30	-19.29
10	Tomatto	Kg.	34.38	20.36	24.01	17.96	-30.16
11	Chillies green	100gm	7.06	4.12	5.05	22.57	-28.45
12	Banana green	Kg.	49.85	50.31	48.63	-3.34	-2.45
13	Plantain green	Kg.	40.87	36.22	34.99	-3.39	-14.39

Graph-7



## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

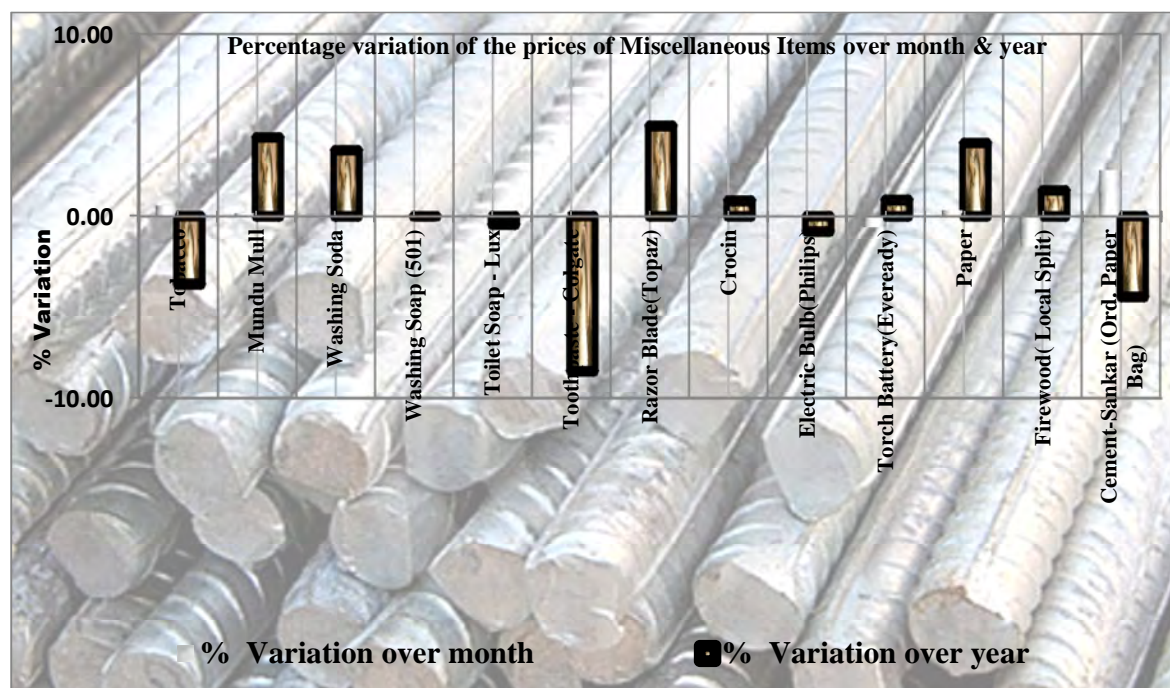
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Cement showed an upward trend up to 2.49% and all the other items remains stable when compared with the prices of the previous month..

A mixed trend was observed in this group when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	203.93	195.18	196.36	0.60	-3.71
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.07	140.67	140.92	0.18	4.33
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.50	47.15	47.15	0.00	3.63
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.33	0.00	0.00		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.07	27.91	27.94	0.11	-0.45
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	51.03	46.64	46.71	0.15	-8.47
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.50	8.50	0.00	4.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.82
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.96	14.83	14.83	0.03	-0.83
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.55	18.82	18.71	-0.60	0.86
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.88	17.50	17.56	0.34	4.03
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	500.00	515.72	506.86	-1.72	1.37
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	404.50	377.35	386.75	2.49	-4.39

Graph 8



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices of Essential Commodities							
for The month of June 2018							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	42.55	41.41	41.09	-0.79	-3.44
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.40	44.00	44.00	0.00	6.28
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.28	36.76	36.50	-0.69	-4.64
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	84.42	88.82	90.21	1.57	6.87
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4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	103.80	82.88	82.50	-0.45	-20.52
5	Redgram	Kg	82.51	69.56	69.06	-0.71	-16.31
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	86.31	82.61	81.83	-0.95	-5.20
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	95.02	72.89	70.34	-3.50	-25.97
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	87.57	62.97	61.88	-1.74	-29.34
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	51.55	44.65	47.53	6.47	-7.79
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.15	33.87	36.46	7.65	-15.51
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.62	40.64	40.64	0.00	0.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.72	148.18	148.07	-0.07	0.24
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.08	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.34
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	342.67	342.67	0.00	-2.65
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	54.81	51.86	58.57	12.93	6.86
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	498.57	531.43	535.29	0.73	7.36
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.54	93.00	93.29	0.30	4.18
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.27	160.98	162.07	0.67	10.04
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	165.16	221.25	210.73	-4.75	27.59
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.34	85.05	85.26	0.24	-13.31
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	82.48	123.90	125.57	1.35	52.24
3	Onion small	Kg.	113.84	37.41	49.40	32.04	-56.61
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	117.50	160.90	162.78	1.17	38.54
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.00	29.29	29.39	0.34	1.34
6	Mustard	100gm	9.17	8.86	8.82	-0.50	-3.84
7	Methy	100gm	10.31	9.23	9.35	1.26	-9.33
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.57	18.29	18.46	0.98	-0.59
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3	Potato	Kg.	24.17	31.09	31.76	2.16	31.39
4	Colocassia	Kg.	77.71	56.32	60.40	7.24	-22.27
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	18.39	17.73	20.52	15.70	11.54
2	Brinjal	Kg.	38.74	30.90	32.61	5.56	-15.80
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.87	18.02	20.34	12.91	-2.53
4	Cucumber	Kg.	25.81	20.05	20.13	0.39	-22.01
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	41.44	30.07	30.53	1.51	-26.34
6	Cabbage	Kg	33.39	23.91	25.14	5.15	-24.70
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	53.74	44.70	45.78	2.43	-14.80
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.30	20.95	24.53	17.09	-10.15
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	41.86	31.49	33.78	7.30	-19.29
10	Tomato	Kg.	34.38	20.36	24.01	17.96	-30.16
11	Chilies green	100gm	7.06	4.12	5.05	22.57	-28.45
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	40.87	36.22	34.99	-3.39	-14.39
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	203.93	195.18	196.36	0.60	-3.71
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.07	140.67	140.92	0.18	4.33
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	45.50	47.15	47.15	0.00	3.63
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.33	0.00	0.00		
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7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.10	8.50	8.50	0.00	4.94
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.44	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.82
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.96	14.83	14.83	0.03	-0.83
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.55	18.82	18.71	-0.60	0.86
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.88	17.50	17.56	0.34	4.03
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	500.00	515.72	506.86	-1.72	1.37
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