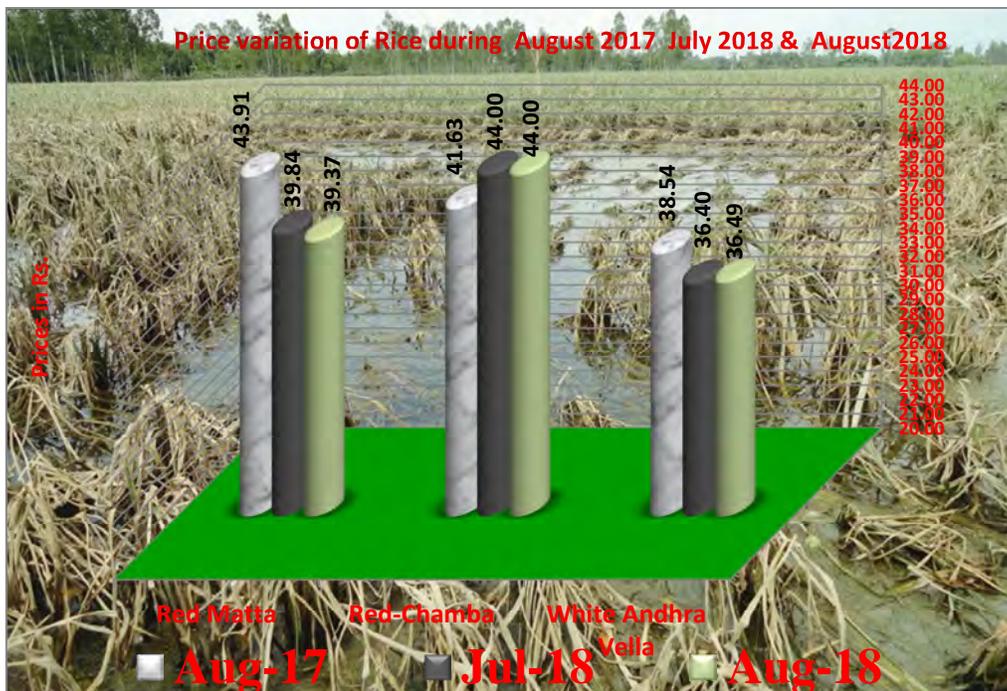




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## **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**AUGUST 2018**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

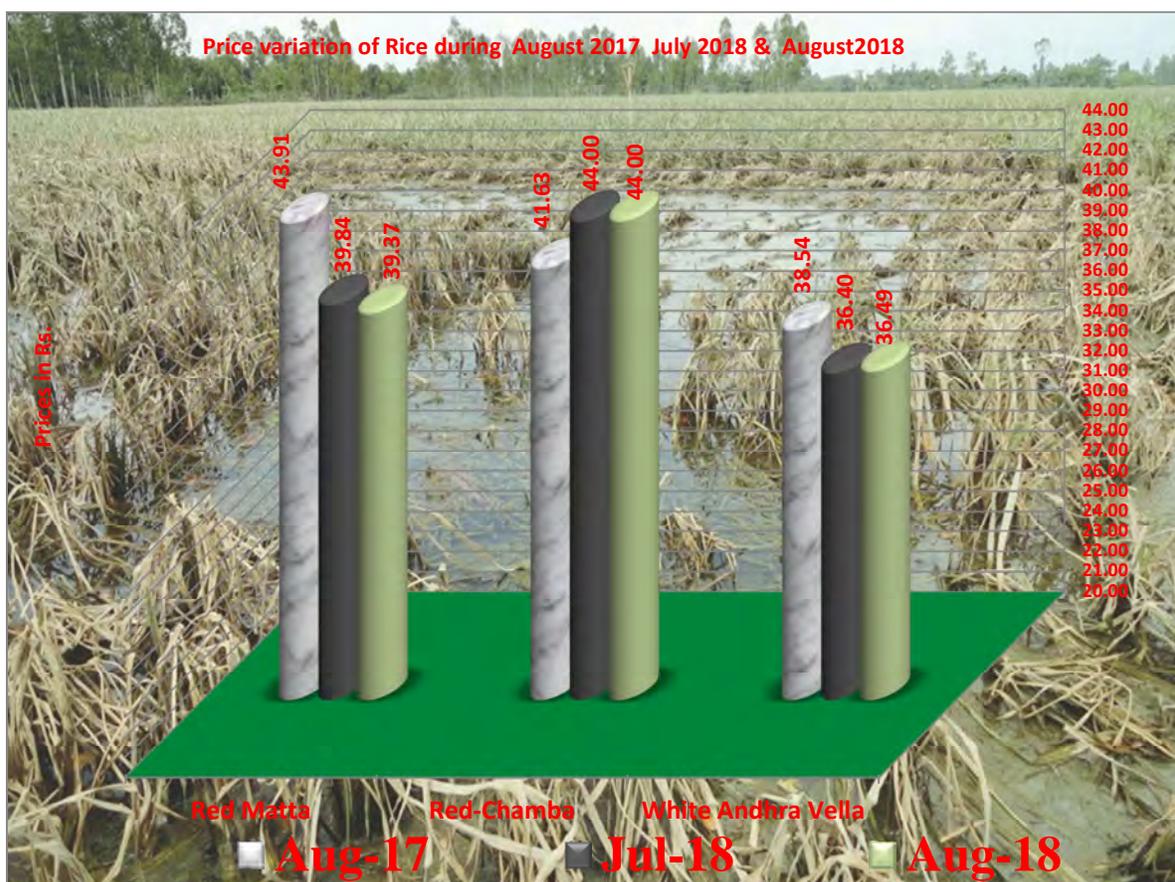
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of White Andhra vella showed a nominal increase and Red Chamba showed no change while the price of Red Matta showed a downward trend up to 1.18% 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 downward trend up to 10.34%, 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	43.91	39.84	39.37	-1.18	-10.34
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.63	44.00	44.00	0.00	5.71
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.54	36.40	36.49	0.26	-5.31

Graph-1



## 2. PULSES

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

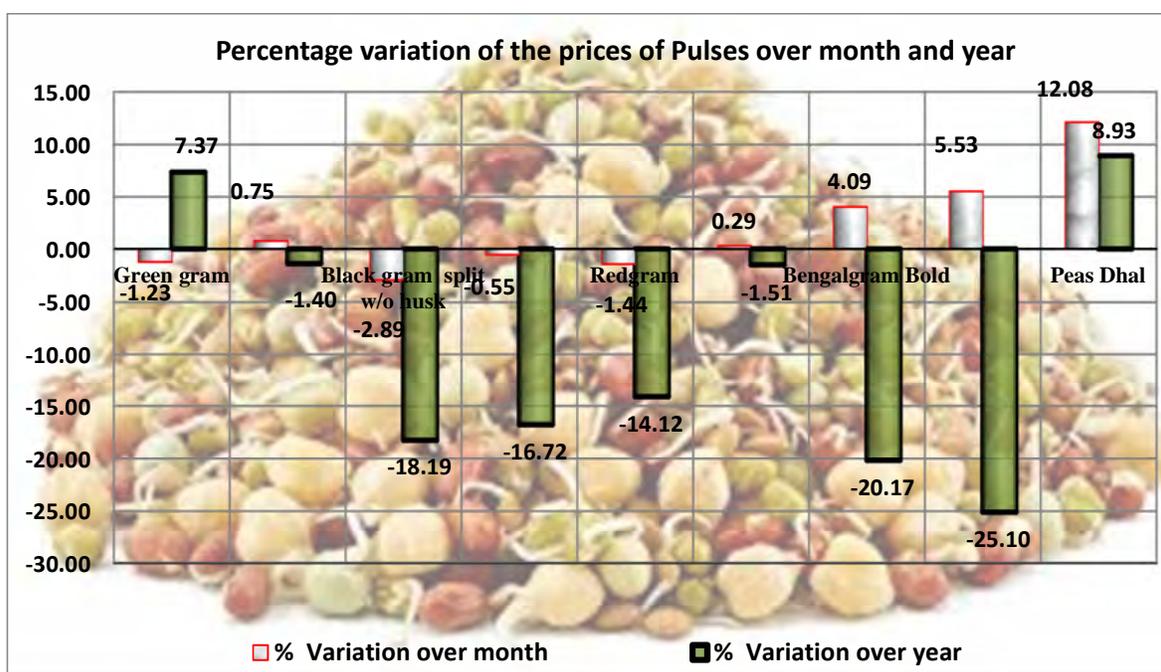
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of Green gram dhal, Dhal(Tur), Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhall showed an upward trend up to 12.08% while the price of all other items of pulses showed a downward trend up to 2.89% 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 and Peas Dhall showed a downward trend up to 25.10% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (18.19%), Blackgram split with husk (16.72%) Bengalgram Bold (20.17%) and Bengalgram Small (25.10%) 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	83.22	90.47	89.35	-1.23	7.37
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	91.45	89.50	90.17	0.75	-1.40
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	99.18	83.55	81.14	-2.89	-18.19
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	98.23	82.25	81.80	-0.55	-16.72
5	Redgram	Kg	79.62	69.38	68.38	-1.44	-14.12
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	82.23	80.75	80.99	0.29	-1.51
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	91.79	70.39	73.27	4.09	-20.17
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	85.90	60.97	64.34	5.53	-25.10
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	51.70	50.25	56.32	12.08	8.93

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### 3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

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

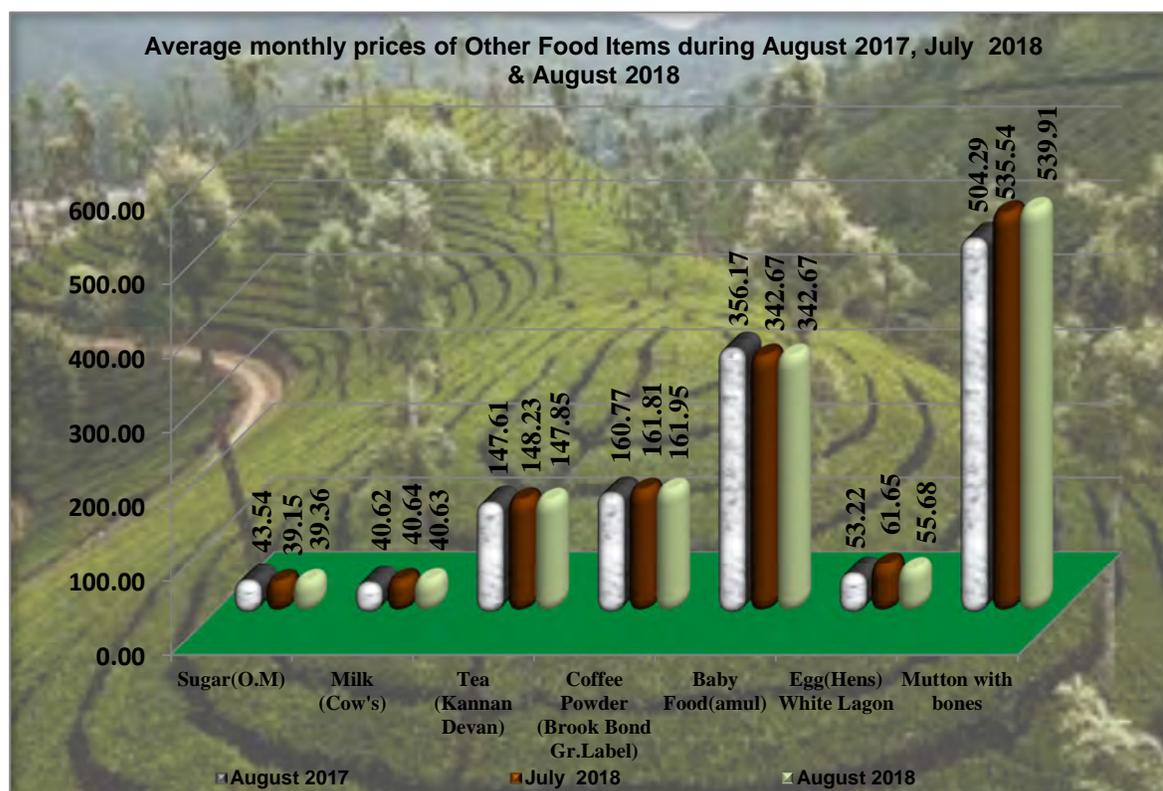
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M), Coffee Powder (brook Bond Gr. Label) and Mutton with bones showed an upward trend up to 0.82% and Baby Food (amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed a downward trend up to 9.69% 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 9.59% while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 7.07% 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.54	39.15	39.36	0.54	-9.59
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.62	40.64	40.63	-0.03	0.03
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.61	148.23	147.85	-0.26	0.16
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.77	161.81	161.95	0.09	0.73
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	356.17	342.67	342.67	0.00	-3.79
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.22	61.65	55.68	-9.69	4.62
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	504.29	535.54	539.91	0.82	7.07

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## 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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

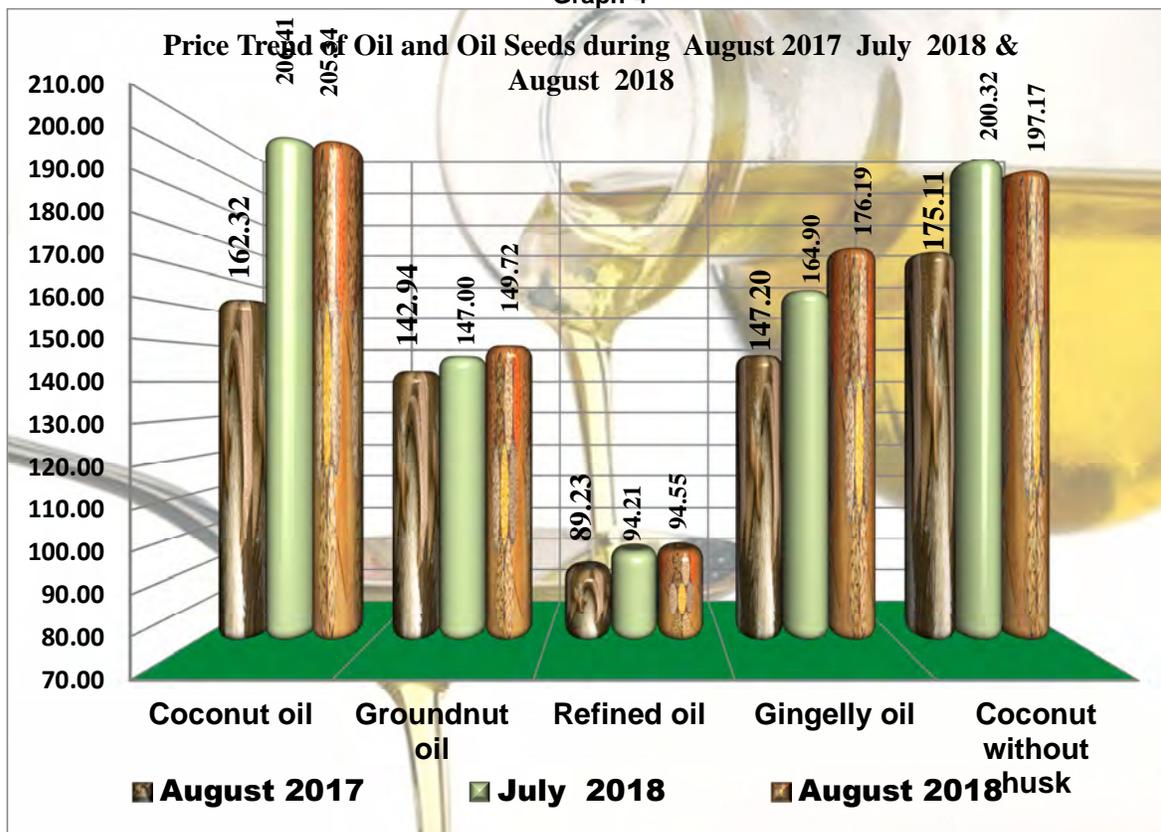
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 1.57% while the price of all other items oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 1.85% 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 26.50%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (26.50%) and Gingelly oil (19.69) 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	162.32	206.41	205.34	-0.52	26.50
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	142.94	147.00	149.72	1.85	4.74
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.23	94.21	94.55	0.37	5.97
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.20	164.90	176.19	6.85	19.69
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	175.11	200.32	197.17	-1.57	12.60

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## 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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

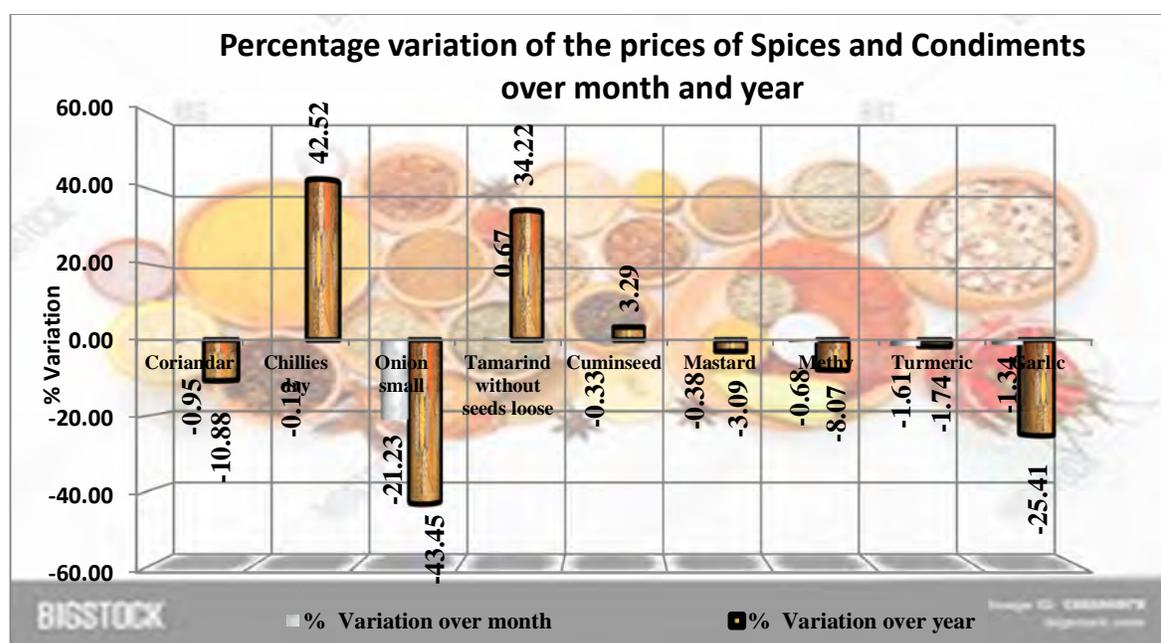
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Tamarind without seeds loose showed an upward trend up to 0.67% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 21.23% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (21.23%) 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 42.52% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 43.45% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (42.52%) Tamarind without seeds loose (34.22%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (43.45 %) and Garlic (25.41%) 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	92.85	83.54	82.74	-0.95	-10.88
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	87.90	125.43	125.28	-0.12	42.52
3	Onion small	Kg.	94.73	68.00	53.56	-21.23	-43.45
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	121.76	162.32	163.42	0.67	34.22
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.75	29.79	29.69	-0.33	3.29
6	Mustard	100gm	9.11	8.86	8.83	-0.38	-3.09
7	Methy	100gm	10.11	9.36	9.30	-0.68	-8.07
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.57	18.54	18.24	-1.61	-1.74
9	Garlic	100gm	9.40	7.11	7.01	-1.34	-25.41

Graph 5



## 6. TUBERS

### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

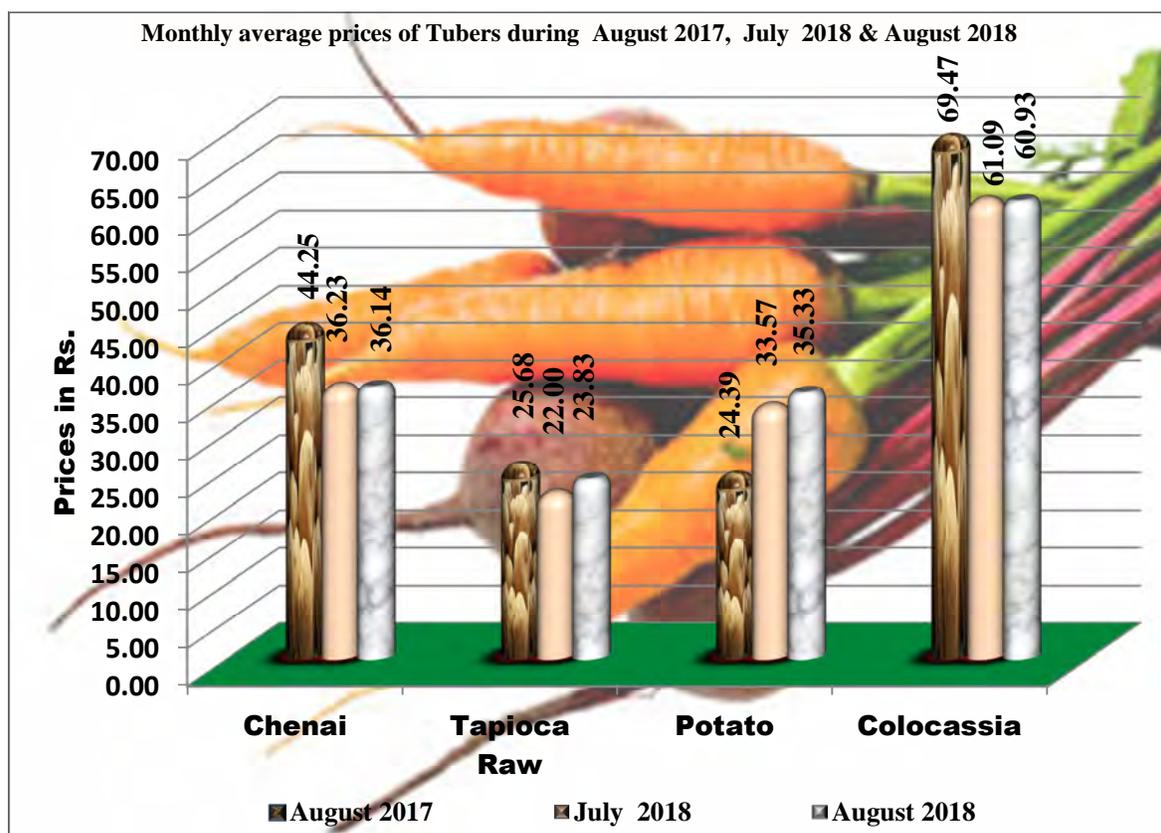
During this period a mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai and Colocassia showed an upward trend up to 8.32% 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 18.34% . Notable decrease was seen in the price of Chennai (18.34%) and increase was seen in the price of Potato(44.87%) 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	44.25	36.23	36.14	-0.25	-18.34
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.68	22.00	23.83	8.32	-7.20
3	Potato	Kg.	24.39	33.57	35.33	5.25	44.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.47	61.09	60.93	-0.26	-12.30

**Graph 6**



## 7. VEGETABLES

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

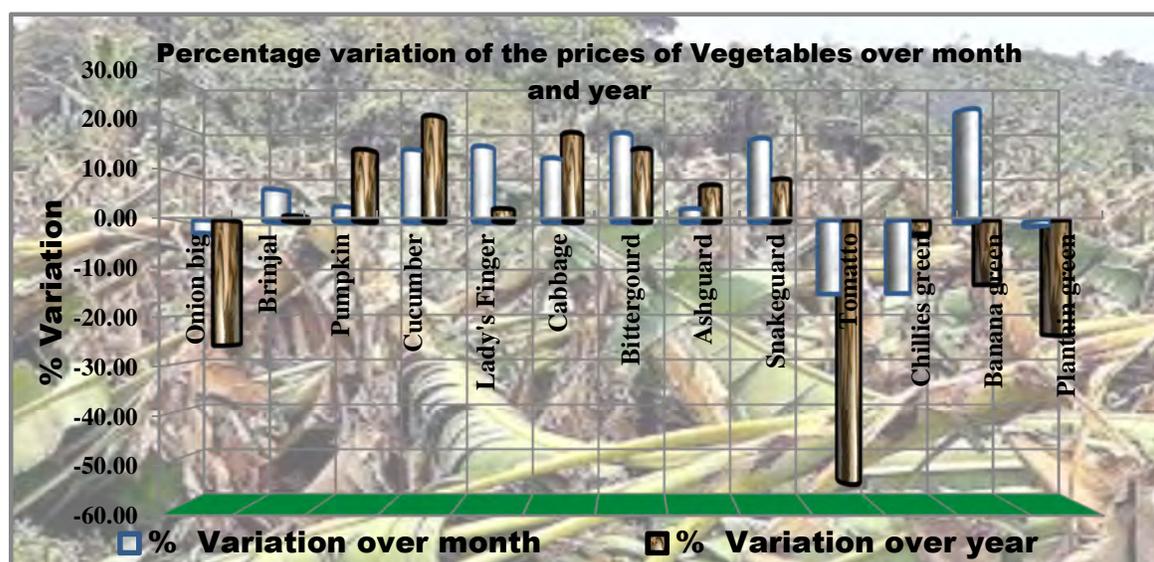
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Tomatto, Chillies green and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 15.38% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed an upward trend up to 23.14% 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 Onion big, Tomato, Chillies green, Banana green and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 54.94% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed an upward trend up to 21.76% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (54.94%) Onion big (26.18%), Plantain green (24.12%) 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	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	33.25	25.22	24.54	-2.67	-26.18
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.38	35.45	37.72	6.42	0.91
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.81	23.23	23.88	2.79	14.75
4	Cucumber	Kg.	27.21	28.88	33.13	14.72	21.76
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	43.09	38.23	44.13	15.43	2.41
6	Cabbage	Kg.	27.19	28.46	32.15	12.96	18.25
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.74	50.32	59.46	18.16	14.93
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.23	29.59	30.30	2.40	7.32
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	40.94	37.97	44.43	17.04	8.55
10	Tomatto	Kg.	51.47	27.41	23.19	-15.38	-54.94
11	Chillies green	100gm	6.42	7.37	6.24	-15.28	-2.81
12	Banana green	Kg.	64.22	45.14	55.58	23.14	-13.45
13	Plantain green	Kg.	44.82	34.36	34.01	-1.02	-24.12

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## 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

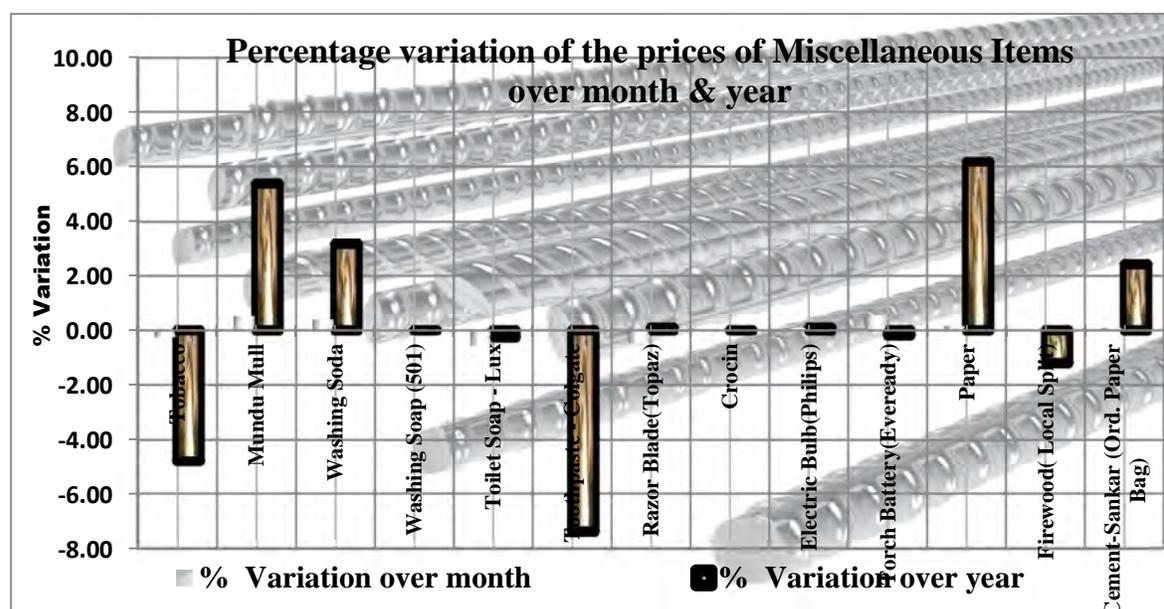
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Toilet Soap-Lux, Razor Blade (Topaz), and Firewood (Local Split) showed a downward trend up to 0.57% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Crocin showed no change, while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 0.56% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items of miscellaneous except Tobacco, Toilet Soap-Lux, Toothpaste (Colgate), Torch Battery (Eveready), Firewood (Local Split), showed an upward trend up to 6.17%

**Table-8**

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	205.89	196.52	196.02	-0.25	-4.79
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.42	141.92	142.68	0.54	5.36
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	46.12	47.39	47.58	0.41	3.16
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.33	0.00	0.00		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.15	28.23	28.07	-0.57	-0.26
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.43	46.71	46.72	0.03	-7.35
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	8.40	8.45	8.41	-0.50	0.10
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.00
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.85	14.85	14.86	0.09	0.09
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.93	18.79	18.89	0.56	-0.18
11	Paper	24 Sheet	16.65	17.65	17.68	0.16	6.17
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	507.50	501.67	501.46	-0.04	-1.19
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord. Paper Bag)	Packet	396.25	405.47	405.82	0.09	2.42

**Graph 8**



## ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of August 2018							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	<b>A. RICE - Open Market</b>						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	43.91	39.84	39.37	-1.18	-10.34
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	41.63	44.00	44.00	0.00	5.71
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	38.54	36.40	36.49	0.26	-5.31
	<b>B. PULSES</b>						
1	Green gram	Kg	83.22	90.47	89.35	-1.23	7.37
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	91.45	89.50	90.17	0.75	-1.40
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	99.18	83.55	81.14	-2.89	-18.19
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	98.23	82.25	81.80	-0.55	-16.72
5	Redgram	Kg	79.62	69.38	68.38	-1.44	-14.12
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	82.23	80.75	80.99	0.29	-1.51
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	91.79	70.39	73.27	4.09	-20.17
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	85.90	60.97	64.34	5.53	-25.10
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	51.70	50.25	56.32	12.08	8.93
	<b>C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS</b>						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	43.54	39.15	39.36	0.54	-9.59
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.62	40.64	40.63	-0.03	0.03
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.61	148.23	147.85	-0.26	0.16
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.77	161.81	161.95	0.09	0.73
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	356.17	342.67	342.67	0.00	-3.79
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	53.22	61.65	55.68	-9.69	4.62
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	504.29	535.54	539.91	0.82	7.07
	<b>D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS</b>						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	162.32	206.41	205.34	-0.52	26.50
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	142.94	147.00	149.72	1.85	4.74
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.23	94.21	94.55	0.37	5.97
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	147.20	164.90	176.19	6.85	19.69
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	175.11	200.32	197.17	-1.57	12.60
	<b>E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS</b>						
1	Coriander	Kg.	92.85	83.54	82.74	-0.95	-10.88
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	87.90	125.43	125.28	-0.12	42.52
3	Onion small	Kg.	94.73	68.00	53.56	-21.23	-43.45
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	121.76	162.32	163.42	0.67	34.22
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.75	29.79	29.69	-0.33	3.29
6	Mustard	100gm	9.11	8.86	8.83	-0.38	-3.09
7	Methy	100gm	10.11	9.36	9.30	-0.68	-8.07
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.57	18.54	18.24	-1.61	-1.74
9	Garlic	100gm	9.40	7.11	7.01	-1.34	-25.41

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	<b>F. TUBERS</b>						
1	Chennai	Kg.	44.25	36.23	36.14	-0.25	-18.34
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.68	22.00	23.83	8.32	-7.20
3	Potato	Kg.	24.39	33.57	35.33	5.25	44.87
4	Colocassia	Kg.	69.47	61.09	60.93	-0.26	-12.30
	<b>G. VEGETABLES</b>						
1	Onion big	Kg.	33.25	25.22	24.54	-2.67	-26.18
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.38	35.45	37.72	6.42	0.91
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	20.81	23.23	23.88	2.79	14.75
4	Cucumber	Kg.	27.21	28.88	33.13	14.72	21.76
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	43.09	38.23	44.13	15.43	2.41
6	Cabbage	Kg	27.19	28.46	32.15	12.96	18.25
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	51.74	50.32	59.46	18.16	14.93
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	28.23	29.59	30.30	2.40	7.32
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	40.94	37.97	44.43	17.04	8.55
10	Tomato	Kg.	51.47	27.41	23.19	-15.38	-54.94
11	Chilies green	100gm	6.42	7.37	6.24	-15.28	-2.81
12	Banana green	Kg.	64.22	45.14	55.58	23.14	-13.45
13	Plantain green	Kg.	44.82	34.36	34.01	-1.02	-24.12
	<b>H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	205.89	196.52	196.02	-0.25	-4.79
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.42	141.92	142.68	0.54	5.36
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	46.12	47.39	47.58	0.41	3.16
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.33	0.00	0.00		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.15	28.23	28.07	-0.57	-0.26
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	50.43	46.71	46.72	0.03	-7.35
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.40	8.45	8.41	-0.50	0.10
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.46	2.46	0.00	0.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.85	14.85	14.86	0.09	0.09
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.93	18.79	18.89	0.56	-0.18
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.65	17.65	17.68	0.16	6.17
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	507.50	501.67	501.46	-0.04	-1.19
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	396.25	405.47	405.82	0.09	2.42