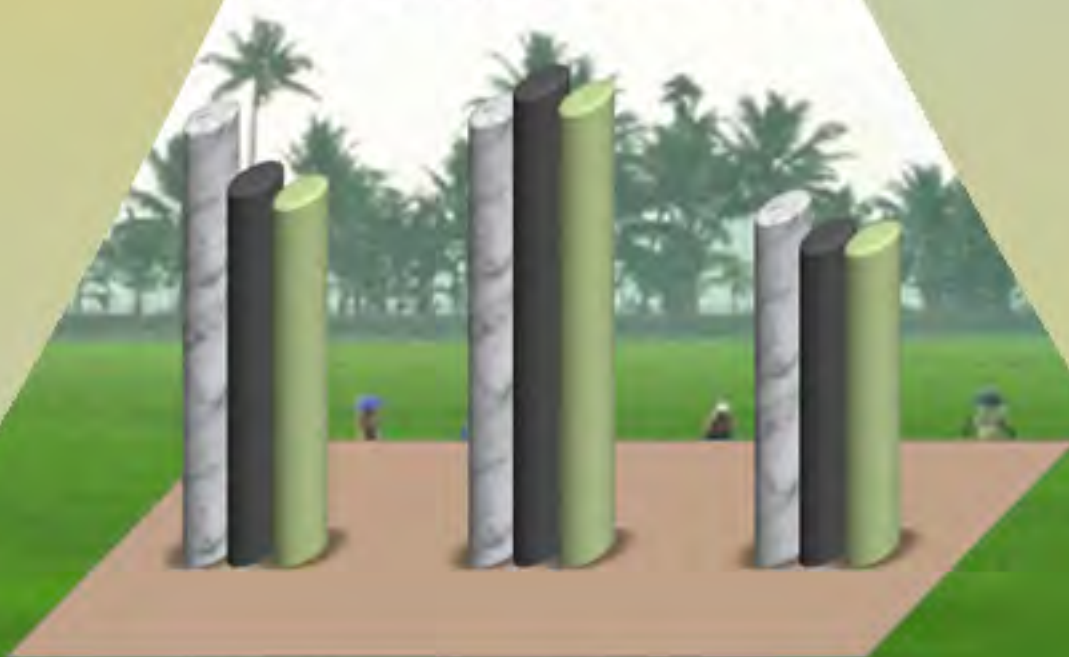




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PREFACE

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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

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INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of November 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 November of the previous year 2017, previous month October 2018 and current month of November 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

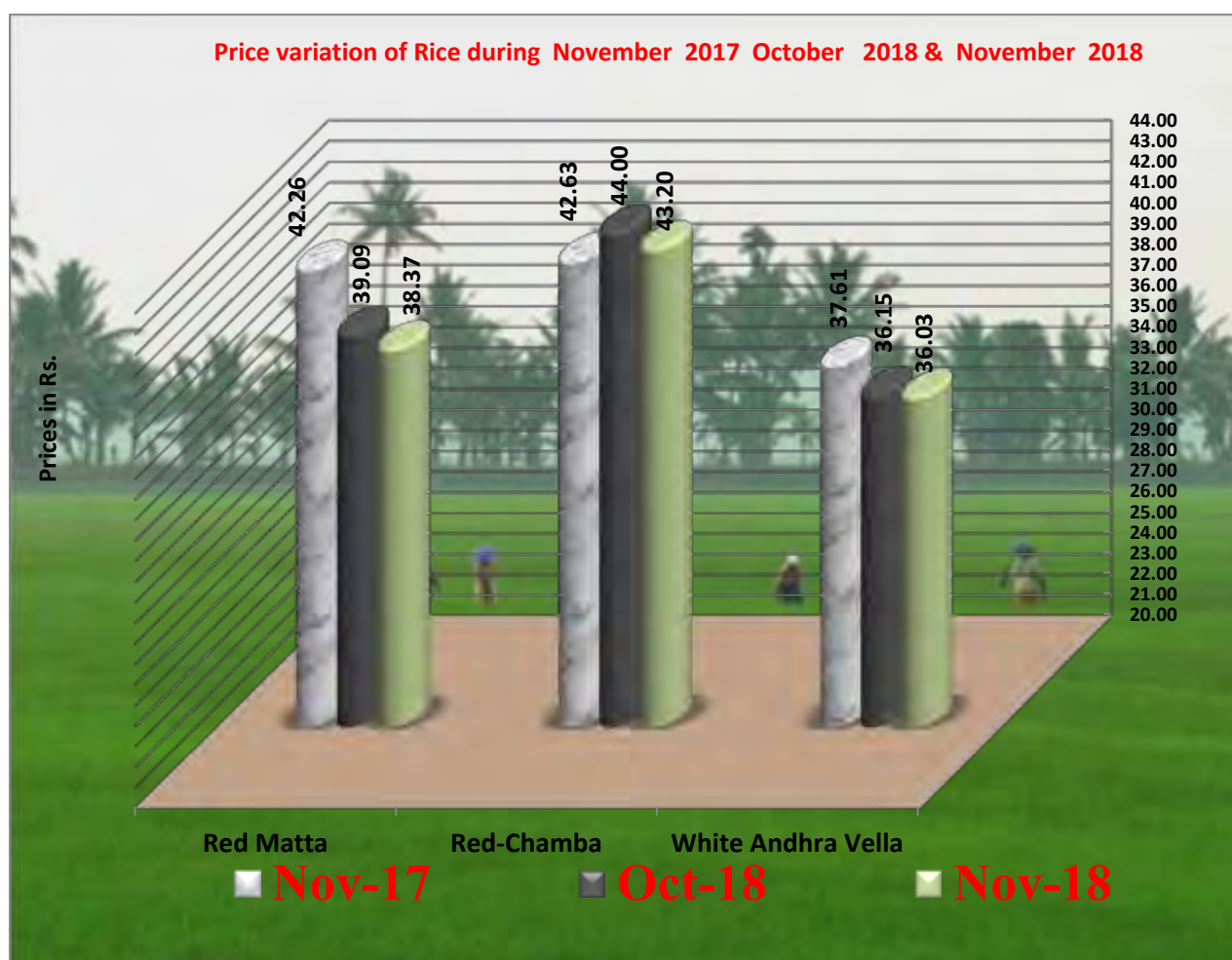
During this period down trend continued in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of all items of rice showed a downward trend up to 1.83% when compared with the 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 9.19% ,while the price of Red Chamba increased by 1.35% 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	42.26	39.09	38.37	-1.83	-9.19
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	42.63	44.00	43.20	-1.82	1.35
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	37.61	36.15	36.03	-0.33	-4.18

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

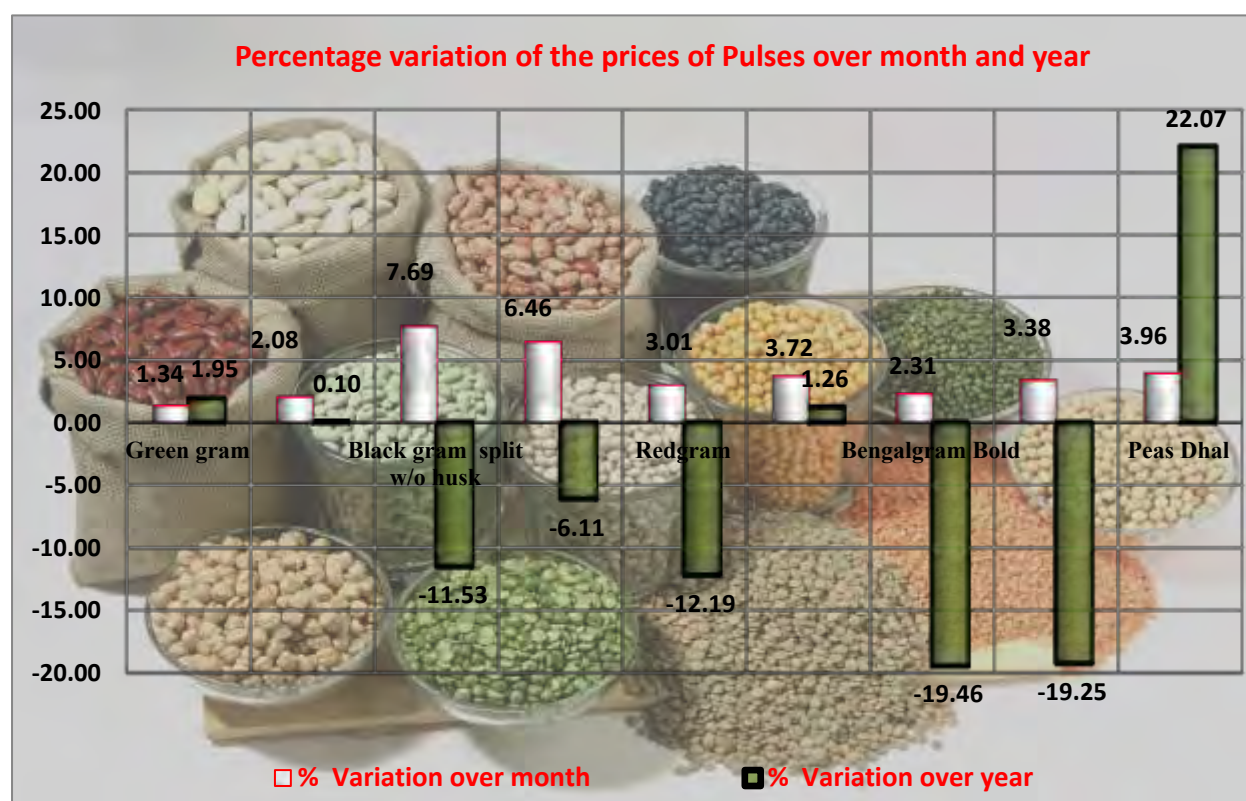
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month and a mixed trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of all items of Pulses showed an upward trend up to 7.69% 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 Green gram, Green gram dhal, Dhal(Tur) and Peas dhal showed an upward trend up to 22.07% while the price of all other items of Pulses showed a downward trend up to 19.46%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Peas Dhal (22.07%) and decrease was seen in the price of Bengal gram Bold (19.46%) and Bengal gram Small (19.25%) 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	84.18	84.68	85.82	1.34	1.95
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	90.27	88.52	90.36	2.08	0.10
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	98.05	80.55	86.74	7.69	-11.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.13	81.25	86.50	6.46	-6.11
5	Redgram	Kg	78.16	66.63	68.63	3.01	-12.19
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	81.91	79.97	82.94	3.72	1.26
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	92.91	73.14	74.83	2.31	-19.46
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	84.03	65.63	67.85	3.38	-19.25
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	50.96	59.84	62.20	3.96	22.07

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

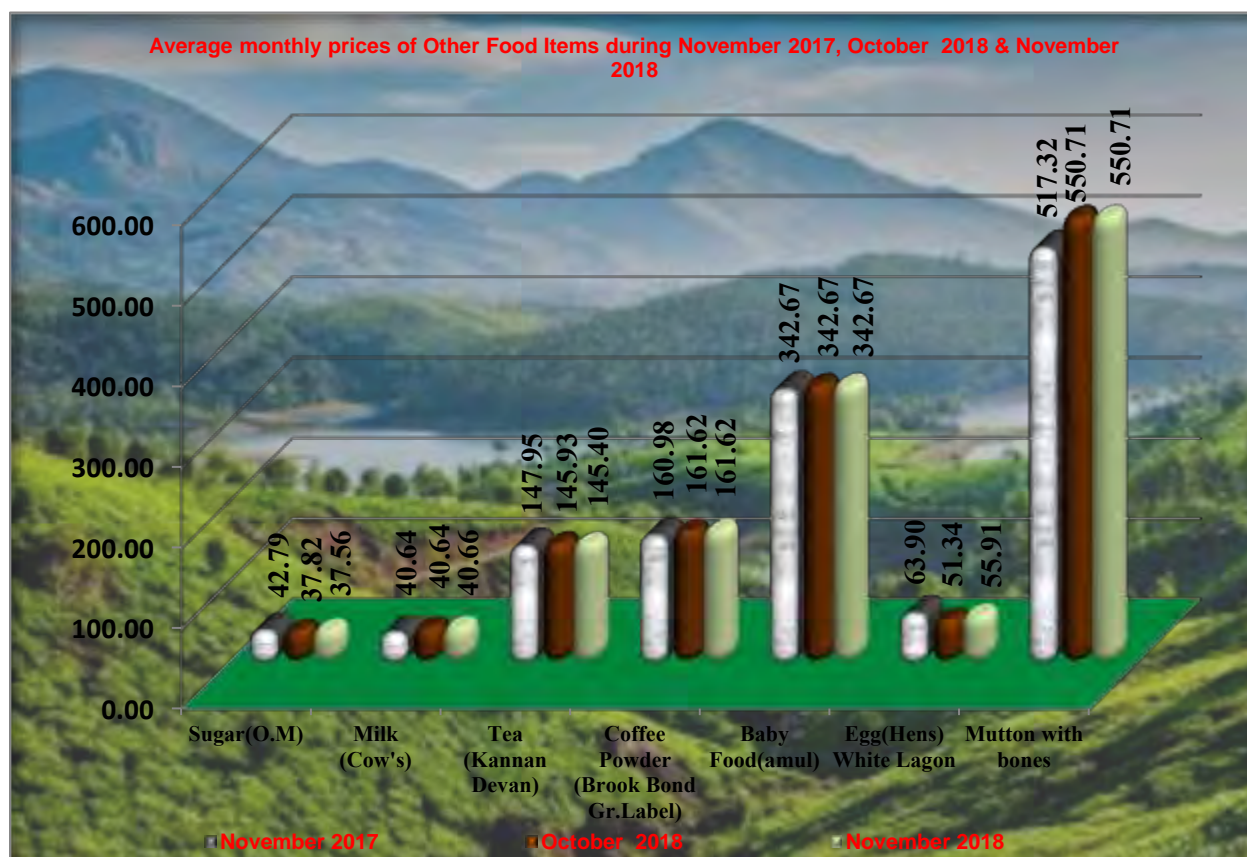
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M) and Tea(Kannan Devan) showed a nominal decrease and the price of Egg Hen(White Lagon)and Milk(Cow's) rose to 8.90% and 0.05% respectively, while the price of all other items of other food items remain unchanged 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),Tea(Kannan Devan) and Egg Hen(White Lagon) showed a downward trend up to 12.50% and Baby Food(amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 6.45% 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	42.79	37.82	37.56	-0.68	-12.22
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	40.64	40.66	0.05	0.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.95	145.93	145.40	-0.36	-1.72
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.98	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.40
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	63.90	51.34	55.91	8.90	-12.50
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	517.32	550.71	550.71	0.00	6.45

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

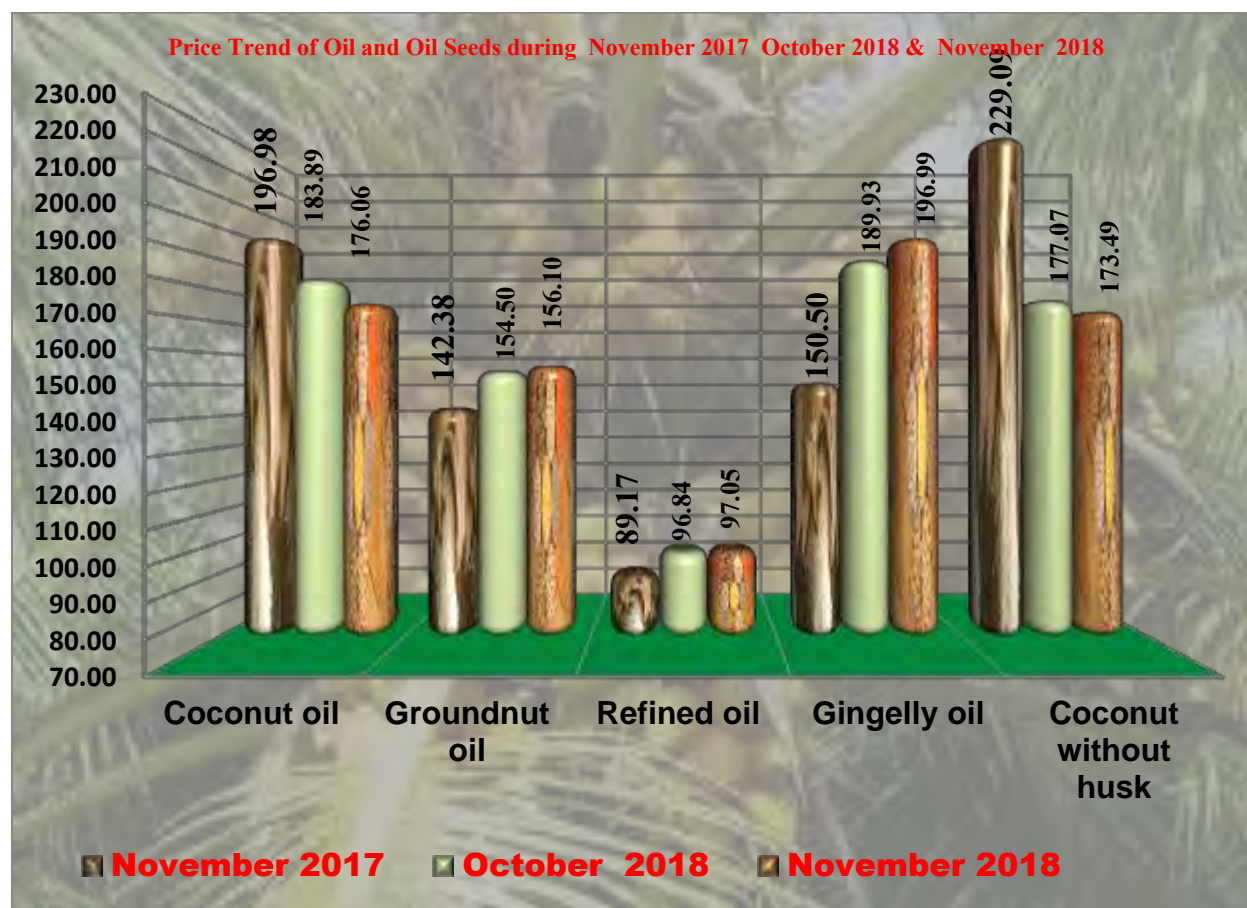
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of oil and oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend up to 4.26% while the price of all other items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 3.72% 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 Coconut Oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 30.89%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (30.89%) and decrease was seen in the price of Coconut without husk (24.27%) 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	196.98	183.89	176.06	-4.26	-10.62
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	142.38	154.50	156.10	1.04	9.64
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.17	96.84	97.05	0.23	8.84
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	150.50	189.93	196.99	3.72	30.89
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	229.09	177.07	173.49	-2.02	-24.27

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

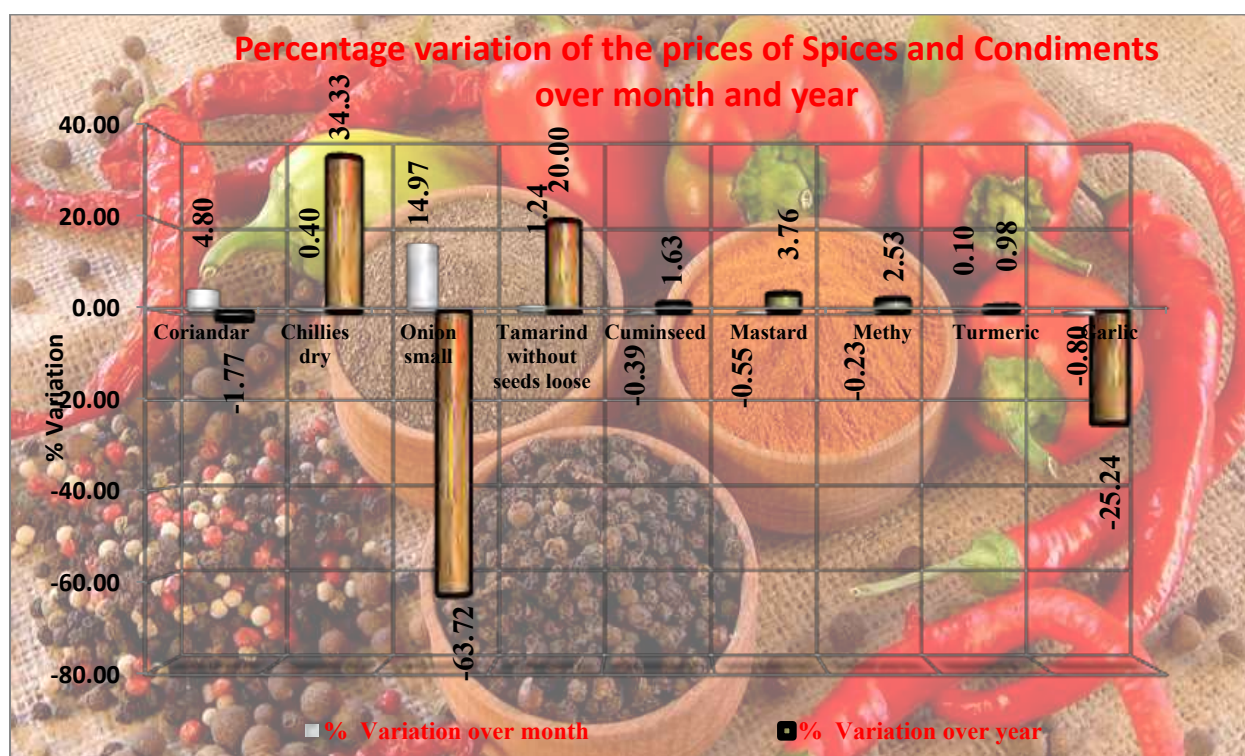
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Cuminseed, Mustard, Methy and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 0.80% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 14.97% when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (14.97%) 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 Coriander, Onion small and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 63.72% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 34.33% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (34.33%) and decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (63.72%) and Garlic (25.24%) 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	88.34	82.80	86.77	4.80	-1.77
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	93.37	124.93	125.43	0.40	34.33
3	Onion small	Kg.	149.05	47.04	54.08	14.97	-63.72
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	139.81	165.72	167.76	1.24	20.00
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.96	29.55	29.44	-0.39	1.63
6	Mustard	100gm	8.78	9.16	9.11	-0.55	3.76
7	Methy	100gm	9.41	9.67	9.65	-0.23	2.53
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.34	18.50	18.52	0.10	0.98
9	Garlic	100gm	8.70	6.55	6.50	-0.80	-25.24

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period a 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. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai showed an upward trend up to 4.72% 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 Tapioca Raw and Potato showed a downward trend up to 9.07%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Potato(30.92%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	37.61	34.29	34.20	-0.27	-9.07
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.43	25.85	26.62	2.99	13.62
3	Potato	Kg.	25.98	33.89	34.01	0.35	30.92
4	Colocassia	Kg.	51.09	48.30	50.58	4.72	-1.00

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

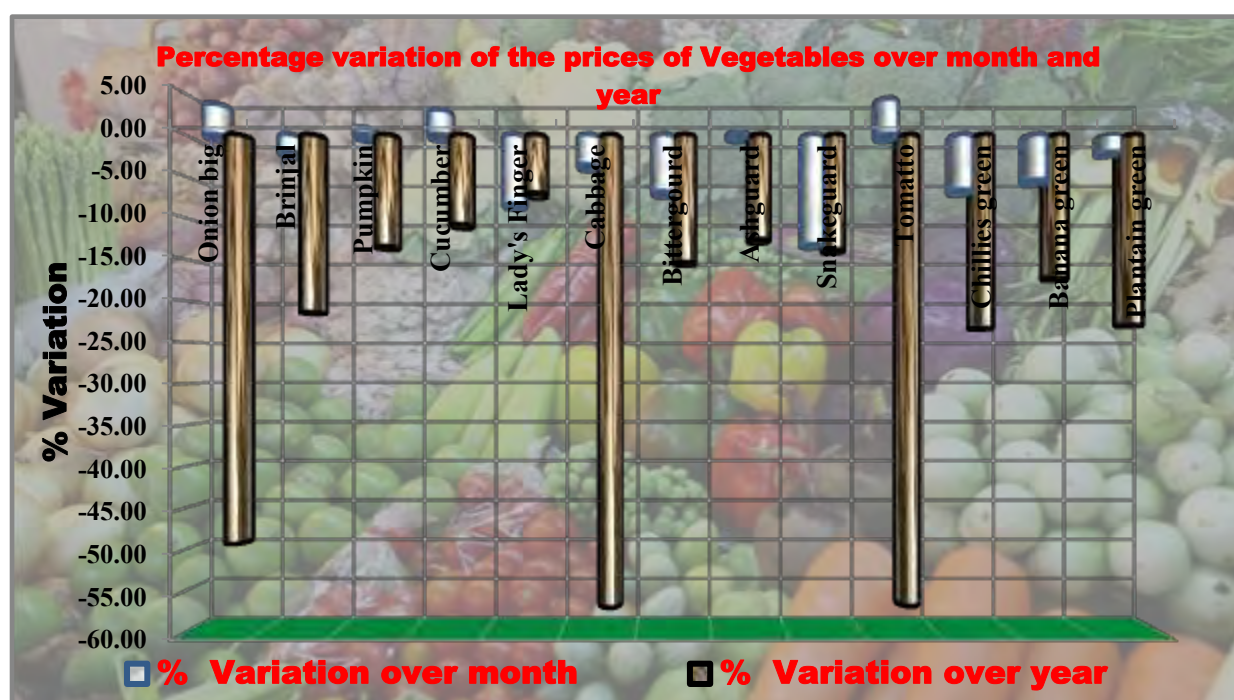
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with that of the previous month and a downward trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Onion big, Pumpkin, Cucumber, Ashgourd and Tomato showed an upward trend up to 4.31% while the prices of all other items of Vegetables showed a downward trend up to 13.25% 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 vegetables showed a downward trend up to 56.91%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cabbage (56.91%), Tomato (56.73%), Onion big (49.26%), Chillies green (23.35%) and Plantain green (22.97%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. The following table and diagram represents 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	47.86	23.41	24.28	3.71	-49.26
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.57	34.16	33.45	-2.07	-21.41
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.25	19.11	19.26	0.78	-13.47
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.55	20.40	21.00	2.97	-10.84
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.11	34.63	31.70	-8.44	-7.05
6	Cabbage	Kg	59.75	26.73	25.75	-3.67	-56.91
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	52.41	47.63	44.34	-6.90	-15.40
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.79	21.59	21.65	0.28	-12.66
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.38	36.11	31.32	-13.25	-13.89
10	Tomatto	Kg.	49.11	20.37	21.25	4.31	-56.73
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.50	4.52	4.22	-6.67	-23.35
12	Banana green	Kg.	48.02	42.02	39.72	-5.48	-17.29
13	Plantain green	Kg.	39.41	30.98	30.36	-2.01	-22.97

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

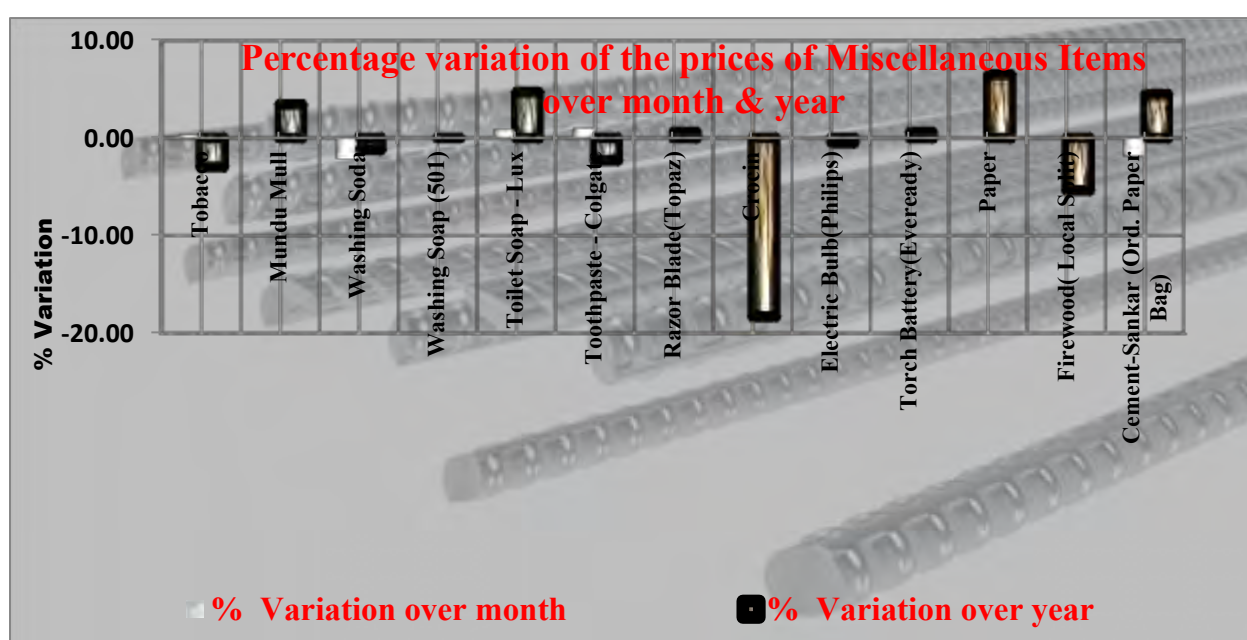
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco, Toilet Soap-Lux and Toothpaste(Colgate) showed an upward trend up to 1% when compared with the prices of the previous month and the state average retail price of Washing Soda and Cement-Sankar(Ord.Paper Bag) showed a downward trend up to 2.16% while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous remain unchanged 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,Washing Soda,Toothpaste(colgate), Crocin,Electric Bulb(Philips) and Firewood(Local Split) showed an upward trend up to 6.45% . Notable decrease was seen in the price of Crocin(18.29%) 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	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	206.34	199.47	200.21	0.37	-2.97
2	Mundu Mull	Each	137.58	142.25	142.25	0.00	3.39
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	46.85	47.31	46.29	-2.16	-1.20
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.33	28.36	28.60	0.85	4.66
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.43	46.86	47.33	1.00	-2.28
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.35	8.40	8.40	0.00	0.60
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.92	14.85	14.85	0.00	-0.47
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.96	19.07	19.07	0.00	0.58
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.58	17.65	17.65	0.00	6.45
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	514.29	486.67	486.67	0.00	-5.37
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	378.75	403.13	395.61	-1.87	4.45

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of November 2018							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	42.26	39.09	38.37	-1.83	-9.19
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	42.63	44.00	43.20	-1.82	1.35
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	37.61	36.15	36.03	-0.33	-4.18
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	84.18	84.68	85.82	1.34	1.95
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	90.27	88.52	90.36	2.08	0.10
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	98.05	80.55	86.74	7.69	-11.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	92.13	81.25	86.50	6.46	-6.11
5	Redgram	Kg	78.16	66.63	68.63	3.01	-12.19
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	81.91	79.97	82.94	3.72	1.26
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	92.91	73.14	74.83	2.31	-19.46
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	84.03	65.63	67.85	3.38	-19.25
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	50.96	59.84	62.20	3.96	22.07
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	42.79	37.82	37.56	-0.68	-12.22
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.64	40.64	40.66	0.05	0.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.95	145.93	145.40	-0.36	-1.72
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.98	161.62	161.62	0.00	0.40
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	63.90	51.34	55.91	8.90	-12.50
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	517.32	550.71	550.71	0.00	6.45
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	196.98	183.89	176.06	-4.26	-10.62
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	142.38	154.50	156.10	1.04	9.64
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.17	96.84	97.05	0.23	8.84
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	150.50	189.93	196.99	3.72	30.89
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	229.09	177.07	173.49	-2.02	-24.27
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	88.34	82.80	86.77	4.80	-1.77
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	93.37	124.93	125.43	0.40	34.33
3	Onion small	Kg.	149.05	47.04	54.08	14.97	-63.72
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	139.81	165.72	167.76	1.24	20.00
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.96	29.55	29.44	-0.39	1.63
6	Mustard	100gm	8.78	9.16	9.11	-0.55	3.76
7	Methy	100gm	9.41	9.67	9.65	-0.23	2.53
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.34	18.50	18.52	0.10	0.98
9	Garlic	100gm	8.70	6.55	6.50	-0.80	-25.24

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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.43	25.85	26.62	2.99	13.62
3	Potato	Kg.	25.98	33.89	34.01	0.35	30.92
4	Colocassia	Kg.	51.09	48.30	50.58	4.72	-1.00
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1	Onion big	Kg.	47.86	23.41	24.28	3.71	-49.26
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.57	34.16	33.45	-2.07	-21.41
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	22.25	19.11	19.26	0.78	-13.47
4	Cucumber	Kg.	23.55	20.40	21.00	2.97	-10.84
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	34.11	34.63	31.70	-8.44	-7.05
6	Cabbage	Kg.	59.75	26.73	25.75	-3.67	-56.91
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	52.41	47.63	44.34	-6.90	-15.40
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	24.79	21.59	21.65	0.28	-12.66
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.38	36.11	31.32	-13.25	-13.89
10	Tomato	Kg.	49.11	20.37	21.25	4.31	-56.73
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.50	4.52	4.22	-6.67	-23.35
12	Banana green	Kg.	48.02	42.02	39.72	-5.48	-17.29
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	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	206.34	199.47	200.21	0.37	-2.97
2	Mundu Mull	Each	137.58	142.25	142.25	0.00	3.39
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	46.85	47.31	46.29	-2.16	-1.20
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	17.00	0.00			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	27.33	28.36	28.60	0.85	4.66
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	48.43	46.86	47.33	1.00	-2.28
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.35	8.40	8.40	0.00	0.60
8	Crocine	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.01	0.00	-18.29
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.92	14.85	14.85	0.00	-0.47
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.96	19.07	19.07	0.00	0.58
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