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PREFACE

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH- 2022

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2022. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last months 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 2021, previous month February 2022 and current month of March 2022 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are included in this report. 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 the month a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice varieties 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 White Andhra Vella increased by 0.62% and 0.86% while that of Red Chamba decreased by 0.99 % when compared with the prices of the previous month.

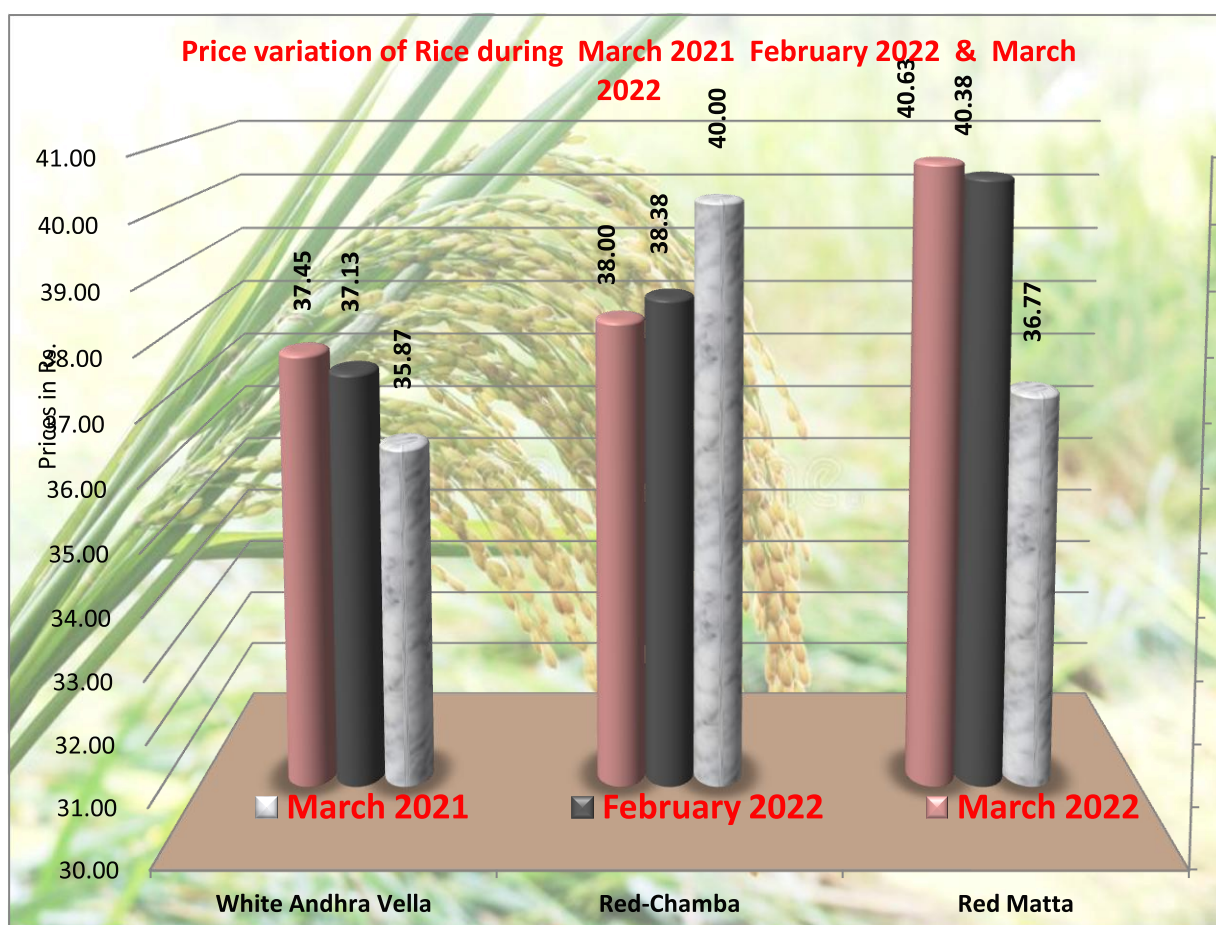
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella increased by 10.50% and 4.40% while that of Red Chamba decreased by 5.00%.

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 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over month	Over year
I	Red - Matta	Kg	36.77	40.38	40.63	0.62	10.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	40.00	38.38	38.00	-0.99	-5.00
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	35.87	37.13	37.45	0.86	4.40

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

During the month a general decreasing trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month. However when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year a mixed trend observed.

When compared with the prices of previous month, the State average retail prices of all items of Pulses showed a downward trend up to 7.23% except Peas Dhall, Green gram dhal and Green gram. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Redgram (7.23%)

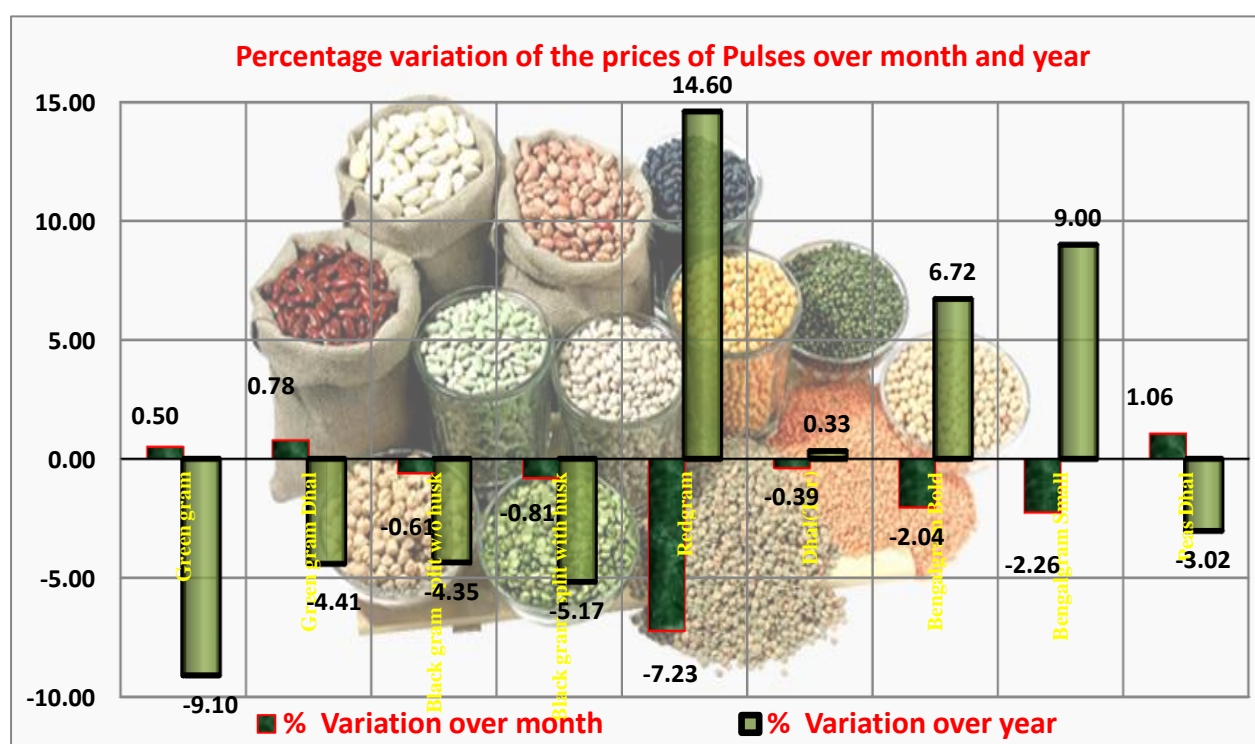
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of pulses showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Red gram (14.60%), Bengalgram Small (9%) and Bengalgram Bold (6.72%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Greengram 9.10%.

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 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	116.20	105.10	105.63	0.50	-9.10
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	121.23	114.98	115.88	0.78	-4.41
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	124.73	120.03	119.30	-0.61	-4.35
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	120.94	115.63	114.69	-0.81	-5.17
5	Redgram	Kg	81.87	101.13	93.82	-7.23	14.60
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	112.15	112.96	112.52	-0.39	0.33
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	80.08	87.24	85.46	-2.04	6.72
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.69	78.83	77.05	-2.26	9.00
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	86.30	82.81	83.69	1.06	-3.02

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During the month a mixed trend was observed 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 price of all items of Other food items showed a mixed trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Egg(Hens)White Lagoon 7.47%. While all other items showed a marginal variations except Milk(Cow's) and Baby Food (amul).

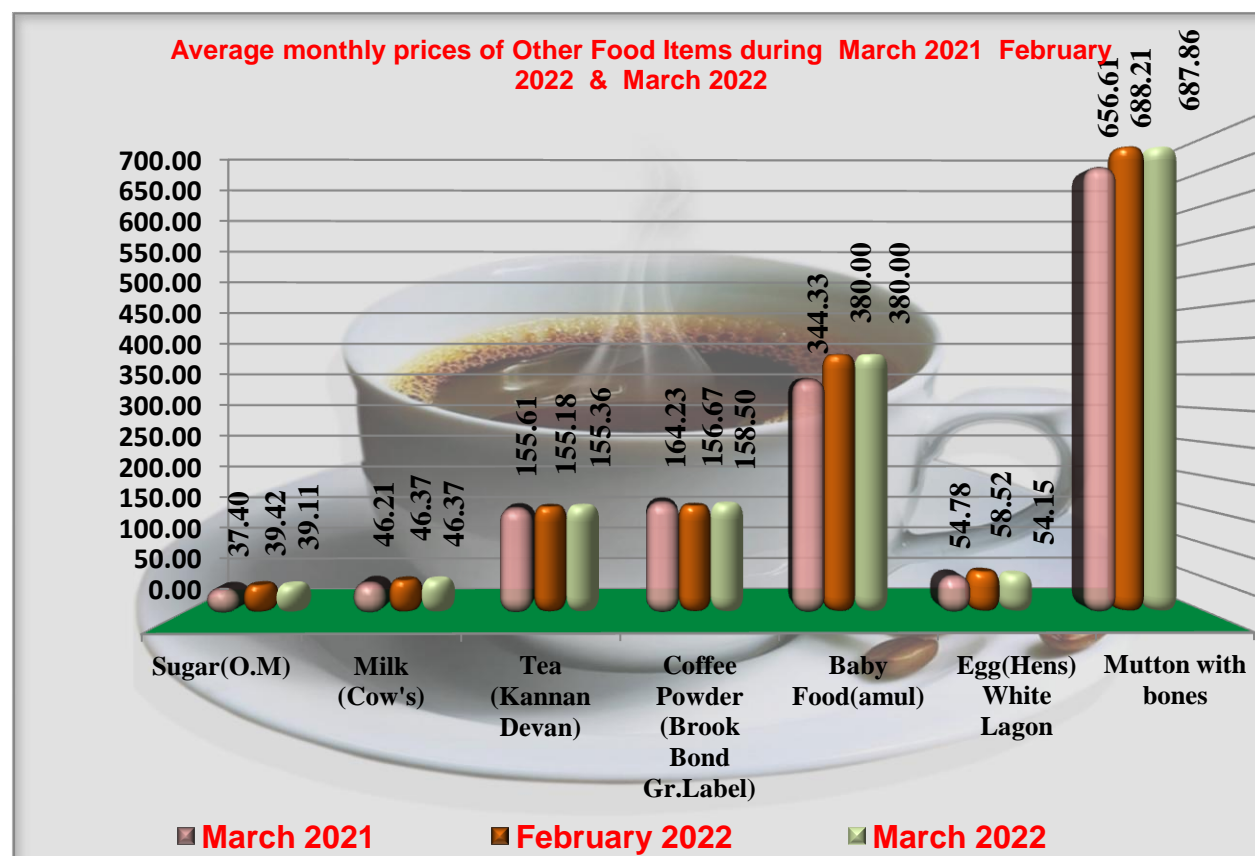
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Other Food Items showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Baby food (Amul) 10.36% ,notable decrease was seen in the price of Coffee powder (Brook bond Gr. Label) 3.49%.

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	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	37.40	39.42	39.11	-0.79	4.57
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.21	46.37	46.37	0.00	0.35
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	155.61	155.18	155.36	0.12	-0.16
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	164.23	156.67	158.50	1.17	-3.49
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	344.33	380.00	380.00	0.00	10.36
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	54.78	58.52	54.15	-7.47	-1.15
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	656.61	688.21	687.86	-0.05	4.76

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During the month a general increasing trend was observed for Oil and Oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month. However when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year a mixed trend observed.

When compared with the prices of previous month, the State average retail prices of Oil and Oilseeds showed an upward trend up to 15.51%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Refined oil (15.51%).

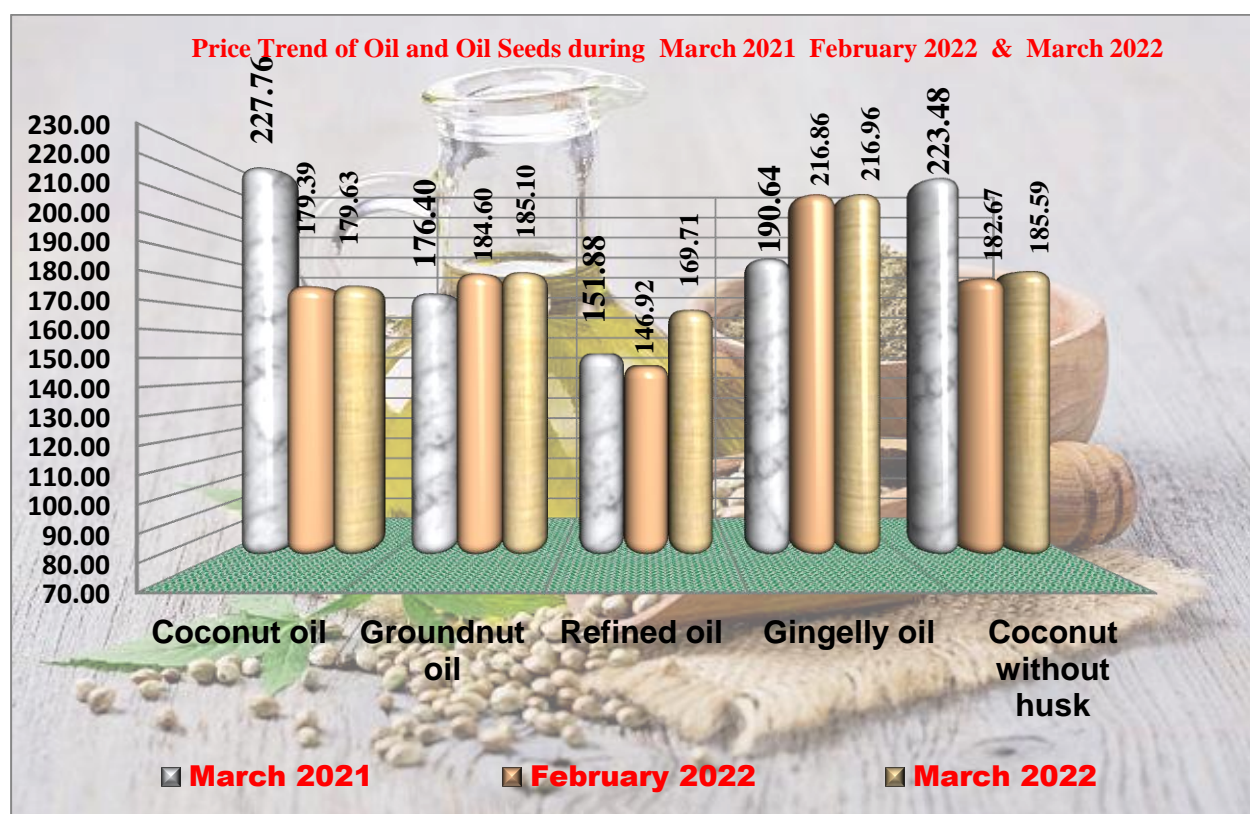
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (13.81%), Refined Oil (11.74%) and Groundnut Oil (4.93%). Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil 21.13% and coconut without husk (16.95%).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and oilseeds.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	227.76	179.39	179.63	0.13	-21.13
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	176.40	184.60	185.10	0.27	4.93
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	151.88	146.92	169.71	15.51	11.74
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	190.64	216.86	216.96	0.05	13.81
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	223.48	182.67	185.59	1.60	-16.95

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

During the month 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 with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The state average retail price of all items of Spices and Condiments showed a mixed trend when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (40.94%). Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (5.9%).

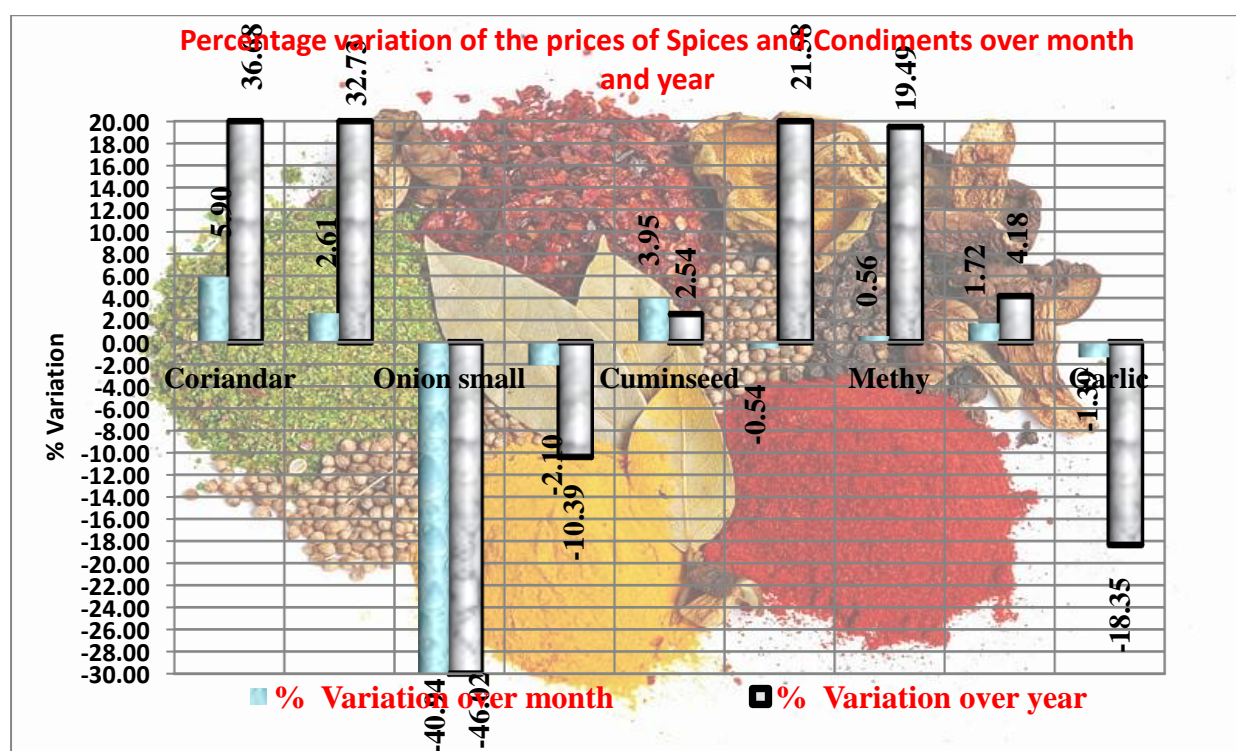
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of Spices and Condiments showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (36.68%) and Chillies dry (32.73%), notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (46.02%) and Garlic (18.35%).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Spices and Condiments.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.77	127.48	135.00	5.90	36.68
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	169.17	218.82	224.54	2.61	32.73
3	Onion small	Kg.	70.86	64.77	38.25	-40.94	-46.02
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	161.76	148.07	144.96	-2.10	-10.39
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.52	29.12	30.27	3.95	2.54
6	Mustard	100gm	10.52	12.86	12.79	-0.54	21.58
7	Methy	100gm	10.52	12.50	12.57	0.56	19.49
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.20	18.64	18.96	1.72	4.18
9	Garlic	100gm	13.08	10.83	10.68	-1.39	-18.35

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During the month an increasing 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.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the state average retail price of all items of Tubers showed an upward trend up to 17.21%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Colocassia(17.21%).

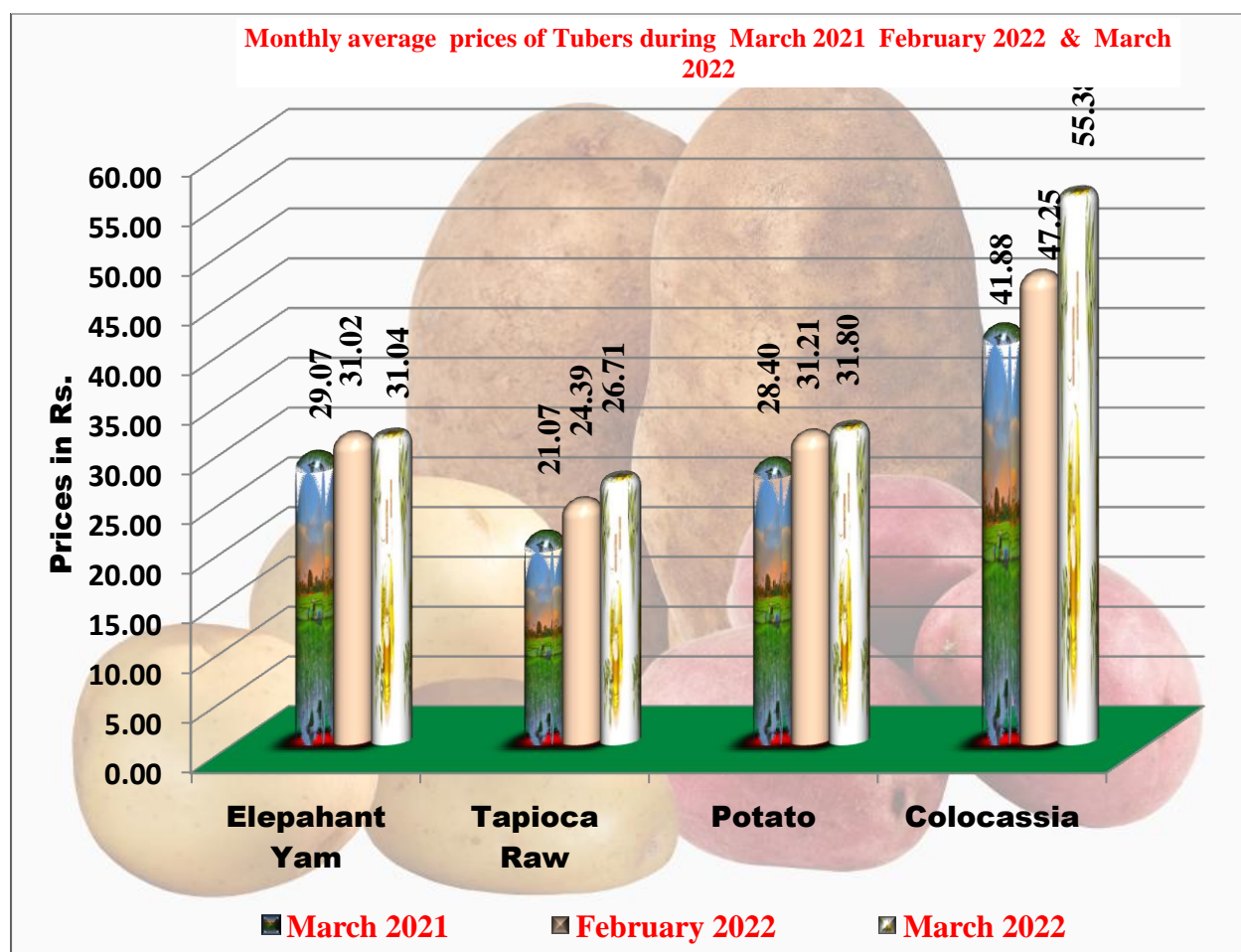
Increasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Colocassia(32.23%).

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Tubers.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	29.07	31.02	31.04	0.06	6.78
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	21.07	24.39	26.71	9.51	26.77
3	Potato	Kg.	28.40	31.21	31.80	1.89	11.97
4	Colocassia	Kg.	41.88	47.25	55.38	17.21	32.23

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

A general decreasing trend except for Banana green and Cucumber was observed in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month. However when compared with the previous year a mixed trend was observed.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail prices of all items of vegetables except Banana green and Cucumber showed a downward trend up to 31.84%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cabbage(31.84%), Pumpkin(28.06%) and Tomato (26.01%). Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (18.12%).

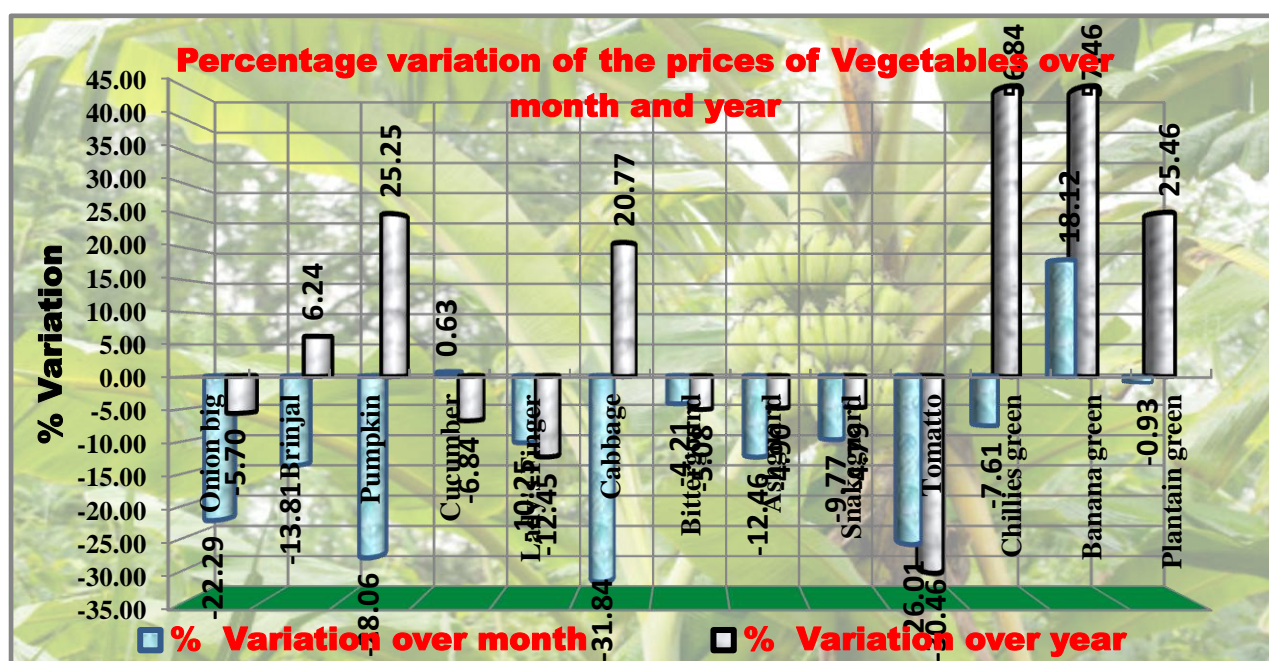
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of vegetables showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (57.46%) and Chillies green(56.84%), while that of notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (30.46%).

The following table and diagram represent 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	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	32.12	38.98	30.29	-22.29	-5.70
2	Brinjal	Kg.	33.48	41.27	35.57	-13.81	6.24
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.39	37.24	26.79	-28.06	25.25
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.11	22.32	22.46	0.63	-6.84
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.61	38.64	34.68	-10.25	-12.45
6	Cabbage	Kg	25.52	45.22	30.82	-31.84	20.77
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	50.35	49.89	47.79	-4.21	-5.08
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	25.33	27.52	24.09	-12.46	-4.90
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.39	34.18	30.84	-9.77	-4.79
10	Tomatto	Kg.	26.79	25.18	18.63	-26.01	-30.46
11	Chillies green	100gm	5.26	8.93	8.25	-7.61	56.84
12	Banana green	Kg.	33.83	45.10	53.27	18.12	57.46
13	Plantain green	Kg.	29.62	37.51	37.16	-0.93	25.46

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

During the month a marginal fluctuation was observed in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month but a mixed trend prevails when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail prices of all items of Miscellaneous items except Crocin showed marginal variations. Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready) (2.36%)

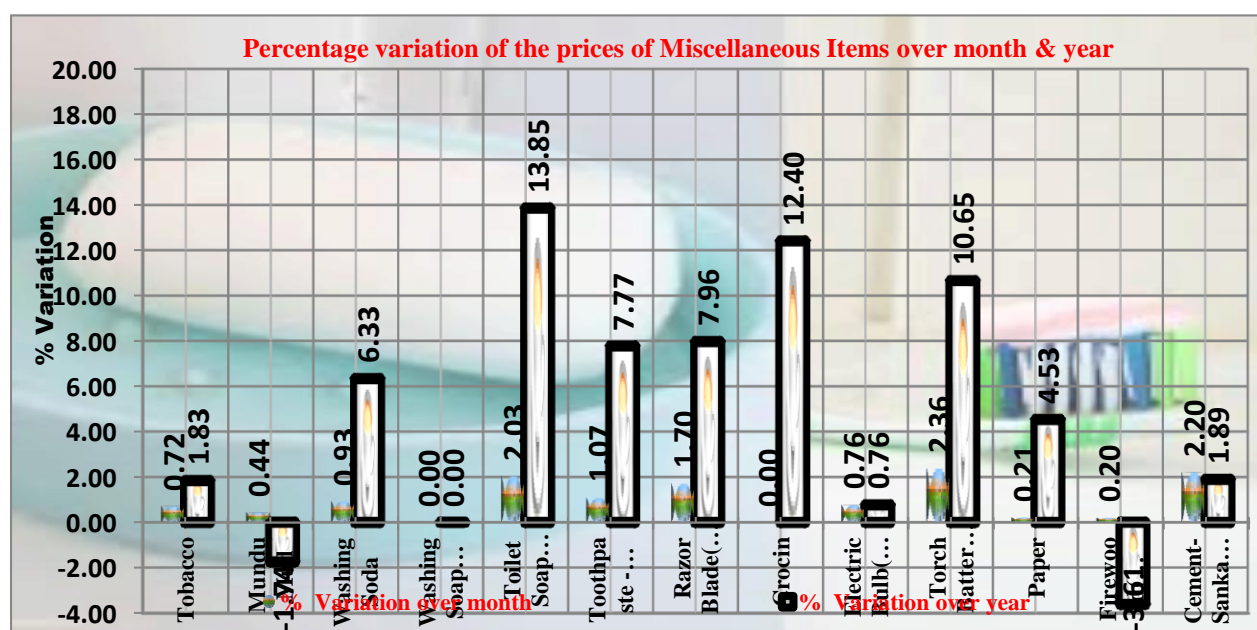
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous Year the state average retail price of all items except Firewood(Local split) and Mundu mull showed an upward trend up to 13.85%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Toilet Soap -Lux(13.85%) ,Crocin (12.40%) and Torch Battery (Eveready) (10.65%) respectively. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Firewood(Local split) 3.61%.

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of miscellaneous items.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	209.64	211.96	213.48	0.72	1.83
2	Mundu Mull	Each	138.92	135.90	136.50	0.44	-1.74
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	49.12	51.75	52.23	0.93	6.33
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.07	29.09	29.68	2.03	13.85
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	51.50	54.91	55.50	1.07	7.77
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	9.42	10.00	10.17	1.70	7.96
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.50	2.81	2.81	0.00	12.40
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.43	14.54	0.76	0.76
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	23.48	25.38	25.98	2.36	10.65
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.88	18.65	18.69	0.21	4.53
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	512.00	492.50	493.50	0.20	-3.61
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	427.41	426.09	435.47	2.20	1.89

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2022							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	36.77	40.38	40.63	0.62	10.50
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	40.00	38.38	38.00	-0.99	-5.00
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	35.87	37.13	37.45	0.86	4.40
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	116.20	105.10	105.63	0.50	-9.10
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	121.23	114.98	115.88	0.78	-4.41
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4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	120.94	115.63	114.69	-0.81	-5.17
5	Red gram	Kg	81.87	101.13	93.82	-7.23	14.60
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	112.15	112.96	112.52	-0.39	0.33
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	80.08	87.24	85.46	-2.04	6.72
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	70.69	78.83	77.05	-2.26	9.00
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	86.30	82.81	83.69	1.06	-3.02
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	37.40	39.42	39.11	-0.79	4.57
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.21	46.37	46.37	0.00	0.35
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	155.61	155.18	155.36	0.12	-0.16
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	164.23	156.67	158.50	1.17	-3.49
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	227.76	179.39	179.63	0.13	-21.13
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3	Refined oil	Ltr.	151.88	146.92	169.71	15.51	11.74
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5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	223.48	182.67	185.59	1.60	-16.95
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	98.77	127.48	135.00	5.90	36.68
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	169.17	218.82	224.54	2.61	32.73
3	Onion small	Kg.	70.86	64.77	38.25	-40.94	-46.02
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	161.76	148.07	144.96	-2.10	-10.39
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.52	29.12	30.27	3.95	2.54
6	Mustard	100gm	10.52	12.86	12.79	-0.54	21.58
7	Methy	100gm	10.52	12.50	12.57	0.56	19.49
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.20	18.64	18.96	1.72	4.18
9	Garlic	100gm	13.08	10.83	10.68	-1.39	-18.35

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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	21.07	24.39	26.71	9.51	26.77
3	Potato	Kg.	28.40	31.21	31.80	1.89	11.97
4	Colocassia	Kg.	41.88	47.25	55.38	17.21	32.23
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	32.12	38.98	30.29	-22.29	-5.70
2	Brinjal	Kg.	33.48	41.27	35.57	-13.81	6.24
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	21.39	37.24	26.79	-28.06	25.25
4	Cucumber	Kg.	24.11	22.32	22.46	0.63	-6.84
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.61	38.64	34.68	-10.25	-12.45
6	Cabbage	Kg	25.52	45.22	30.82	-31.84	20.77
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	50.35	49.89	47.79	-4.21	-5.08
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	25.33	27.52	24.09	-12.46	-4.90
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.39	34.18	30.84	-9.77	-4.79
10	Tomato	Kg.	26.79	25.18	18.63	-26.01	-30.46
11	Chilies green	100gm	5.26	8.93	8.25	-7.61	56.84
12	Banana green	Kg.	33.83	45.10	53.27	18.12	57.46
13	Plantain green	Kg.	29.62	37.51	37.16	-0.93	25.46
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	209.64	211.96	213.48	0.72	1.83
2	Mundu Mull	Each	138.92	135.90	136.50	0.44	-1.74
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	49.12	51.75	52.23	0.93	6.33
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	26.07	29.09	29.68	2.03	13.85
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	51.50	54.91	55.50	1.07	7.77
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.42	10.00	10.17	1.70	7.96
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.50	2.81	2.81	0.00	12.40
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.43	14.43	14.54	0.76	0.76
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	23.48	25.38	25.98	2.36	10.65
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.88	18.65	18.69	0.21	4.53
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	512.00	492.50	493.50	0.20	-3.61
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	427.41	426.09	435.47	2.20	1.89