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PREFACE

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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 April 2021. 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 April of the previous year 2020, previous month March 2021 and current month of April 2021 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the current month of the previous year are included in this report. 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

No significant price change in the state average retail price of Rice varieties was noticed, when compared with the prices of the previous month, while decreasing trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andhra Vella increased slightly by 0.05 %, 0.25% respectively, while that of Red Chamba remains unchanged when compared with the prices of the previous month.

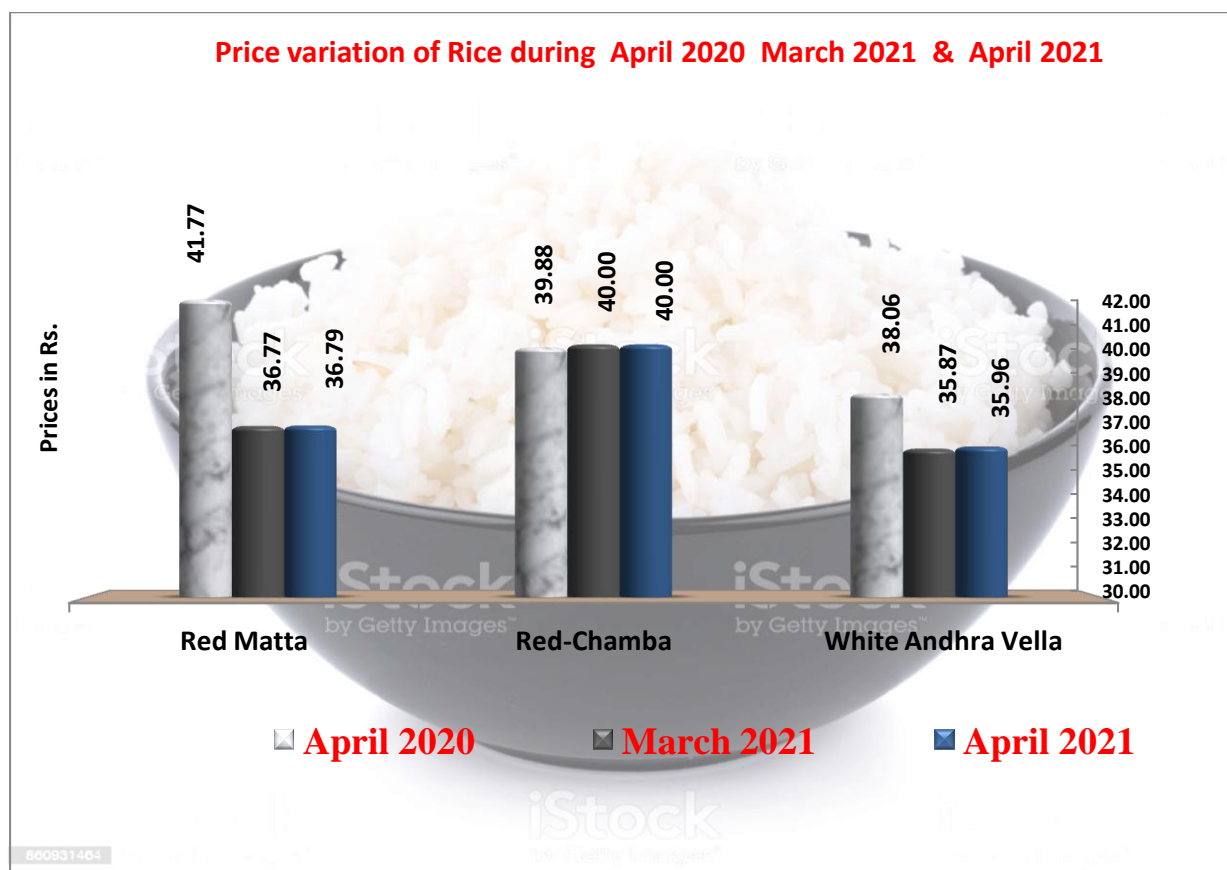
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail prices of Red Matta and White Andra Vella decreased by 11.92 % and 5.52%, while that of Red Chamba increased marginally.

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over month	Over year
I	Red - Matta	Kg	41.77	36.77	36.79	0.05	-11.92
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.88	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.30
3	White - AndraVella	Kg	38.06	35.87	35.96	0.25	-5.52

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

During the month 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 all items of Pulses showed marginal increase up to 1.71% when compared with the prices of the previous month except Black gram split with husk, Bengal Gram Small and Peas dhal.

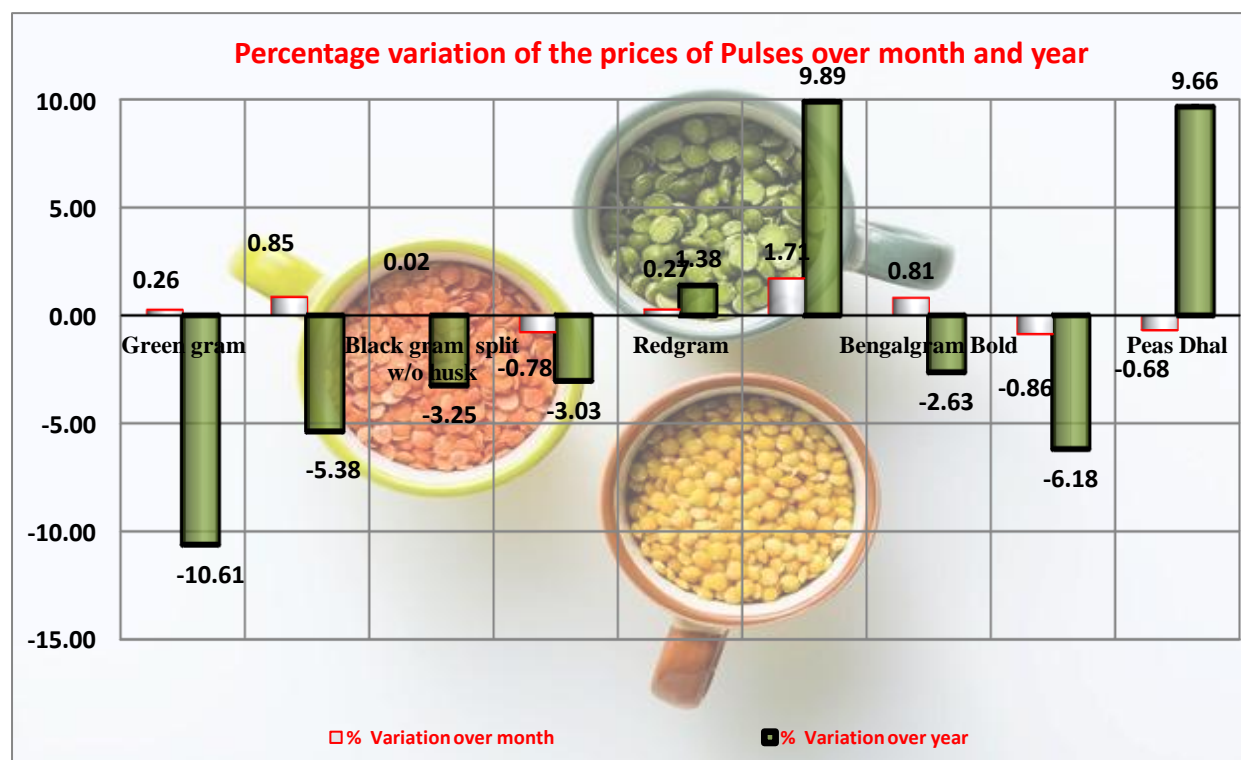
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of pulses showed downward trend except the prices of Red gram, Tur Dhal and Peas Dhal. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Green gram (10.61%), Green gram dhal (5.38%) and Bengal gram small (6.18%) while the prices of Tur dhal and Peas dhal increased by 9.89% and 9.66% respectively.

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	130.33	116.20	116.50	0.26	-10.61
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	129.21	121.23	122.26	0.85	-5.38
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	128.94	124.73	124.75	0.02	-3.25
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	123.75	120.94	120.00	-0.78	-3.03
5	Redgram	Kg	80.97	81.87	82.09	0.27	1.38
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	103.80	112.15	114.07	1.71	9.89
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	82.91	80.08	80.73	0.81	-2.63
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	74.70	70.69	70.08	-0.86	-6.18
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	78.16	86.30	85.71	-0.68	9.66

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During the month there was an increasing 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

When compared with the prices of previous month the prices of Egg (White Lagoon) Increased by 9.29%, while all the remaining items in this group showed a marginal variation except Baby food (Amul) and Milk,

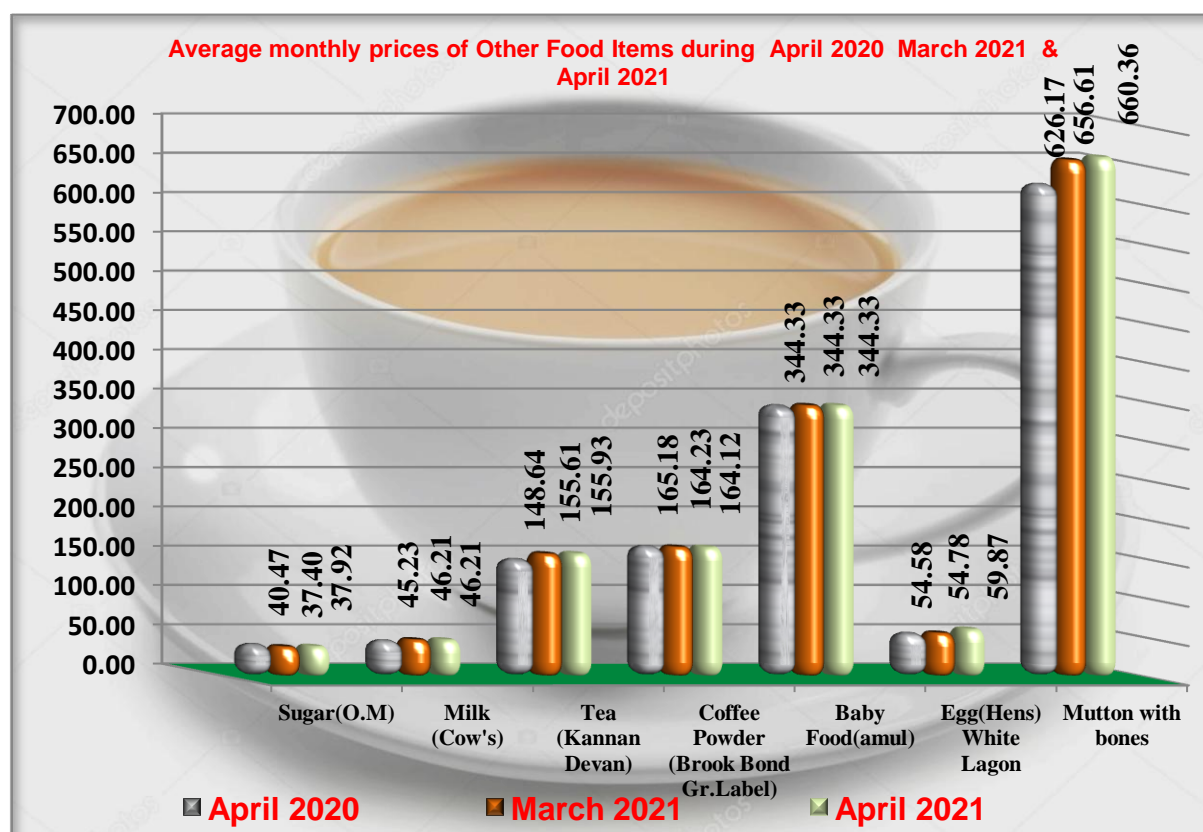
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Egg(Hens)White Lagoon increased by 9.69% and Mutton with bones increased by 5.46% and Tea 4.91%.while, the prices of Sugar decreased by 6.30%.

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.47	37.40	37.92	1.39	-6.30
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	45.23	46.21	46.21	0.00	2.17
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	148.64	155.61	155.93	0.21	4.91
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	165.18	164.23	164.12	-0.07	-0.64
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	344.33	344.33	344.33	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	54.58	54.78	59.87	9.29	9.69
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	626.17	656.61	660.36	0.57	5.46

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and Oilseeds when compared with the price of the previous month while an increasing trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the price of the previous month the State average retail price of Refined Oil, Gingelly Oil and Ground nut Oil increased by 9.16%, 2.41 % and 1.70% respectively, while the prices of Coconut without Husk and Coconut Oil decreased by 3.15% and 0.53% respectively.

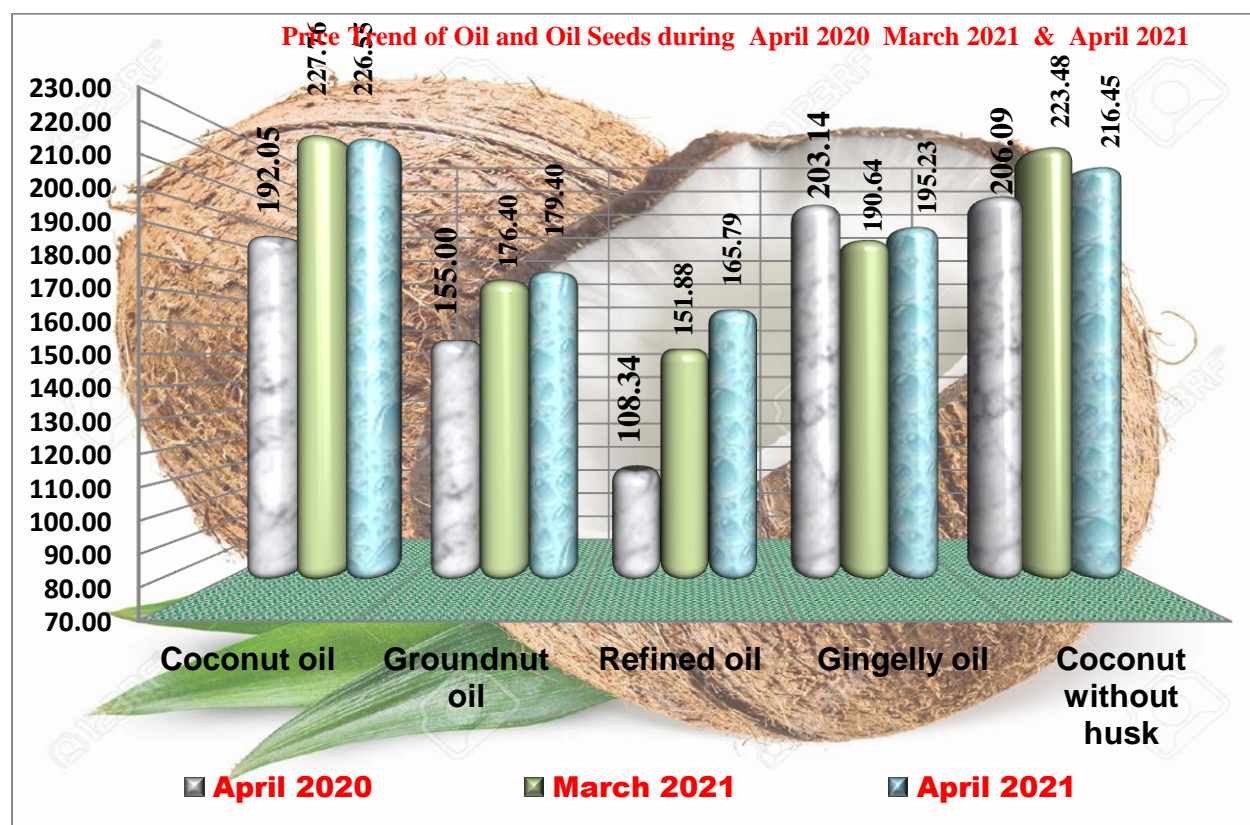
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Refined Oil, Coconut Oil, Groundnut Oil and Coconut without husk increased by 53.03 %,17.96 %, 15.74 % and 5.03 % respectively while the price of Gingelly oil Decreased by 3.89%,

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	192.05	227.76	226.55	-0.53	17.96
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	155.00	176.40	179.40	1.70	15.74
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	108.34	151.88	165.79	9.16	53.03
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	203.14	190.64	195.23	2.41	-3.89
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	206.09	223.48	216.45	-3.15	5.03

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

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 downward trend up to 20.75% when compared with the price of the previous month except Corriander, Chillies Dry, Methy and Turmeric.

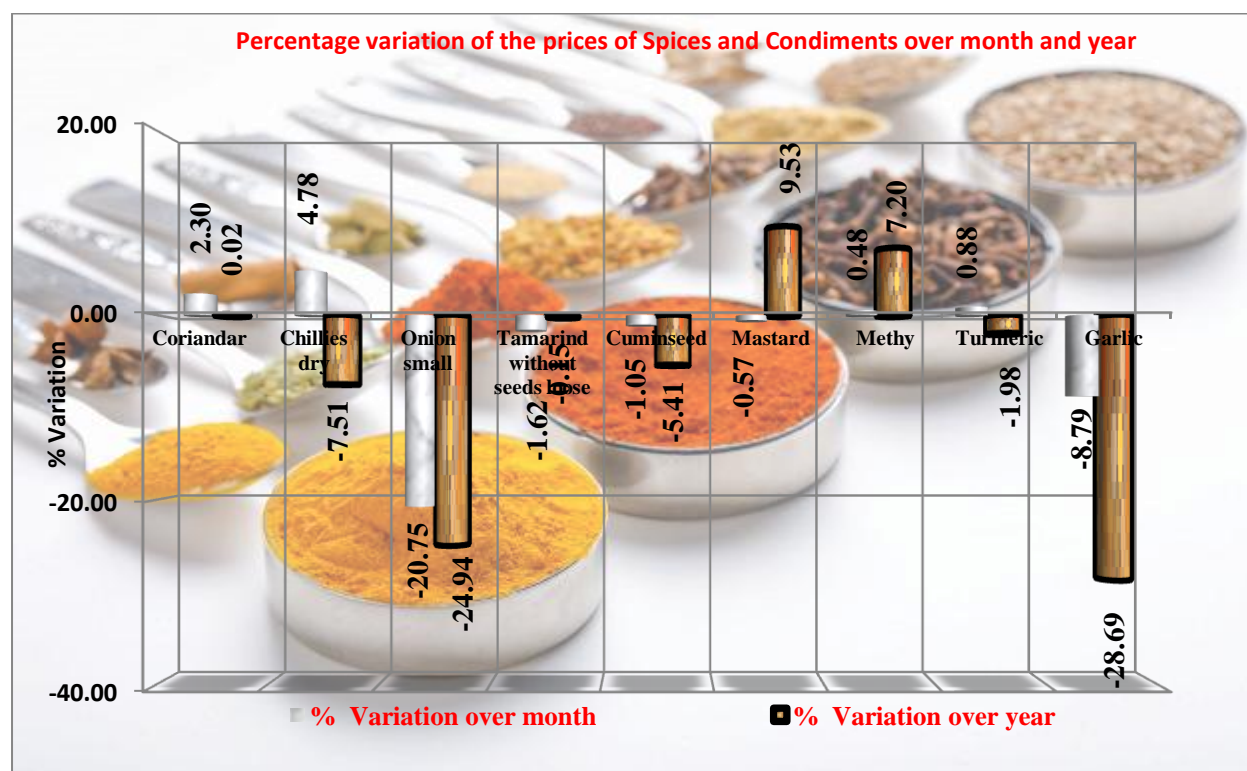
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (28.69%), Onion small (24.94%), Chillies Dry(7.51%), Cuminseed(5.41%) while notable increase was seen in the price of Mustard (9.53%) and Methy (7.20). All the remaining items showed a slight variations.

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	101.02	98.77	101.04	2.30	0.02
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	191.66	169.17	177.26	4.78	-7.51
3	Onion small	Kg.	74.82	70.86	56.16	-20.75	-24.94
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	159.38	161.76	159.14	-1.62	-0.15
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.88	29.52	29.21	-1.05	-5.41
6	Mustard	100gm	9.55	10.52	10.46	-0.57	9.53
7	Methy	100gm	9.86	10.52	10.57	0.48	7.20
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.73	18.20	18.36	0.88	-1.98
9	Garlic	100gm	16.73	13.08	11.93	-8.79	-28.69

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

Mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month while a decreasing trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The prices of Potato and Elephant yam increased by 1.13 %, 0.10 % while the prices of Colocassia, and Tapioca raw decreased by 3.30% and 1.71% respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

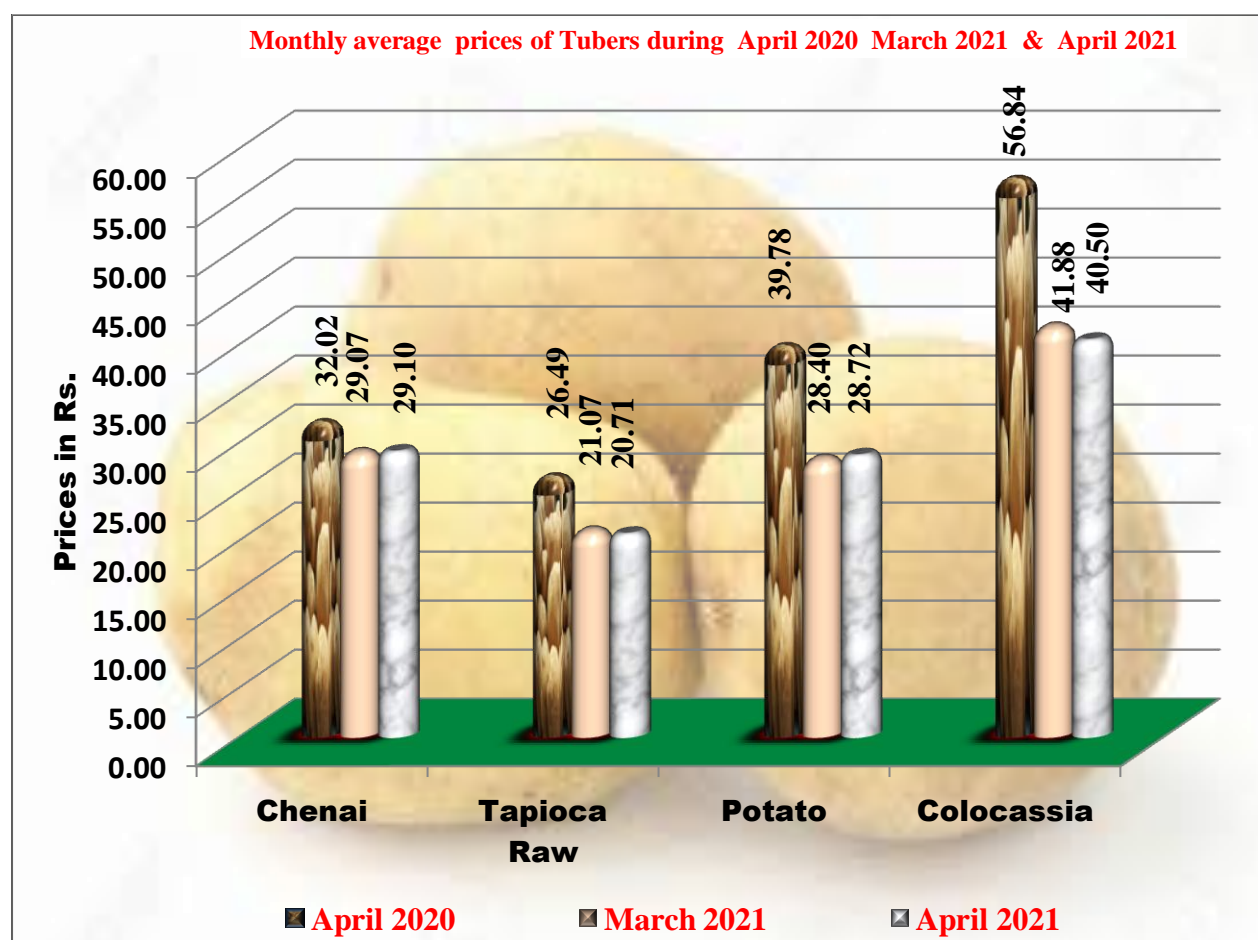
Decreasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of and Colocassia (28.75%) Potato (27.80%) and Tapioca raw (21.82 %).

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	32.02	29.07	29.10	0.10	-9.12
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	26.49	21.07	20.71	-1.71	-21.82
3	Potato	Kg.	39.78	28.40	28.72	1.13	-27.80
4	Colocassia	Kg.	56.84	41.88	40.50	-3.30	-28.75

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

A mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month, as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, notable increase was seen in the price of Banana green (33.08%), Chillies Green (17.49%), while Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Big (29.67%), Lady's finger (19.74%), Tomato (17.25%).

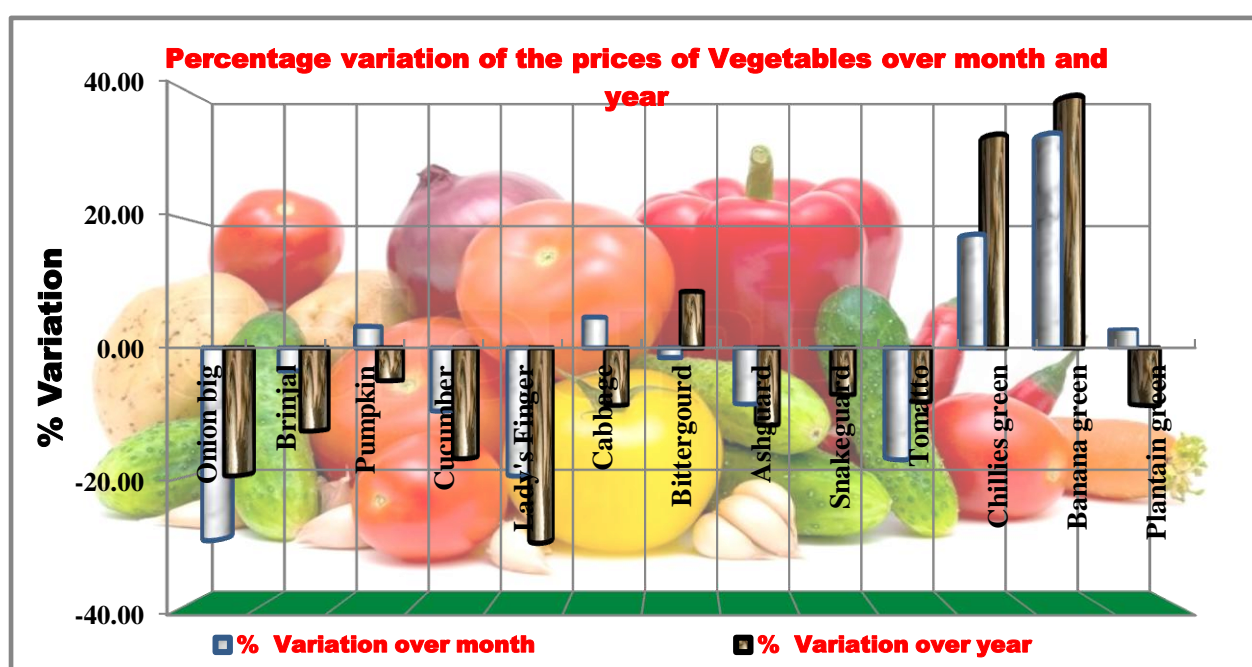
When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of all items of vegetables except Banana Green, Chillies Green and Bitter gourd showed a downward trend up to 30.07%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Lady's finger (30.07%), Onion Big (19.72%) Cucumber (17.07%) and Brinjal (12.82%), while notable increase was seen in the price Banana Green (38.86%) and Chillies Green (32.90%).

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	28.14	32.12	22.59	-29.67	-19.72
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.04	33.48	32.29	-3.55	-12.82
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	23.28	21.39	22.10	3.32	-5.07
4	Cucumber	Kg.	26.24	24.11	21.76	-9.75	-17.07
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	45.46	39.61	31.79	-19.74	-30.07
6	Cabbage	Kg.	29.33	25.52	26.73	4.74	-8.86
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.62	50.35	49.59	-1.51	8.70
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	26.26	25.33	23.13	-8.69	-11.92
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	34.91	32.39	32.39	0.00	-7.22
10	Tomatto	Kg.	24.18	26.79	22.17	-17.25	-8.31
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.65	5.26	6.18	17.49	32.90
12	Banana green	Kg.	32.42	33.83	45.02	33.08	38.86
13	Plantain green	Kg.	33.46	29.62	30.48	2.90	-8.91

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month, while an increasing trend was observed when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the state average retail prices of Cement (Sankar) increased 5.37 %, while the prices of all other items showed a marginal variations.

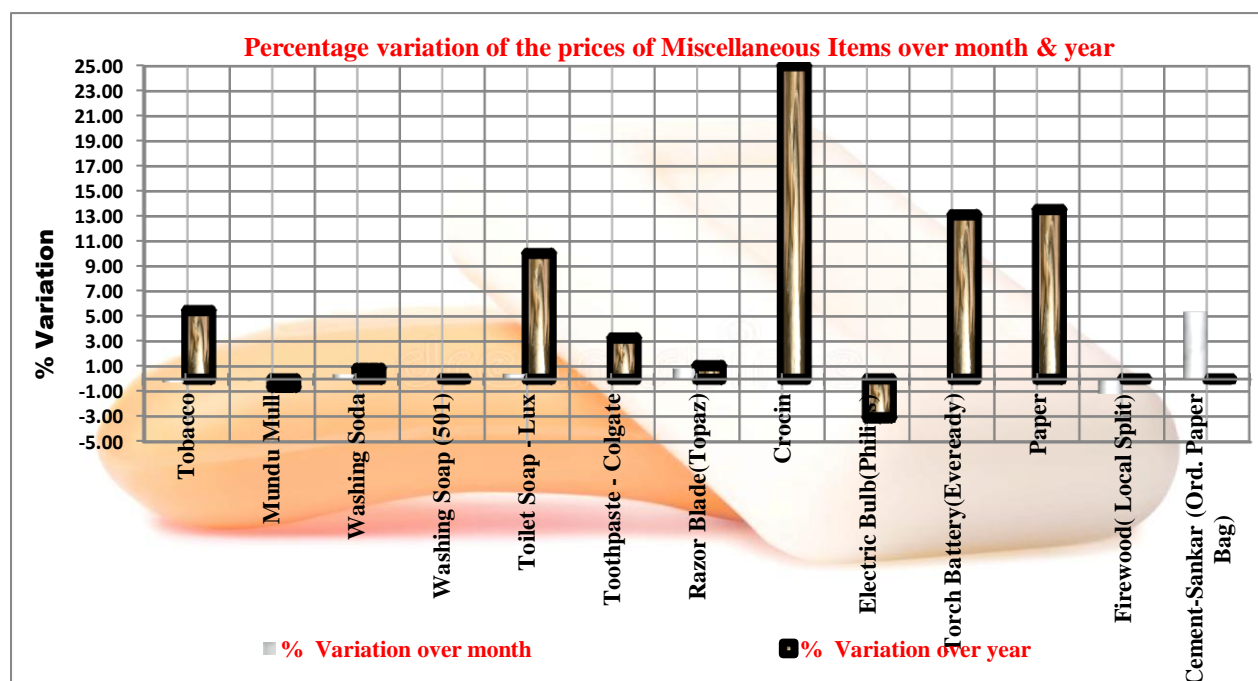
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous Year the state average retail price of all items except Electric bulb (Philips) and Mundu mull showed an upward trend up to 25%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Crocin (25%), Paper (13.52%) and Torch Battery (Eveready) (13.10%),

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	
			April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	198.28	209.64	209.11	-0.25	5.46
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.60	138.92	138.71	-0.15	-0.64
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	48.90	49.12	49.31	0.39	0.84
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.80	26.07	26.18	0.42	10.02
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.91	51.50	51.54	0.08	3.27
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	9.40	9.42	9.50	0.85	1.06
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	25.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.89	14.43	14.43	0.00	-3.08
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	20.78	23.48	23.50	0.09	13.10
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.75	17.88	17.88	0.00	13.52
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	-	512.00	506.00	-1.17	-
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	-	427.41	450.38	5.37	-

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of April 2021							
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	A. RICE - Open Market						
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	B. PULSES						
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5	Red gram	Kg	80.97	81.87	82.09	0.27	1.38
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	103.80	112.15	114.07	1.71	9.89
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	82.91	80.08	80.73	0.81	-2.63
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	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.47	37.40	37.92	1.39	-6.30
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2	Chilies dry	Kg.	191.66	169.17	177.26	4.78	-7.51
3	Onion small	Kg.	74.82	70.86	56.16	-20.75	-24.94
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	159.38	161.76	159.14	-1.62	-0.15
5	Cuminseed	100gm	30.88	29.52	29.21	-1.05	-5.41
6	Mustard	100gm	9.55	10.52	10.46	-0.57	9.53
7	Methy	100gm	9.86	10.52	10.57	0.48	7.20
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.73	18.20	18.36	0.88	-1.98
9	Garlic	100gm	16.73	13.08	11.93	-8.79	-28.69

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5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	45.46	39.61	31.79	-19.74	-30.07
6	Cabbage	Kg	29.33	25.52	26.73	4.74	-8.86
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	45.62	50.35	49.59	-1.51	8.70
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	26.26	25.33	23.13	-8.69	-11.92
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	34.91	32.39	32.39	0.00	-7.22
10	Tomato	Kg.	24.18	26.79	22.17	-17.25	-8.31
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.65	5.26	6.18	17.49	32.90
12	Banana green	Kg.	32.42	33.83	45.02	33.08	38.86
13	Plantain green	Kg.	33.46	29.62	30.48	2.90	-8.91
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	198.28	209.64	209.11	-0.25	5.46
2	Mundu Mull	Each	139.60	138.92	138.71	-0.15	-0.64
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	48.90	49.12	49.31	0.39	0.84
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	#DIV/0!	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	23.80	26.07	26.18	0.42	10.02
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	49.91	51.50	51.54	0.08	3.27
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	9.40	9.42	9.50	0.85	1.06
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	25.00
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.89	14.43	14.43	0.00	-3.08
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	20.78	23.48	23.50	0.09	13.10
11	Paper	24 Sheets	15.75	17.88	17.88	0.00	13.52
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	-	512.00	506.00	-1.17	-
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	-	427.41	450.38	5.37	-