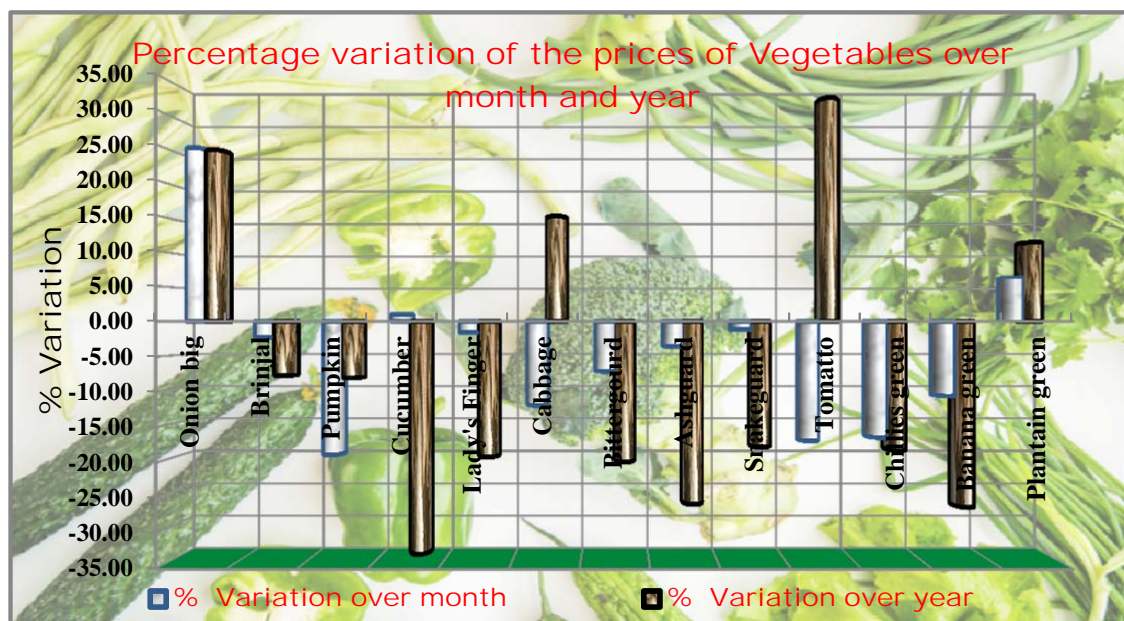




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PREFACE

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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 August 2019. 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 2018, previous month July 2019 and current month of August 2019 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 Red chamba and White Andhra Vella showed a nominal decrease while that of Red Matta increased by 2.16% 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 Red Chamba decreased by 1.46% and 10.23% while that of White Andhra Vella increased by 0.57%. 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 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.37	37.97	38.79	2.16	-1.46
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	44.00	39.75	39.50	-0.63	-10.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.49	36.71	36.70	-0.03	0.57

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

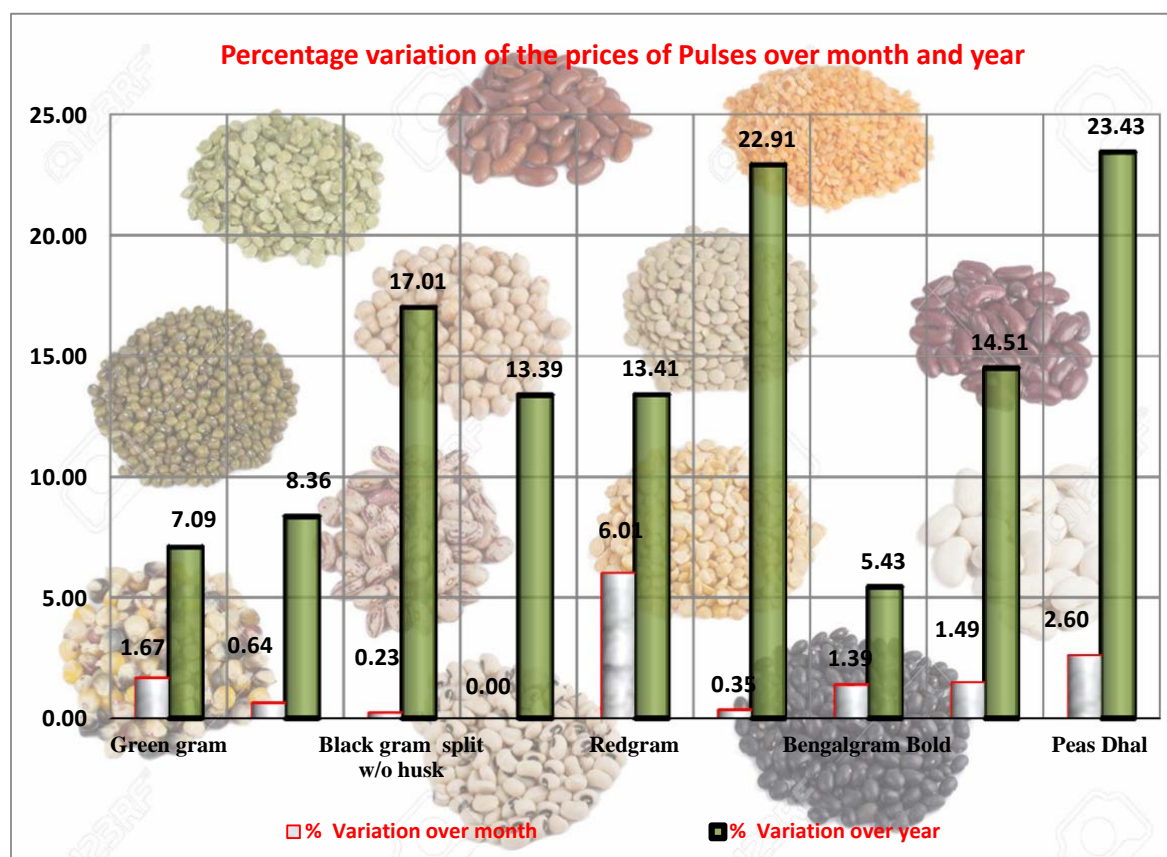
During this period an upward trend was observed in the state average retail price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail price of all items of Pulses except Blackgram split w/o husk showed an upward trend up to 6.01% 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 showed an upward trend up to 23.43%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Peas Dhall (23.43%) 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 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	89.35	94.11	95.69	1.67	7.09
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	90.17	97.09	97.71	0.64	8.36
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	81.14	94.73	94.94	0.23	17.01
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	81.80	92.75	92.75	0.00	13.39
5	Redgram	Kg	68.38	73.14	77.54	6.01	13.41
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	80.99	99.20	99.54	0.35	22.91
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	73.27	76.20	77.25	1.39	5.43
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	64.34	72.60	73.68	1.49	14.51
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	56.32	67.75	69.51	2.60	23.43

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

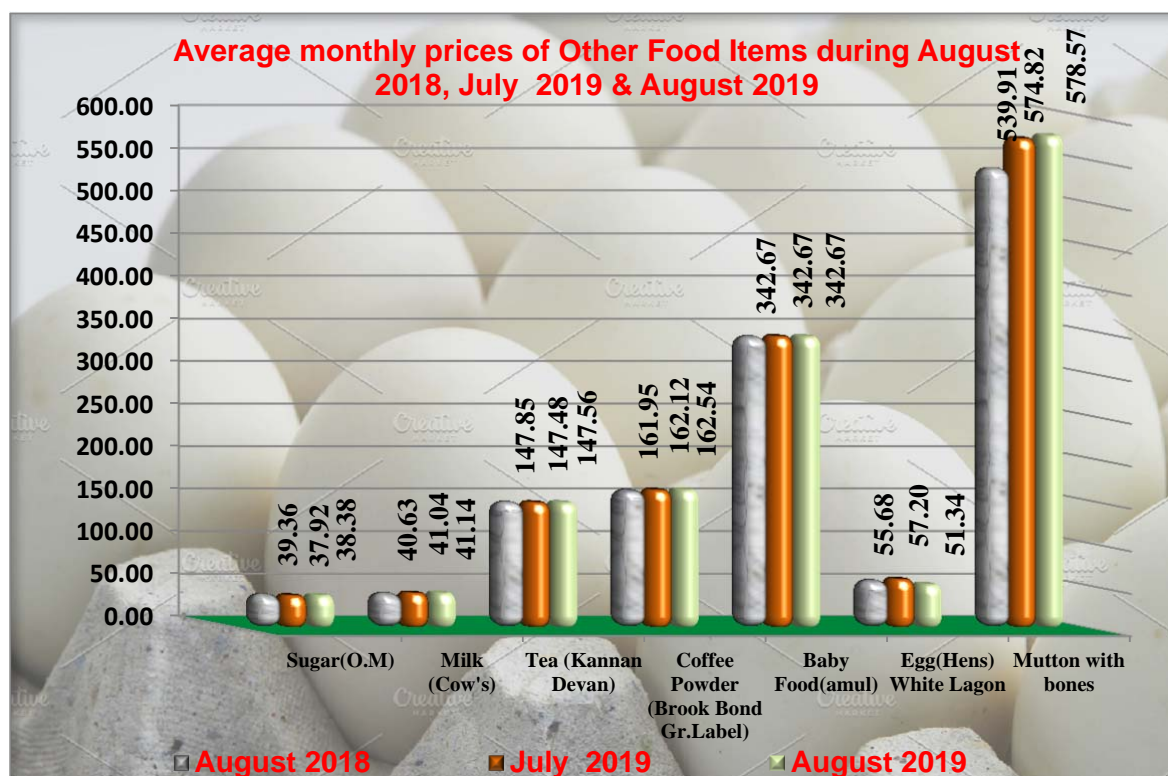
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Egg(Hens) White Lagon decreased by 10.23% and the prices of Baby Food (Amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 1.21% 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 (Hens) White Lagon decreased by 2.50%, 0.20% and 7.79% respectively and that of Baby Food (Amul) showed no change while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 7.16% 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 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.36	37.92	38.38	1.21	-2.50
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.63	41.04	41.14	0.26	1.26
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.85	147.48	147.56	0.05	-0.20
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.95	162.12	162.54	0.26	0.37
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	55.68	57.20	51.34	-10.23	-7.79
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	539.91	574.82	578.57	0.65	7.16

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

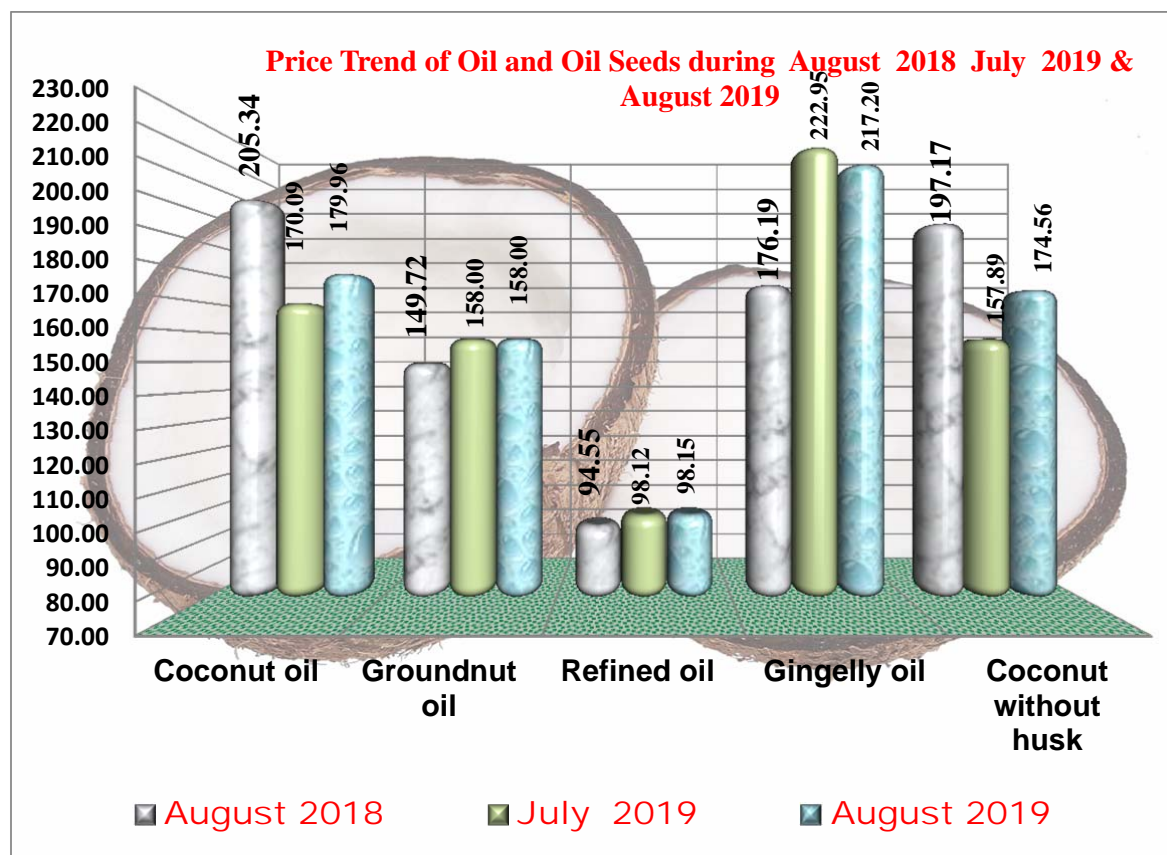
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of Oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Coconut Oil, Refined Oil and Coconut without husk showed an upward trend up to 10.56% and that of Groundnut oil remain unchanged while the price of Gingelly oil decreased by 2.58% 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 23.27%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Gingelly oil (23.27%) and decrease was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (12.36%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	205.34	170.09	179.96	5.80	-12.36
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	149.72	158.00	158.00	0.00	5.53
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	94.55	98.12	98.15	0.03	3.80
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	176.19	222.95	217.20	-2.58	23.27
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	197.17	157.89	174.56	10.56	-11.47

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

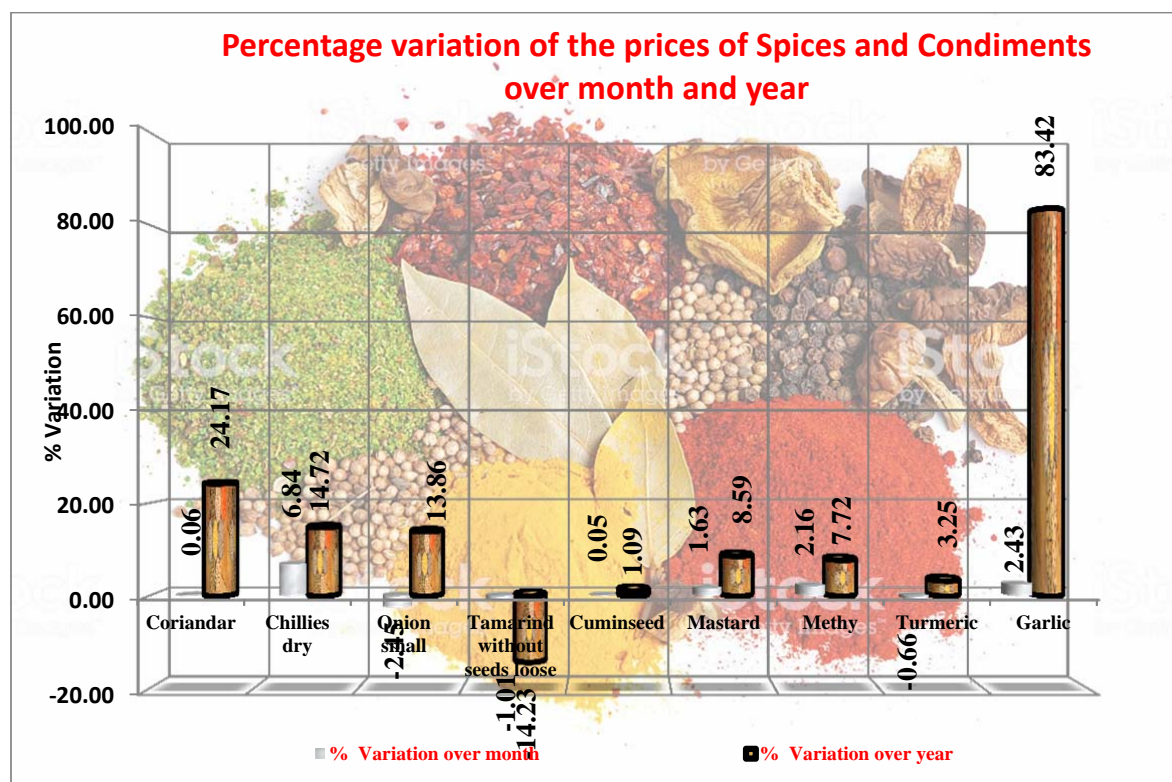
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the State average retail price of spices and condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of all items of Spices and Condiments except Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose and Turmeric showed an upward trend up to 6.84% 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 all items of spices and condiments except Tamarind without seeds loose showed an upward trend up to 83.42%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (83.42%) and Coriander (24.17%) 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 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	82.74	102.68	102.74	0.06	24.17
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	125.28	134.52	143.71	6.84	14.72
3	Onion small	Kg.	53.56	62.52	60.99	-2.45	13.86
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	163.42	141.61	140.17	-1.01	-14.23
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.69	30.00	30.01	0.05	1.09
6	Mustard	100gm	8.83	9.43	9.58	1.63	8.59
7	Methy	100gm	9.30	9.80	10.01	2.16	7.72
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.24	18.96	18.83	-0.66	3.25
9	Garlic	100gm	7.01	12.55	12.86	2.43	83.42

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

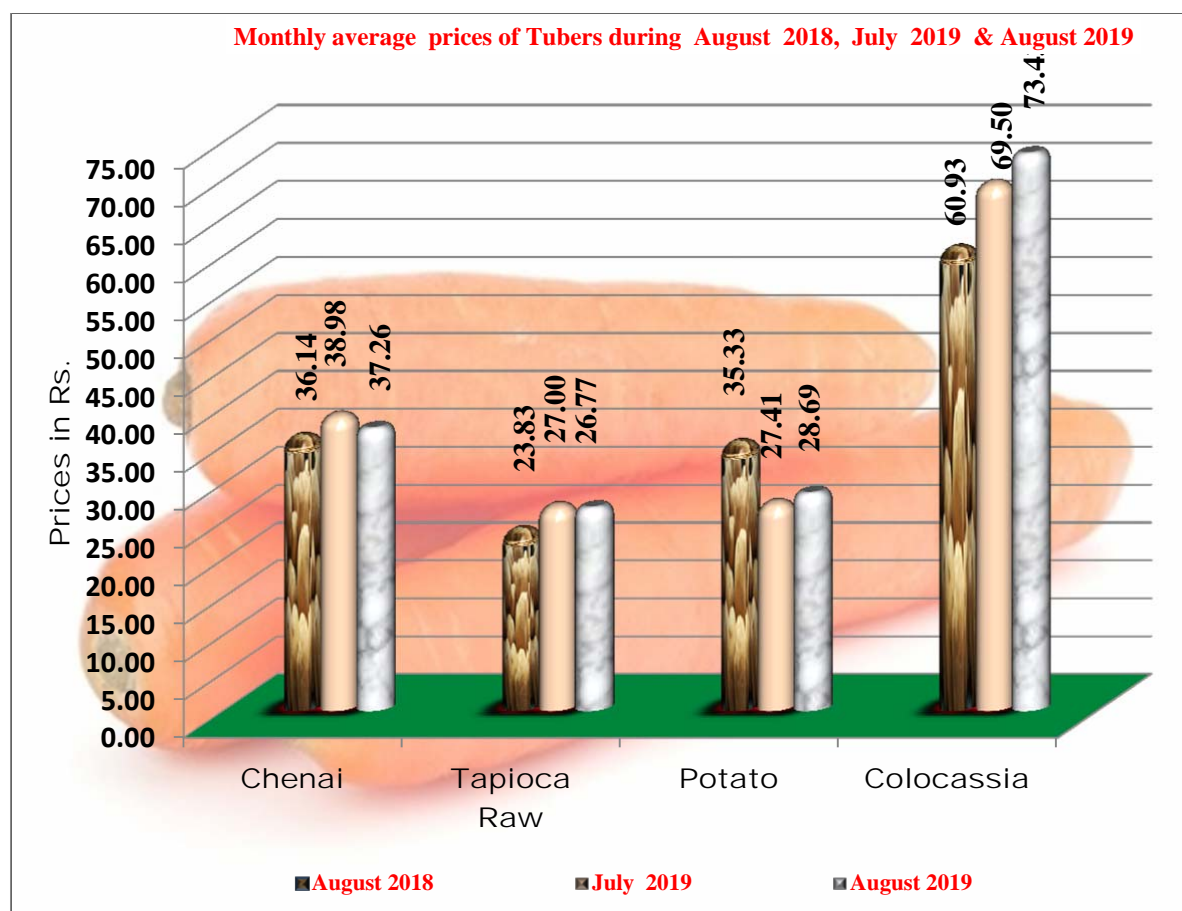
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers except Chennai and Tapioca Raw showed an upward trend up to 5.66% 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 an upward trend up to 20.52%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Colocassia (20.52%) 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	
			August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	36.14	38.98	37.26	-4.43	3.09
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.83	27.00	26.77	-0.86	12.35
3	Potato	Kg.	35.33	27.41	28.69	4.66	-18.81
4	Colocassia	Kg.	60.93	69.50	73.43	5.66	20.52

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 all items of Vegetables except Onion big, Cucumber and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 19.43% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (25.23%) when compared with the prices of the previous month.

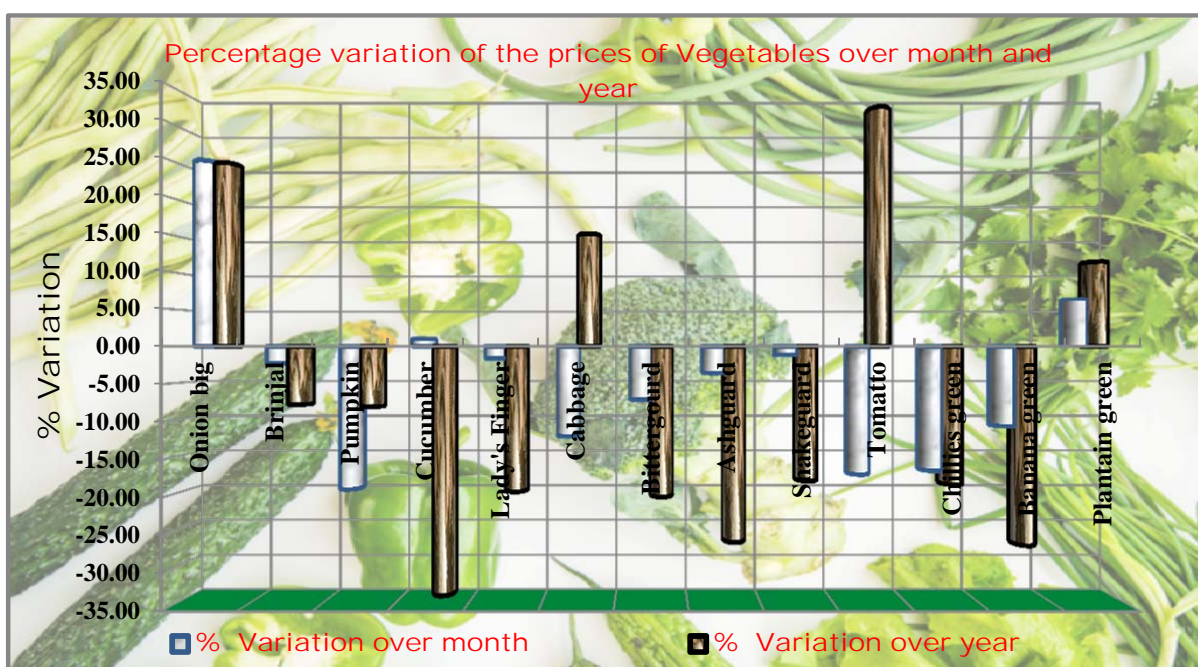
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items of Vegetables except Onion big, Cabbage, Tomato and Plantain green showed a downward trend up to 33.81%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (32.47%) and decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber (33.81%)

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	
			August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.54	24.48	30.66	25.23	24.91
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.72	35.55	34.73	-2.31	-7.93
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	23.88	27.20	21.91	-19.43	-8.23
4	Cucumber	Kg.	33.13	21.71	21.93	1.00	-33.81
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	44.13	36.02	35.43	-1.64	-19.72
6	Cabbage	Kg	32.15	42.22	37.06	-12.22	15.26
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	59.46	51.02	47.31	-7.26	-20.42
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	30.30	23.09	22.25	-3.64	-26.58
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	44.43	36.75	36.32	-1.18	-18.27
10	Tomatto	Kg.	23.19	37.20	30.73	-17.40	32.47
11	Chillies green	100gm	6.24	6.10	5.07	-16.89	-18.78
12	Banana green	Kg.	55.58	45.50	40.56	-10.86	-27.03
13	Plantain green	Kg.	34.01	35.62	37.91	6.42	11.47

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

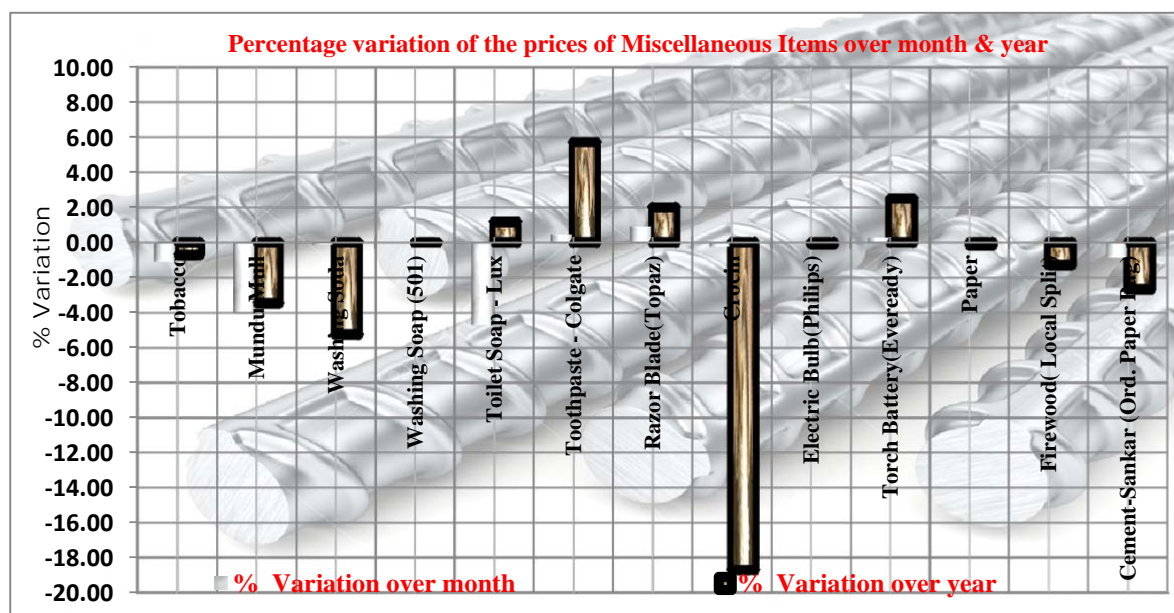
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of miscellaneous when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Tobacco ,Mundu Mull,Washing Soda, Toilet Soap Lux, Crocin and Cement – Sankar(Ord.Paper Bag)showed a downward trend up to 4.67% and the prices of Electric Bulb(Philips) ,Paper and Firewood (Local Split) remain unchanged while the prices of all other items of miscellaneous showed an upward trend up to 0.89% 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 Toilet Soap-Lux, Toothpaste –Colgate, Razor Blade (Topaz) and Torch Battery (Eveready) showed a downward trend up to 18.70%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Crocin (18.70%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.02	196.79	194.64	-1.09	-0.70
2	Mundu Mull	Each	142.68	143.42	137.75	-3.95	-3.46
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.58	45.13	45.08	-0.10	-5.25
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.07	29.79	28.40	-4.67	1.16
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.72	49.16	49.39	0.46	5.71
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.41	8.50	8.58	0.89	2.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.00	-0.25	-18.70
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.85	14.85	0.00	-0.09
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	18.89	19.31	19.36	0.28	2.49
11	Paper	24Sheet	17.68	17.65	17.65	0.00	-0.16
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	501.46	495.00	495.00	0.00	-1.29
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	405.82	398.40	394.97	-0.86	-2.67

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of August 2019							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.37	37.97	38.79	2.16	-1.46
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	44.00	39.75	39.50	-0.63	-10.23
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	36.49	36.71	36.70	-0.03	0.57
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	89.35	94.11	95.69	1.67	7.09
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	90.17	97.09	97.71	0.64	8.36
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	81.14	94.73	94.94	0.23	17.01
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	81.80	92.75	92.75	0.00	13.39
5	Redgram	Kg	68.38	73.14	77.54	6.01	13.41
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	80.99	99.20	99.54	0.35	22.91
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	73.27	76.20	77.25	1.39	5.43
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	64.34	72.60	73.68	1.49	14.51
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	56.32	67.75	69.51	2.60	23.43
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.36	37.92	38.38	1.21	-2.50
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	40.63	41.04	41.14	0.26	1.26
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.85	147.48	147.56	0.05	-0.20
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	161.95	162.12	162.54	0.26	0.37
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	342.67	342.67	342.67	0.00	0.00
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	55.68	57.20	51.34	-10.23	-7.79
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	539.91	574.82	578.57	0.65	7.16
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	205.34	170.09	179.96	5.80	-12.36
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	149.72	158.00	158.00	0.00	5.53
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	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	82.74	102.68	102.74	0.06	24.17
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	125.28	134.52	143.71	6.84	14.72
3	Onion small	Kg.	53.56	62.52	60.99	-2.45	13.86
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	163.42	141.61	140.17	-1.01	-14.23
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.69	30.00	30.01	0.05	1.09
6	Mustard	100gm	8.83	9.43	9.58	1.63	8.59
7	Methy	100gm	9.30	9.80	10.01	2.16	7.72
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.24	18.96	18.83	-0.66	3.25
9	Garlic	100gm	7.01	12.55	12.86	2.43	83.42

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Chenai	Kg.	36.14	38.98	37.26	-4.43	3.09
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.83	27.00	26.77	-0.86	12.35
3	Potato	Kg.	35.33	27.41	28.69	4.66	-18.81
4	Colocassia	Kg.	60.93	69.50	73.43	5.66	20.52
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.54	24.48	30.66	25.23	24.91
2	Brinjal	Kg.	37.72	35.55	34.73	-2.31	-7.93
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	23.88	27.20	21.91	-19.43	-8.23
4	Cucumber	Kg.	33.13	21.71	21.93	1.00	-33.81
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	44.13	36.02	35.43	-1.64	-19.72
6	Cabbage	Kg	32.15	42.22	37.06	-12.22	15.26
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	59.46	51.02	47.31	-7.26	-20.42
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	30.30	23.09	22.25	-3.64	-26.58
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	44.43	36.75	36.32	-1.18	-18.27
10	Tomato	Kg.	23.19	37.20	30.73	-17.40	32.47
11	Chilies green	100gm	6.24	6.10	5.07	-16.89	-18.78
12	Banana green	Kg.	55.58	45.50	40.56	-10.86	-27.03
13	Plantain green	Kg.	34.01	35.62	37.91	6.42	11.47
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	196.02	196.79	194.64	-1.09	-0.70
2	Mundu Mull	Each	142.68	143.42	137.75	-3.95	-3.46
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	47.58	45.13	45.08	-0.10	-5.25
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.07	29.79	28.40	-4.67	1.16
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	46.72	49.16	49.39	0.46	5.71
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 Nos	8.41	8.50	8.58	0.89	2.00
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.46	2.01	2.00	-0.25	-18.70
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.86	14.85	14.85	0.00	-0.09
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	18.89	19.31	19.36	0.28	2.49
11	Paper	24 Sheets	17.68	17.65	17.65	0.00	-0.16
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	501.46	495.00	495.00	0.00	-1.29
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	405.82	398.40	394.97	-0.86	-2.67