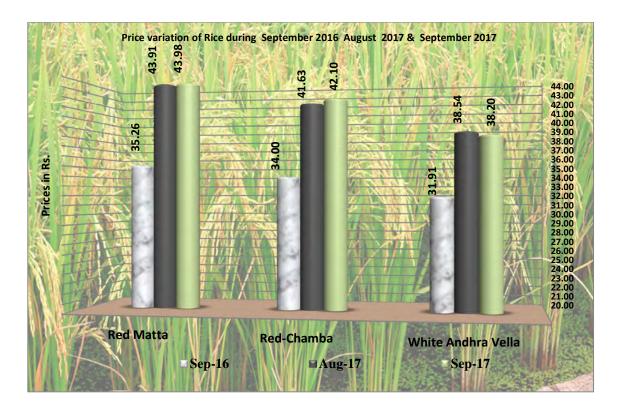


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PREFACE

Price collection is one of the major items of work undertaken by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The importance and usefulness of the information pertaining to the price movements has much significance in the context of a growing economy. This Department has been collecting different types of prices viz. Farm price, Market price, etc. (both Wholesale and Retail). These prices are being widely used for various purposes such as for the preparation of Indices, to provide compensation to Farmers and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the statement of daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assume significance, because it is being forwarded daily to the office of the Chief Minister and Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Minister for Agriculture, Chief Secretary, Food and civil Supplies Secretary, Planning secretary, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India, Consumerfed etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

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.

This publication is being prepared and published by Prices Division under the supervision of Sri.K.Damodaran,Additional Director (Prices). I appreciate the work done by Smt.Maya.S (Assistant Director), Smt.K.Indira Devi (Research Officer), Sri.Sooraj Cheruthottathil (Statistical Assistant Grade I) and all the Price Reporters and Price Supervisors in the Districts for preparing such a worthy publication.

Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

SEPTEMBER 2017

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of September 2017. An increasing trend has been seen in the retail prices except the Pulses Items 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 September of the previous year 2016, previous month August 2017 and current month of September 2017 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

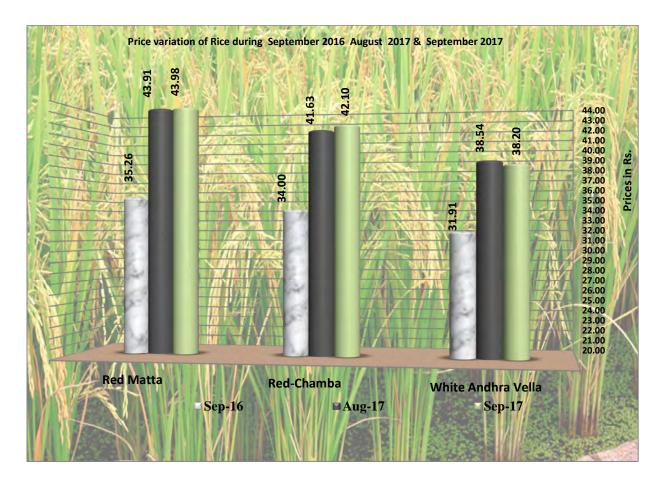
During this period a mixed trend was observed in the state average retail price of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The State average retail prices of Red Matta and Red Chamba showed an upward trend up to 1.14% while the price of White Andhra vella showed a negative change up to 0.88% 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 Rice showed an upward trend up to 24.72% .Notable increase was seen in the price of Red Matta (24.72%), Red Chamba (23.82%) and White Andhra vella (19.73%) 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.

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Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	Percentage Variation		
			September 2016	August 2017	Over month	Over year	
Ι	Red - Matta	Kg	35.26	43.91	43.98	0.16	24.72
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.00	41.63	42.10	1.14	23.82
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.91	38.54	38.20	-0.88	19.73

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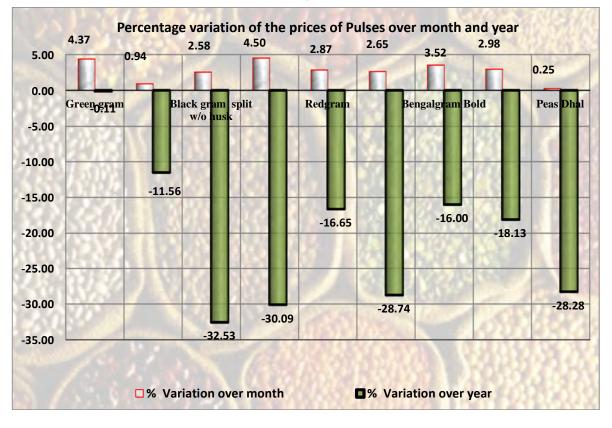
2. PULSES Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

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. The State average retail the price of all items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 4.50% 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 a downward trend up to 32.53% when compared with the prices of the previous year. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Blackgram split w/o husk (32.53%), Blackgram split with husk (30.09%), Dhal (Tur) (28.74%) and Peas Dhall (28.28%) 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.

	Jen of Person		Table-2					
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o)n	Percentage Of Variation		
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over month	Over year	
1	Green gram	Kg	86.96	83.22	86.86	4.37	-0.11	
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	104.37	91.45	92.31	0.94	-11.56	
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	150.78	99.18	101.74	2.58	-32.53	
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	146.84	98.23	102.65	4.50	-30.09	
5	Redgram	Kg	93.00	75.35	77.52	2.87	-16.65	
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	121.73	84.50	86.74	2.65	-28.74	
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	116.45	94.49	97.81	3.52	-16.00	
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	104.09	82.75	85.21	2.98	-18.13	
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	57.66	41.25	41.35	0.25	-28.28	





3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

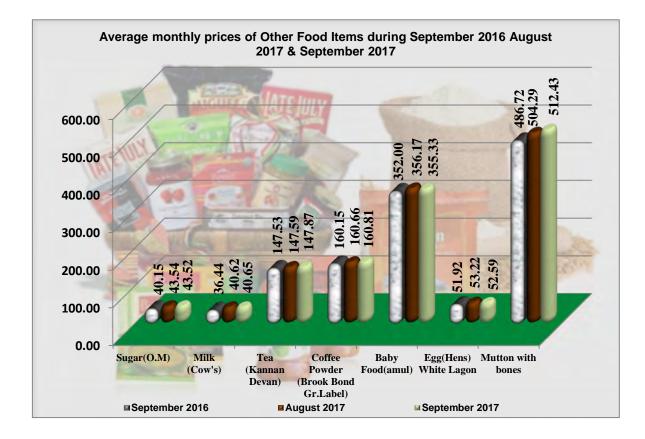
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The State average retail prices of Sugar (O.M), Baby Food (amul) and Egg (Hens)White Lagon showed a downward trend up to 1.17 % while the price of all other items of other food items showed an upward trend up to 1.61% 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 other food items showed an upward trend up to 11.57% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pı	rices (in Rs.) o	'n	Percentage Of Variation		
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over month	Over year	
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.15	43.54	43.52	-0.04	8.40	
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.44	40.62	40.65	0.09	11.57	
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.53	147.59	147.87	0.19	0.23	
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.15	160.66	160.81	0.10	0.42	
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	352.00	356.17	355.33	-0.23	0.95	
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	51.92	53.22	52.59	-1.17	1.29	
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	486.72	504.29	512.43	1.61	5.28	

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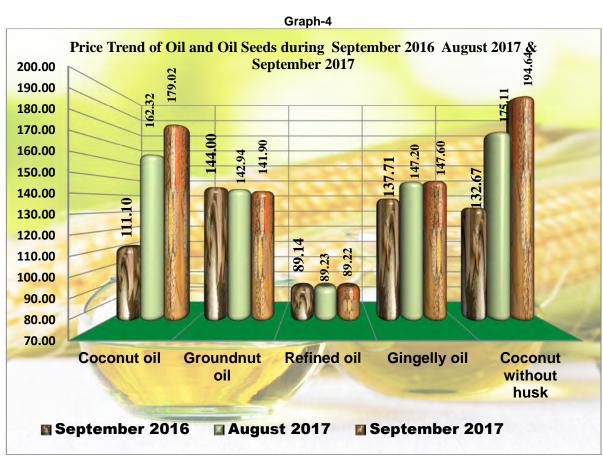
4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

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 as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Groundnut oil and Refined oil showed a negative change while the price of all other items of oil and oil seeds showed an upward trend up to 11.15 % 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 Groundnut oil showed an upward trend up to 61.13% .Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut Oil (61.13%) and Coconut without husk (46.71%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-4										
Sl.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage Of Variation					
No											
			September 2016	August 2017	Over month	Over year					
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	111.10	162.32	179.02	10.29	61.13				
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	144.00	142.94	141.90	-0.73	-1.46				
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.14	89.23	89.22	-0.01	0.08				
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	137.71 147.20 147.60			0.27	7.18				
5	Coconut without husk	10									
		nos	132.67	175.11	194.64	11.15	46.71				



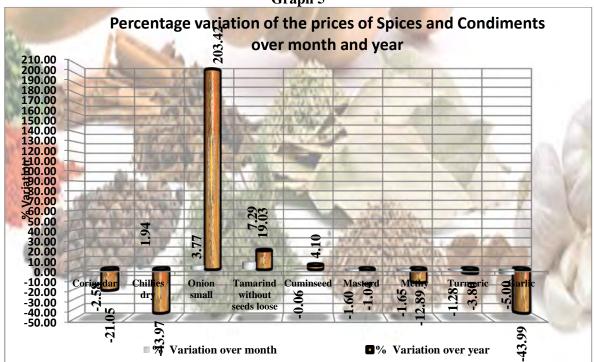
5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

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 Chillies dry, Onion small and Tamarind without seeds loose showed an upward trend up to 7.29% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed a downward trend up to 5.00% 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 Coriander, Chillies dry, Mustard, Methy, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend up to 43.99% while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 203.42% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion small (203.42%) and decrease was seen in the price of Chillies dry (43.97%) and Garlic(43.99%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pı	rices (in Rs.)	Percentage of Variation		
			September 2016August 2017September 2017		Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Coriander	Kg.	114.58	92.85	90.46	-2.58	-21.05
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	159.93	87.90	89.60	1.94	-43.97
3	Onion small	Kg.	32.40	94.73	98.30	3.77	203.42
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	109.75	121.76	130.63	7.29	19.03
5	Cuminseed	100gm	27.60	28.75	28.73	-0.06	4.10
6	Mustard	100gm	9.06	9.11	8.96	-1.60	-1.04
7	Methy	100gm	11.42	10.11	9.95	-1.65	-12.89
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.05	18.57	18.33	-1.28	-3.80
9	Garlic	100gm	15.94	9.40	8.93	-5.00	-43.99



Graph 5

6. TUBERS

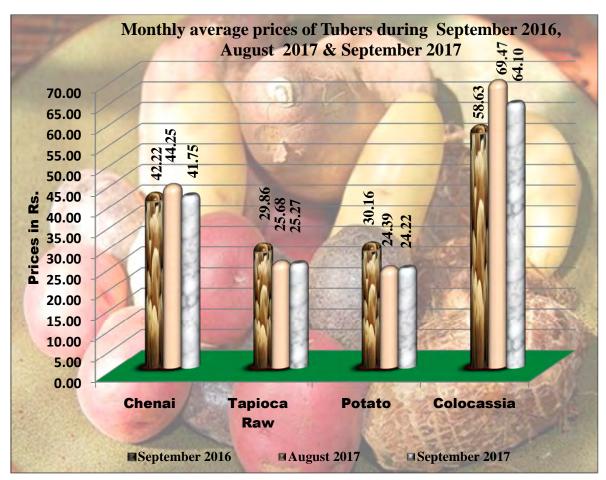
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period a downward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of Tubers showed a downward trend up to 7.73% 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 Colocassia showed a downward trend up to 19.71%. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Potato (19.71%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year

	Table-6										
SI.	Name of	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage of Variation					
No.	Commodity										
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year				
1	Chenai	Kg.	42.22	44.25	41.75	-5.66	-1.11				
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.86	25.68	25.27	-1.59	-15.38				
3	Potato	Kg.	30.16	24.39	24.22	-0.71	-19.71				
4	Colocassia	Kg.	58.63	69.47	64.10	-7.73	9.34				

Graph 6



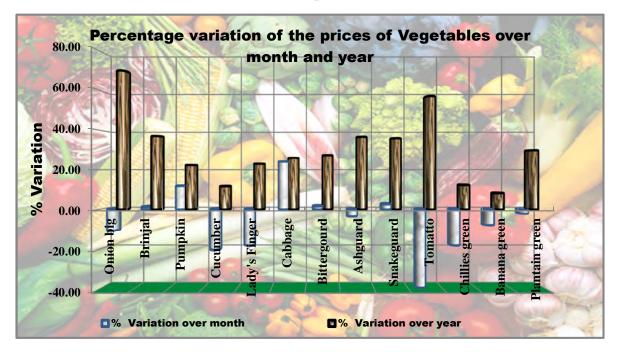
7. VEGETABLES

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. The state average retail prices of Brinjal ,Pumpkin, Cabbage, Bittergourd and Snakegourd, showed an upward trend up to 24.12% while the prices of all other items of vegetables showed a downward trend up to 39.01% when compared with the prices of the previous month. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (39.01%) 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 showed an upward trend up to 69.80% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion big (69.80%) Brinjal (36.93%), Ashgourd (36.52%) Snakegourd (35.82%) and Tomato (56.85%) 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.

Sl.	Name of	Unit	Pi	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage Of Variation		
No.	Commodity		September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.54	33.25	29.78	-10.42	69.80	
2	Brinjal	Kg.	27.64	37.38	37.85	1.25	36.93	
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	19.05	20.81	23.30	11.98	22.34	
4	Cucumber	Kg.	19.47	27.21	21.76	-20.03	11.78	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.78	43.09	35.40	-17.85	23.00	
6	Cabbage	Kg	26.78	27.19	33.75	24.12	26.00	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.26	51.74	52.56	1.60	27.40	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.03	28.23	27.34	-3.15	36.52	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.93	40.94	42.02	2.64	35.82	
10	Tomatto	Kg.	20.01	51.47	31.39	-39.01	56.85	
11	Chillies green	100gm	4.69	6.42	5.28	-17.85	12.45	
12	Banana green	Kg.	54.81	64.22	59.36	-7.57	8.29	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	33.82	44.82	43.95	-1.94	29.93	



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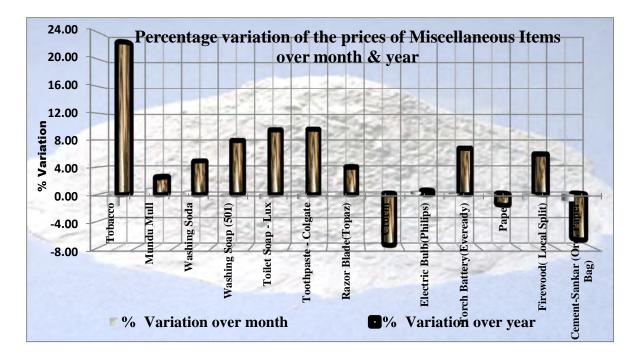
8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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 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 all items of miscellaneous except Mundu Mull, Washing Soda, Electric Bulb (Philips), Torch Battery (Eveready) showed a decreasing trend up to 1.93% and the State average retail price of Razor Blade (Topaz), Crocin and Paper showed no change, 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 Crocin, Paper and Cement –Sankar (Ord Paper Bag) showed an increasing trend up to 22.53%. Notable increase was seen in the priceTobacco (22.53%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

	Table-8									
Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pr	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation			
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over previous month	Over previous Year			
1	Tobacco	Kg.	163.57	204.38	200.43	-1.93	22.53			
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.25	135.42	136.57	0.85	2.49			
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.21	46.18	46.38	0.44	4.91			
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.00	17.33	17.26	-0.38	7.90			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	25.39	28.00	27.79	-0.77	9.45			
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	45.39	50.11	49.71	-0.79	9.54			
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.08	8.40	8.40	0.00	3.96			
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.66	2.46	2.46	0.00	-7.52			
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.84	14.85	14.91	0.38	0.47			
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	17.75	18.94	18.96	0.09	6.82			
11	Paper	24Sheet	16.93	16.65	16.65	0.00	-1.64			
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	478.57	507.50	507.14	-0.07	5.97			
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	418.91	394.85	390.63	-1.07	-6.75			



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	Statement Showing T		0		ssential Con	modities	
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Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage of Variation	
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
Ι	Red - Matta	Kg	35.26	43.91	43.98	0.16	24.72
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.00	41.63	42.10	1.14	23.82
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.91	38.54	38.20	-0.88	19.73
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	86.96	83.22	86.86	4.37	-0.11
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	104.37	91.45	92.31	0.94	-11.56
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	150.78	99.18	101.74	2.58	-32.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	146.84	98.23	102.65	4.50	-30.09
5	Redgram	Kg	93.00	75.35	77.52	2.87	-16.65
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	121.73	84.50	86.74	2.65	-28.74
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	116.45	94.49	97.81	3.52	-16.00
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	104.09	82.75	85.21	2.98	-18.13
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	57.66	41.25	41.35	0.25	-28.28
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.15	43.54	43.52	-0.04	8.40
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	36.44	40.62	40.65	0.09	11.57
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	147.53	147.59	147.87	0.19	0.23
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	160.15	160.66	160.81	0.10	0.42
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	352.00	356.17	355.33	-0.23	0.95
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	51.92	53.22	52.59	-0.23	1.29
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	486.72	504.29	512.43	1.61	5.28
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS	0	400112	004120	012.40	1.01	5.20
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	111.10	162.32	179.02	10.29	61.13
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	144.00	142.94	141.90	-0.73	-1.46
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	89.14	89.23	89.22	-0.01	0.08
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	137.71	147.20	147.60	0.27	7.18
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	132.67	175.11	194.64	11.15	46.71
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	114.58	92.85	90.46	-2.58	-21.05
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	159.93	87.90	89.60	1.94	-43.97
3	Onion small	Kg.	32.40	94.73	98.30	3.77	203.42
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	109.75	121.76	130.63	7.29	19.03
5	Cuminseed	100gm	27.60	28.75	28.73	-0.06	4.10
6	Mustard	100gm	9.06	9.11	8.96	-0.00	-1.04
7	Methy	100gm	11.42	10.11	9.95	-1.65	-12.89
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.05	18.57	18.33	-1.28	-3.80
9	Garlic	100gm	15.94	9.40	8.93	-5.00	-43.99

Sl.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Price Bulletin September 2017 Percentage of				
No.			Prices (in Rs.) on			Variation	
			September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	Over month	Over year
	F. TUBERS		2010	2017	2017	month	ycai
1	Chenai	Kg.	42.22	44.25	41.75	-5.66	-1.11
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	29.86	25.68	25.27	-1.59	-15.38
3	Potato	Kg.	30.16	24.39	24.22	-0.71	-19.71
4	Colocassia	Kg.	58.63	69.47	64.10	-7.73	9.34
	G. VEGETABLES						2101
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.54	33.25	29.78	-10.42	69.80
2	Brinjal	Kg.	27.64	37.38	37.85	1.25	36.93
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	19.05	20.81	23.30	11.98	22.34
4	Cucumber	Kg.	19.47	27.21	21.76	-20.03	11.78
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	28.78	43.09	35.40	-17.85	23.00
6	Cabbage	Kg	26.78	27.19	33.75	24.12	26.00
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	41.26	51.74	52.56	1.60	27.40
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	20.03	28.23	27.34	-3.15	36.52
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	30.93	40.94	42.02	2.64	35.82
10	Tomato	Kg.	20.01	51.47	31.39	-39.01	56.85
11	Chilies green	100gm	4.69	6.42	5.28	-17.85	12.45
12	Banana green	Kg.	54.81	64.22	59.36	-7.57	8.29
13	Plantain green	Kg.	33.82	44.82	43.95	-1.94	29.93
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	163.57	204.38	200.43	-1.93	22.53
2	Mundu Mull	Each	133.25	135.42	136.57	0.85	2.49
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	44.21	46.18	46.38	0.44	4.91
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	16.00	17.33	17.26	-0.38	7.90
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	25.39	28.00	27.79	-0.77	9.45
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	45.39	50.11	49.71	-0.79	9.54
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.08	8.40	8.40	0.00	3.96
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.66	2.46	2.46	0.00	-7.52
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.84	14.85	14.91	0.38	0.47
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	17.75	18.94	18.96	0.09	6.82
11	Paper	24 Sheets	16.93	16.65	16.65	0.00	-1.64
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	478.57	507.50	507.14	-0.07	5.97
13	Cement - Sankar	Packet					
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