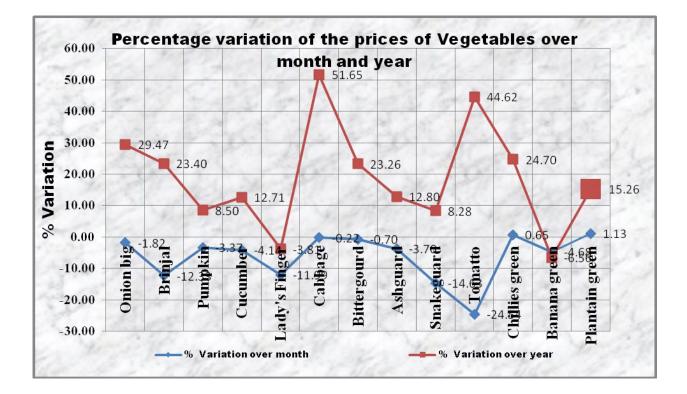


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# **REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

# **JANUARY 2015**

# Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2015. 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 January of the previous year 2014, previous month December 2014 and current month of January 2015 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 downward trend was observed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the prices of the previous month. The state average retail price of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had decreased by (2.65%),(1.84%) and (0.88%) respectively, 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 8%. The state average retail price of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra vella had increased by 0.67% ,8.38% and 4.67% respectively when compared with the prices of the Previous year. The following table and diagrame represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit		Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation		
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over month	Over year		
Ι	Red - Matta	Kg	33.04	34.16	33.26	-2.65	0.67		
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.59	37.08	36.40	-1.84	8.38		
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg							

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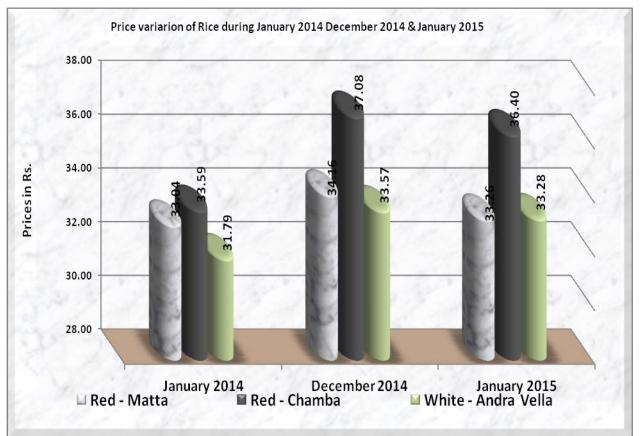
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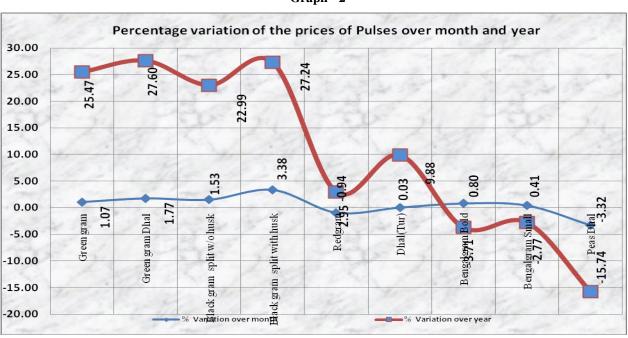
# 2. PULSES

#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail prices of Redgram and Peas Dhal showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items of pulses showed an upward trend up to 3.38% 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 Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhall had decreased by 3.71%,2.777% and 15.74% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 28%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Greengram (25.47%), Greengram dhal (27.6%) Blackgram split w/o husk (22.99%) and Blackgram split with husk (27.24%) 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	Р	rices (in Rs.) o	on	Percentage Of Variation		
			January 2014December 2014January 2015		Over month	Over year		
1	Green gram	Kg	85.89	106.63	107.77	1.07	25.47	
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	90.64	113.64	115.66	1.77	27.60	
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.84	87.02	88.35	1.53	22.99	
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.96	82.42	85.20	3.38	27.24	
5	Redgram	Kg	57.32	59.57	59.01	-0.94	2.95	
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	77.88	85.55	85.57	0.03	9.88	
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	61.48	58.73	59.20	0.80	-3.71	
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	54.50	52.78	52.99	0.41	-2.77	
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	50.45	43.97	42.51	-3.32	-15.74	



Graph - 2

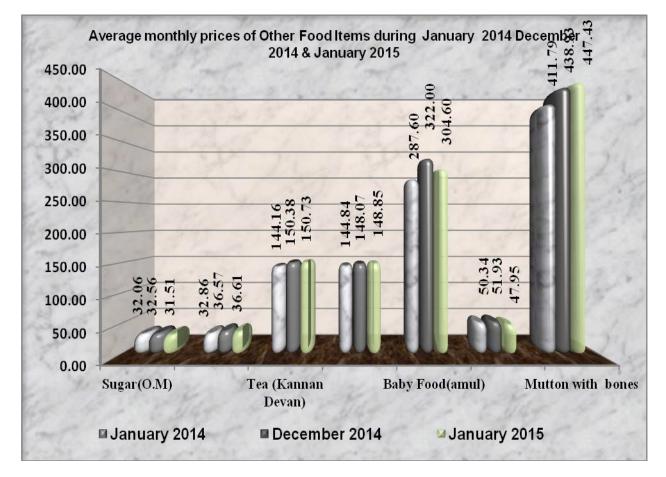
# **3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS**

#### 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 price of Sugar (O.M),), Baby Food (amul) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 1.94% 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 except Sugar (O.M) and Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed an upward trend up to 11%.

	Table-3									
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	I	Prices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation					
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over month	Over year			
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.06	32.56	31.51	-3.20	-1.71			
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.86	36.57	36.61	0.11	11.42			
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	144.16	150.38	150.73	0.23	4.55			
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke	500gms								
	Bond Gr.Label)		144.84	148.07	148.85	0.53	2.77			
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	287.60	322.00	304.60	-5.40	5.91			
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	50.34	51.93	47.95	-7.67	-4.76			
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	411.79	438.93	447.43	1.94	8.66			

#### Graph-3



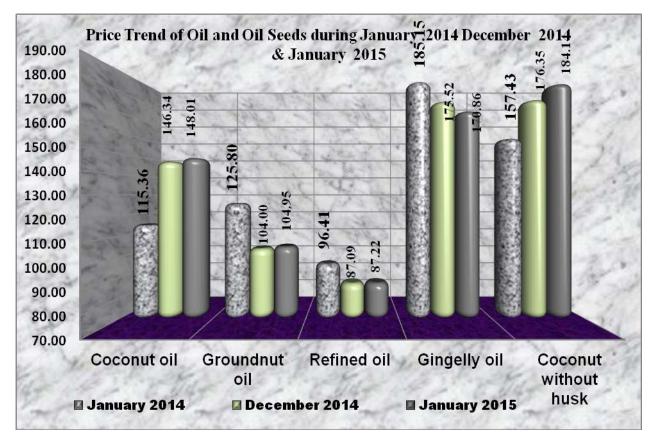
# 4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

#### Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

During this period a mixed trend was observed in the 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 all items of oil and oil seeds except Gingelly oil, showed an upward trend up to 4% 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 Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil showed a negative trend of 16.57%,9.54% and 7.72% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 28%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut oil (28.31%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.)	Percentage Of Variation		
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	115.36	146.34	148.01	1.14	28.31
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	125.80	104.00	104.95	0.91	-16.57
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	96.41	87.09	87.22	0.14	-9.54
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	185.15	175.52	170.86	-2.66	-7.72
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.43	176.35	184.14	4.42	16.97

#### Graph-4



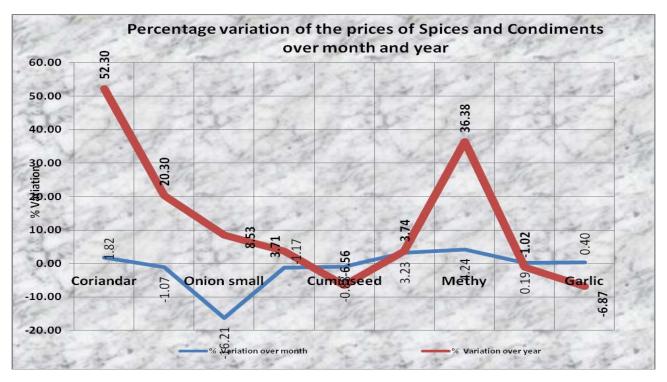
# 5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

#### **Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:**

A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The state average retail price of Chilies dry, Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose and Cuminseed showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of spices and condiments showed an upward trend up to 4% 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 Cuminseed, Turmeric and Garlic showed a negative change while the prices of all other items of Spices and Condiments showed an upward trend up to 52% when compared with the prices of the previous year Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (52.30%), and Methy (36.38%) when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

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Sl.	Name of	Unit	l	Prices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage of Variation			
No.	Commodity								
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year		
1	Corriandar	Kg.	94.82	141.84	144.42	1.82	52.30		
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	95.02	115.54	114.31	-1.07	20.30		
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.07	48.02	40.23	-16.21	8.53		
4	Tamarind without	Kg.							
	seeds loose		85.39	89.61	88.56	-1.17	3.71		
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.43	21.15	20.96	-0.88	-6.56		
6	Mustard	100gm	7.48	7.52	7.76	3.23	3.74		
7	Methy	100gm	7.15	9.35	9.74	4.24	36.38		
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.93	14.75	14.78	0.19	-1.02		
9	Garlic	100gm	9.84	9.13	9.16	0.40	-6.87		



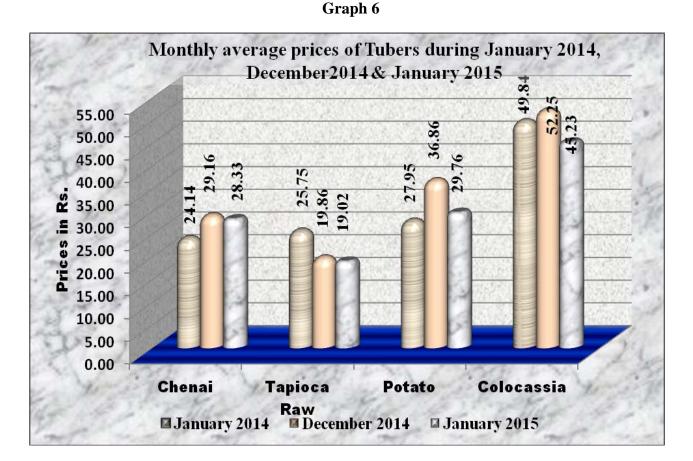
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# 6. TUBERS Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

A downward trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of tubers when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average retail prices of all items of tubers showed a downward trend up to19% 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 Chenai and Potato increased by 17.36% and 6.47% respectively, while the state average retail prices of Tapioca Raw and Colocassia showed a negative trend of 26.15% and 9.25% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit		Prices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage of Variation		
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Chenai	Kg.	24.14	29.16	28.33	-2.83	17.36	
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.75	19.86	19.02	-4.24	-26.15	
3	Potato	Kg.	27.95	36.86	29.76	-19.27	6.47	
4	Colocassia	Kg.	49.84	52.25	45.23	-13.44	-9.25	



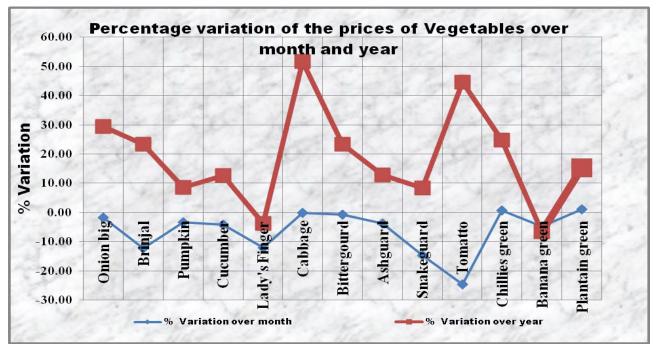
#### 7. VEGETABLES

#### 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 Chilies green and Plantain green showed an upward trend of 0.65% and 1.13% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an downward trend up to 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 Lady's Finger and Banana green showed a downward trend of 3.81%, and 6.56% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend up to 52% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Big (29.47%), Cabbage (51.65%) and Tomato(44.62%) when compared with the price 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.

Sl.	Name of	Unit	P	rices (in Rs.) o	n	Percentage Of Variation		
No.	Commodity		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Onion big	Kg.	21.59	28.47	27.95	-1.82	29.47	
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.62	33.25	29.15	-12.33	23.40	
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.66	17.59	16.99	-3.37	8.50	
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.36	19.23	18.44	-4.14	12.71	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.77	33.63	29.59	-11.99	-3.81	
6	Cabbage	Kg	21.11	32.08	32.01	-0.22	51.65	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.41	40.23	39.95	-0.70	23.26	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.25	19.04	18.33	-3.70	12.80	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	24.04	30.48	26.02	-14.63	8.28	
10	Tomato	Kg.	15.22	29.16	22.00	-24.54	44.62	
11	Chilies green	100gm	3.77	4.67	4.70	0.65	24.70	
12	Banana green	Kg.	39.02	38.25	36.46	-4.68	-6.56	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.37	27.77	28.08	1.13	15.26	



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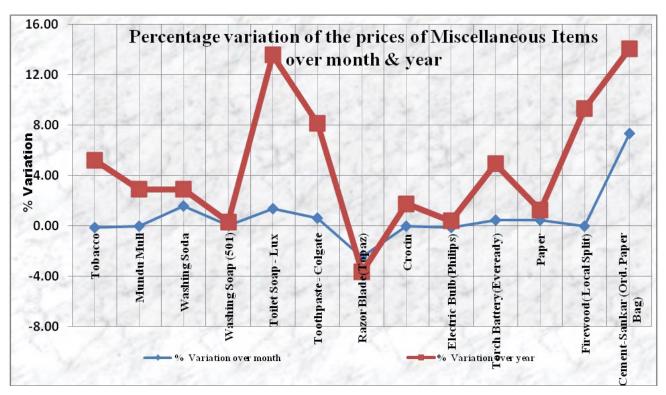
# 8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

#### Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco, Razor Blade (Topaz), and Electric Bulb (Philips) while the prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items except Razor Blade (Topaz) showed an increasing trend by 1% to 14%.

	Table-8									
Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit		Prices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage	e Of Variation			
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over previous month	Over previous Year			
1	Tobacco	Kg.	149.82	157.86	157.64	-0.13	5.22			
2	Mundu Mull	Each	115.08	118.42	118.42	0.00	2.90			
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.50	40.02	40.64	1.56	2.89			
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.02	0.32			
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.39	23.97	24.29	1.36	13.57			
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.75	39.50	39.74	0.60	8.12			
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.20	8.10	7.90	-2.47	-3.66			
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.01	3.06	3.06	0.00	1.75			
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	<b>40W</b>	14.29	14.36	14.34	-0.13	0.40			
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.38	16.07	16.14	0.47	4.92			
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.25	14.36	14.43	0.49	1.25			
12	Firewood( Local Split)	Quintal	403.75	441.43	441.43	0.00	9.33			
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	357.50	379.75	407.67	7.35	14.03			



#### Graph 8

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			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over month	Over year
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	A. RICE - Open Market						
Ι	Red - Matta	Kg	33.04	34.16	33.26	-2.65	0.67
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	33.59	37.08	36.40	-1.84	8.38
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	31.79	33.57	33.28	-0.88	4.67
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	85.89	106.63	107.77	1.07	25.47
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	90.64	113.64	115.66	1.77	27.60
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	71.84	87.02	88.35	1.53	22.99
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	66.96	82.42	85.20	3.38	27.24
5	Redgram	Kg	57.32	59.57	59.01	-0.94	2.95
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	77.88	85.55	85.57	0.03	9.88
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	61.48	58.73	59.20	0.80	-3.71
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	54.50	52.78	52.99	0.41	-2.77
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	50.45	43.97	42.51	-3.32	-15.74
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	32.06	32.56	31.51	-3.20	-1.71
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.86	36.57	36.61	0.11	11.42
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	144.16	150.38	150.73	0.23	4.55
4	Coffee Powder (Brook	500gms					
	Bond Gr.Label)		144.84	148.07	148.85	0.53	2.77
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	287.60	322.00	304.60	-5.40	5.91
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7	Mutton with bones	Kg	411.79	438.93	447.43	1.94	8.66
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	115.36	146.34	148.01	1.14	28.31
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	125.80	104.00	104.95	0.91	-16.57
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	96.41	87.09	87.22	0.14	-9.54
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	185.15	175.52	170.86	-2.66	-7.72
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	157.43	176.35	184.14	4.42	16.97
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	94.82	141.84	144.42	1.82	52.30
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	95.02	115.54	114.31	-1.07	20.30
3	Onion small	Kg.	37.07	48.02	40.23	-16.21	8.53
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	85.39	89.61	88.56	-1.17	3.71
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.43	21.15	20.96	-0.88	-6.56
б	Mustard	100gm	7.48	7.52	7.76	3.23	3.74
7	Methy	100gm	7.15	9.35	9.74	4.24	36.38
8	Turmeric	100gm	14.93	14.75	14.78	0.19	-1.02
9	Garlic	100gm	9.84	9.13	9.16	0.40	-6.87

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No.				Prices (in Rs.) o		Variation	
			January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Over month	Over year
	F. TUBERS						-
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2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25.75	19.86	19.02	-4.24	-26.15
3	Potato	Kg.	27.95	36.86	29.76	-19.27	6.47
4	Colocassia	Kg.	49.84	52.25	45.23	-13.44	-9.25
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	21.59	28.47	27.95	-1.82	29.47
2	Brinjal	Kg.	23.62	33.25	29.15	-12.33	23.40
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.66	17.59	16.99	-3.37	8.50
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.36	19.23	18.44	-4.14	12.71
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	30.77	33.63	29.59	-11.99	-3.81
6	Cabbage	Kg	21.11	32.08	32.01	-0.22	51.65
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.41	40.23	39.95	-0.70	23.26
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.25	19.04	18.33	-3.70	12.80
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	24.04	30.48	26.02	-14.63	8.28
10	Tomatto	Kg.	15.22	29.16	22.00	-24.54	44.62
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.77	4.67	4.70	0.65	24.70
12	Banana green	Kg.	39.02	38.25	36.46	-4.68	-6.56
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.37	27.77	28.08	1.13	15.26
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	149.82	157.86	157.64	-0.13	5.22
2	Mundu Mull	Each	115.08	118.42	118.42	0.00	2.90
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	39.50	40.02	40.64	1.56	2.89
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.77	15.82	15.82	0.02	0.32
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	21.39	23.97	24.29	1.36	13.57
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.75	39.50	39.74	0.60	8.12
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.20	8.10	7.90	-2.47	-3.66
8	Crocin	2 tabs	3.01	3.06	3.06	0.00	1.75
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	14.29	14.36	14.34	-0.13	0.40
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	15.38	16.07	16.14	0.47	4.92
11	Paper	24 Sheets	14.25	14.36	14.43	0.49	1.25
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