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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 corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

FEBRUARY 2013

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of May2012. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last month. But an increasing trend was seen when compared with that of the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of February of the previous year 2012, previous month January 2013 and current month of February 2013 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. Group Wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representation.

1. RICE

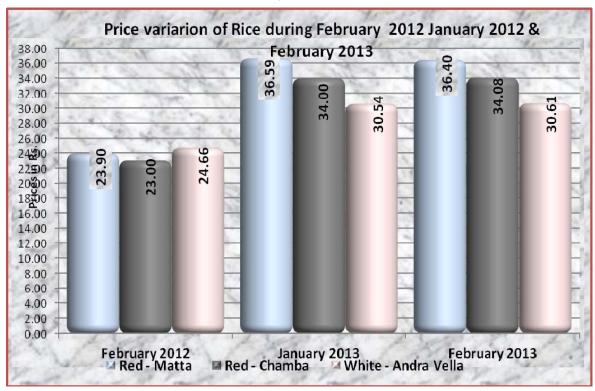
Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. A marginal increase is seen in the price of Red-Chamba (0.24%) and white Andra vella (0.20%). The price of Red-Matta shows a negative change when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year state average retail prices of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba, and white Andra vella had increased by 52.30%,48.18%,24.15% respectively. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

SI.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Р	rices (in Rs.)	Percentage Variation		
			Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over month	Over year
I	Red - Matta	Kg	23.90	36.59	36.40	-0.53	52.30
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.00	34.00	34.08	0.24	48.18
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.66	30.54	30.61	0.20	24.13

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2. PULSES

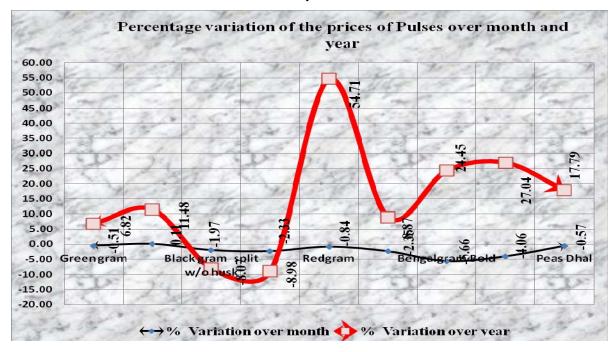
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of all items except Greengram Dhall, showed a negative change up to 6%, when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year state average retail price of Black gram split without husk and with husk had decreased by 8.07% and 8.98% respectively, while all other items showed an upward trend of 6% to 55%. The following Table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of pulses.

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Pr	ices (in Rs.)	on	Percentage Of Variation	
			Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	67.55	72.54	72.16	-0.51	6.82
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	73.35	81.68	81.77	0.11	11.48
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	70.40	66.02	64.72	-1.97	-8.07
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	69.13	64.42	62.92	-2.33	-8.98
5	Redgram	Kg	45.96	71.71	71.11	-0.84	54.71
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.64	77.64	75.82	-2.35	8.87
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.06	72.63	68.52	-5.66	24.45
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.26	66.55	63.84	-4.06	27.04
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	37.26	44.14	43.89	-0.57	17.79

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3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

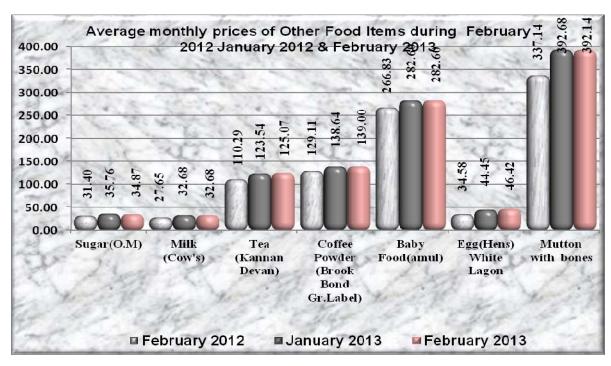
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was observed in the retail prices of Other food items when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of sugar (OM), and Mutton with bones had increased by 2.50%, and 0.14% respectively while the prices of Tea (Kannan Devan), Coffee powder (Brooke Bond, Green Label) and Egg (Hen) white lagoon went up by 1.24%, 0.26% and 4.41% respectively and the price of Milk and Baby food (Amul) remained steady when compared with the prices of the previous month. The prices of all other items in this group increased by 5% to 35% when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Percentage Of Prices (in Rs.) on SI. Name of Commodity Unit **Variation** No. Feb-2012 Over Over Jan - 2013 Feb -2013 month year 1 Sugar(O.M) Kg. 35.76 -2.50 11.04 31.40 34.87 2 Milk (Cow's) Ltr. 27.65 32.68 32.68 0.00 18.20 3 Tea (Kannan Devan) 500gms 110.29 123.54 125.07 1.24 13.41 Coffee Powder 500gms (Brooke Bond Gr.Label) 129.11 138.64 139.00 0.26 7.66 Baby Food (Amul) 5 266.83 282.60 282.60 Kg 5.91 0.00 Egg(Hens) White 6 Dozen 34.58 44.45 46.42 4.41 34.22 Lagon 7 Mutton with bones Kg 337.14 392.68 392.14 -0.14 16.31

Table-3





4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

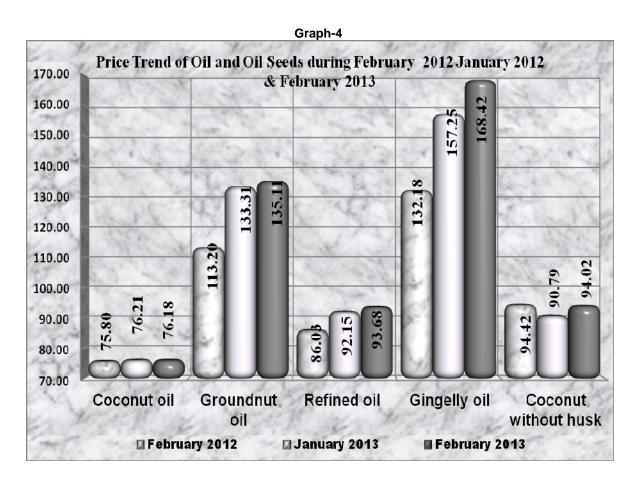
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

A mixed trend is still continuing in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. During this period the prices of all items of Oil and Oilseeds except Coconut oil, showed an upward trend when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, State average retail price of coconut without husk has decreased by 0.43%, while the prices of all other items has increased by 1%, to 28%.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Pr	ices (in Rs.)			
		Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	75.80	76.21	76.18	-0.04	0.50
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	113.20	133.31	135.11	1.35	19.36
Refined oil	Ltr.	86.03	92.15	93.68	1.66	8.90
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	132.18	157.25	168.42	7.10	27.41
Coconut without husk	10 nos	94.42	90.79	94.02	3.56	-0.43



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

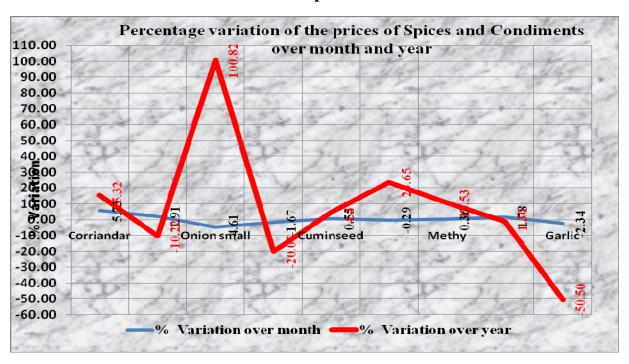
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of spices and condiments. Onion small, Tamarind without seed loose Cuminseed and garlic showed a downward trend of 4.61%, 1.67%.0.29% and 2.34% respectively, while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month.

Chilies dry, Tamarind without seeds loose, Turmeric and garlic showed a downward trend of 10.22%, 20.07%, 1.30%, and 50.50% respectively while the prices of Coriander, Onion small Cuminseed Mustard and Methy increased by 15.32%,100.82%, 4.47%, 23.65% and 10.53% respectively, when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

SI.	Name of	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation				
No.	Commodity									
	1		Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over	Over			
			,			previous	previous			
						month	Year			
1	Corriandar	Kg.	68.57	74.79	79.07	5.73	15.32			
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	92.11	81.14	82.70	1.91	-10.22			
3	Onion small	Kg.	19.85	41.79	39.86	-4.61	100.82			
4	Tamarind	Kg.								
	without seeds									
	loose		98.79	80.31	78.97	-1.67	-20.07			
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.50	23.37	23.50	0.55	4.47			
6	Mustard	100gm	6.28	7.79	7.77	-0.29	23.65			
7	Methy	100gm	6.37	7.01	7.04	0.36	10.53			
8	Turmeric	100gm	12.72	12.34	12.56	1.78	-1.30			
9	Garlic	100gm	8.42	4.27	4.17	-2.34	-50.50			

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

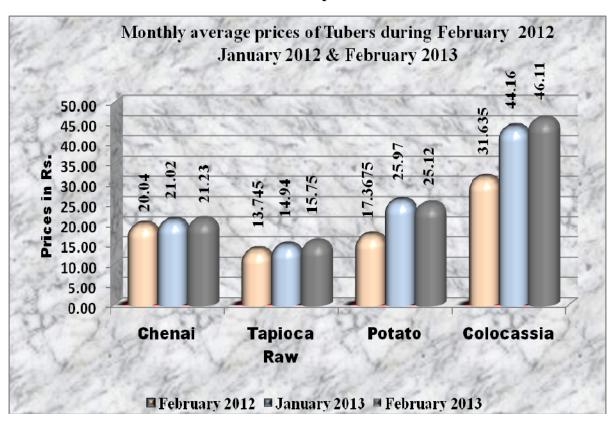
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of Tubers except Potato showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year all items showed an increasing trend by 5% to 46%

Table-6

SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation		
			Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Chenai	Kg.	20.04	21.02	21.23	1.02	5.95	
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	13.75	14.94	15.75	5.39	14.57	
3	Potato	Kg.	17.37	25.97	25.12	-3.24	44.65	
4	Colocassia	Kg.	31.64	44.16	46.11	4.41	45.75	

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

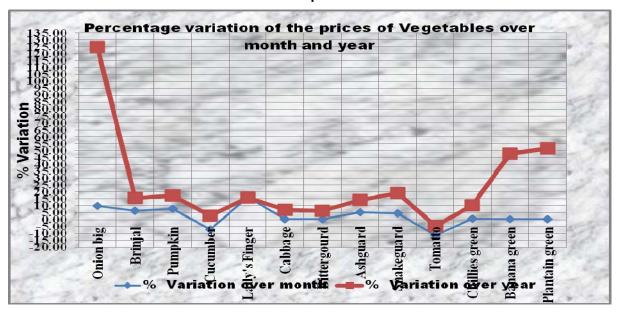
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables compared with that of that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Cucumber and Tomato decreased by 7% and 11.50% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The State average retail prices of Tomato showed a negative trend while the prices of all other items increased by 3% to 125%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Onion Big (124.94%), Banana green (47.80%) and Plantain green (51.47%) 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.

Table-7

SI.			Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation		
No. Commodity			Feb-2012	Jan - 2013	Feb -2013	Over previous month	Over previous Year	
1	Onion big	Kg.	11.59	23.70	26.07	10.02	124.94	
2	Brinjal	Kg.	20.71	22.52	23.97	6.43	15.70	
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	13.50	14.73	15.88	7.77	17.59	
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.02	18.86	17.54	-7.00	3.03	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	27.41	27.32	31.77	16.28	15.90	
6	Cabbage	Kg	17.23	18.40	18.43	0.19	6.98	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	30.74	32.54	32.70	0.49	6.36	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.44	16.71	17.63	5.47	14.17	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.14	22.89	23.98	4.76	19.11	
10	Tomatto	Kg.	18.48	19.90	17.61	-11.50	-4.72	
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.30	3.62	3.64	0.55	10.30	
12	Banana green	Kg.	27.81	40.89	41.11	0.53	47.80	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	17.06	25.77	25.85	0.29	51.47	

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 prices of the miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the prevous month. Toilet soap (LUX), Razor Blade (Topaz), Crocin and Electric bulb (Philips) showed a negative change while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend when compared with prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items showed an increasing trend by 1% to 35%. Notable increase was seen in the state average retail prices of Tobacco (35.45%)

Table-8 SI.N Name of Commodity Unit Prices (in Rs.) on **Percentage Of Variation** Feb-2012 Feb -2013 Jan -Over Over 2013 previous previous month Year Tobacco 108.04 135.18 146.34 1 Kq. 8.26 35.45 Mundu Mull 2 Each 96.39 105.93 105.93 0.00 9.89 3 Washing Soda Kg. 32.07 36.54 36.79 0.68 14.70 Washing Soap (501) 1/2 Bar 14.07 15.00 15.04 0.23 4 6.86 5 **Toilet Soap - Lux** 100 gm 18.61 20.84 20.86 -0.08 12.01 Toothpaste - Colgate 31.93 6 100 gm 35.54 36.21 1.91 13.41 Razor Blade(Topaz) 5 nos 7.77 8.54 8.50 -0.41 9.40 Crocin 2.73 8 2 tabs 2.52 2.65 -2.935.26 Electric Bulb(Philips) 9 40W 11.66 13.45 13.43 -0.1315.20 Torch Battery 10 Each 14.03 15.09 15.13 (Eveready) 0.28 7.86 Paper 24Sheet 13.86 14.00 14.04 11 0.27 1.30 Firewood(Local Split) 12 Quintal 336.00 377.92 377.92 0.00 12.47 Cement - Sankar **Packet** 13 333.66 369.20 369.45 0.07 10.72 (Ord.Paper Bag)

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities									
		for The m	nonth of Fe	bruary 2013					
SI. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit		ices (in Rs.)		Percen Varia	tage of		
			February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Over month	Over year		
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)		
	A. RICE - Open Market								
I	Red - Matta	Kg	23.90	36.59	36.40	-0.53	52.30		
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.00	34.00	34.08	0.24	48.18		
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.66	30.54	30.61	0.20	24.13		
	B. PULSES								
1	Green gram	Kg	67.55	72.54	72.16	-0.51	6.82		
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	73.35	81.68	81.77	0.11	11.48		
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	70.40	66.02	64.72	-1.97	-8.07		
4	Black gram split with	Kg							
-	husk	1/~	69.13	64.42	62.92	-2.33	-8.98		
5	Redgram	Kg	45.96	71.71	71.11	-0.84	54.71		
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	69.64	77.64	75.82	-2.35	8.87		
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	55.06	72.63	68.52	-5.66	24.45		
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	50.26	66.55	63.84	-4.06	27.04		
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	37.26	44.14	43.89	-0.57	17.79		
1	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS	I/ a	04.40	05.70	04.07		11.01		
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	31.40	35.76	34.87	-2.50	11.04		
3	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.65	32.68	32.68	0.00	18.20		
4	Tea (Kannan Devan) Coffee Powder (Brook	500gms	110.29	123.54	125.07	1.24	13.41		
4	Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	129.11	420.64	420.00	0.26	7.00		
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	266.83	138.64 282.60	139.00 282.60	0.26	7.66 5.91		
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	34.58	44.45	46.42	4.41	34.22		
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	337.14	392.68	392.14	-0.14			
,	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS	rvg	337.14	392.00	392.14	-0.14	16.31		
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	75.80	76.21	76.18	-0.04	0.50		
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	113.20	133.31	135.11	1.35	19.36		
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	86.03	92.15	93.68	1.66	8.90		
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	132.18	157.25	168.42	7.10	27.41		
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	94.42	90.79	94.02	3.56	-0.43		
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS		<u> </u>	33.13	002	0.00	0110		
1	Corriander	Kg.	68.57	74.79	79.07	5.73	15.32		
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	92.11	81.14	82.70	1.91	-10.22		
3	Onion small	Kg.	19.85	41.79	39.86	-4.61	100.82		
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	98.79	80.31	78.97	-1.67	-20.07		
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.50	23.37	23.50	0.55	4.47		
6	Mustard	100gm	6.28	7.79	7.77	-0.29	23.65		
7	Methy	100gm	6.37	7.01	7.04	0.36	10.53		
8	Turmeric	100gm	12.72	12.34	12.56	1.78	-1.30		
9	Garlic	100gm	8.42	4.27	4.17	-2.34	-50.50		

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	F. TUBERS			2013	2013	month	year	
1	Chenai	Kg.	20.04	21.02	21.23	1.02	5.95	
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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	13.50	14.73	15.88	7.77	17.59	
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.02	18.86	17.54	-7.00	3.03	
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	27.41	27.32	31.77	16.28	15.90	
6	Cabbage	Kg	17.23	18.40	18.43	0.19	6.98	
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	30.74	32.54	32.70	0.49	6.36	
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.44	16.71	17.63	5.47	14.17	
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	20.14	22.89	23.98	4.76	19.11	
10	Tomatto	Kg.	18.48	19.90	17.61	-11.50	-4.72	
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.30	3.62	3.64	0.55	10.30	
12	Banana green	Kg.	27.81	40.89	41.11	0.53	47.80	
13	Plantain green	Kg.	17.06	25.77	25.85	0.29	51.47	
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS							
1	Tobacco	Kg.	108.04	135.18	146.34	8.26	35.45	
2	Mundu Mull	Each	96.39	105.93	105.93	0.00	9.89	
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	32.07	36.54	36.79	0.68	14.70	
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	14.07	15.00	15.04	0.23	6.86	
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	18.61	20.86	20.84	-0.08	12.01	
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.93	35.54	36.21	1.91	13.41	
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.77	8.54	8.50	-0.41	9.40	
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.52	2.73	2.65	-2.93	5.26	
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.66	13.45	13.43	-0.13	15.20	
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	14.03	15.09	15.13	0.28	7.86	
11	Paper	24 Sheets	13.86	14.00	14.04	0.27	1.30	
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	336.00	377.92	377.92	0.00	12.47	
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	333.66	369.20	369.45	0.07	10.72	