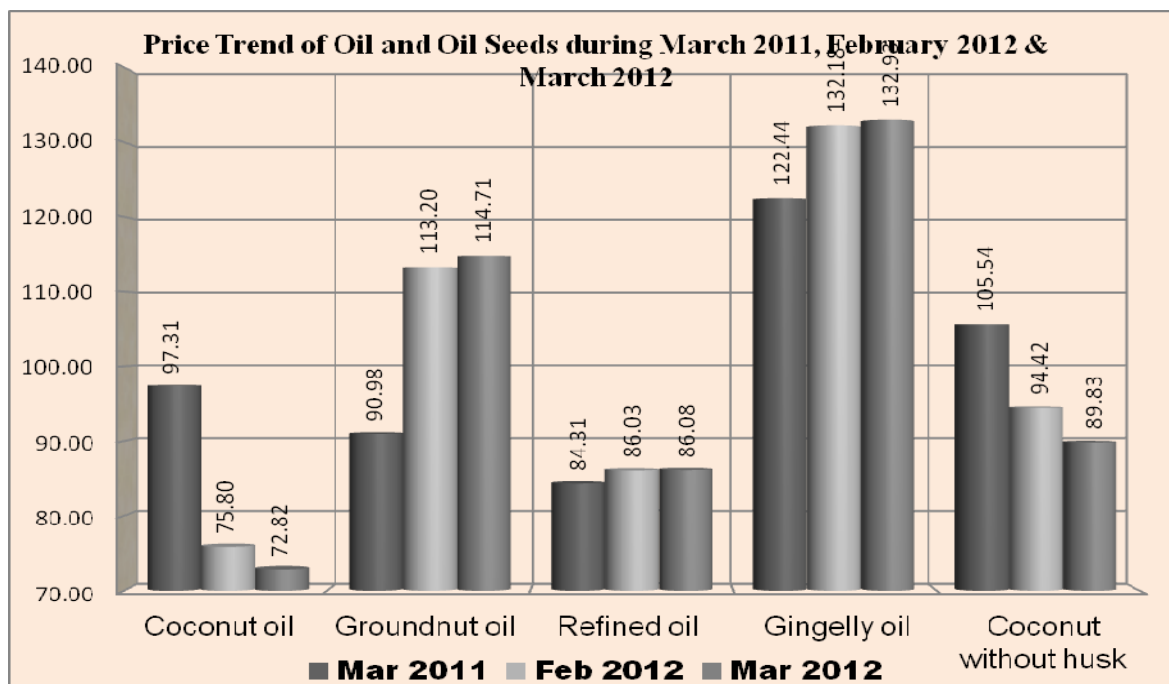




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PREFACE

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 Farmer's and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assumes significance, because the same 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, Agr.Production Commissioner, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India 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 corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2012

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2012. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the corresponding period of the last year as well as the last month. .Statement showing the monthly average of retail prices of essential commodities on all Fridays of the month March of the previous year 2011, previous month February -2012 and current month March -2012 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. Groupwise 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

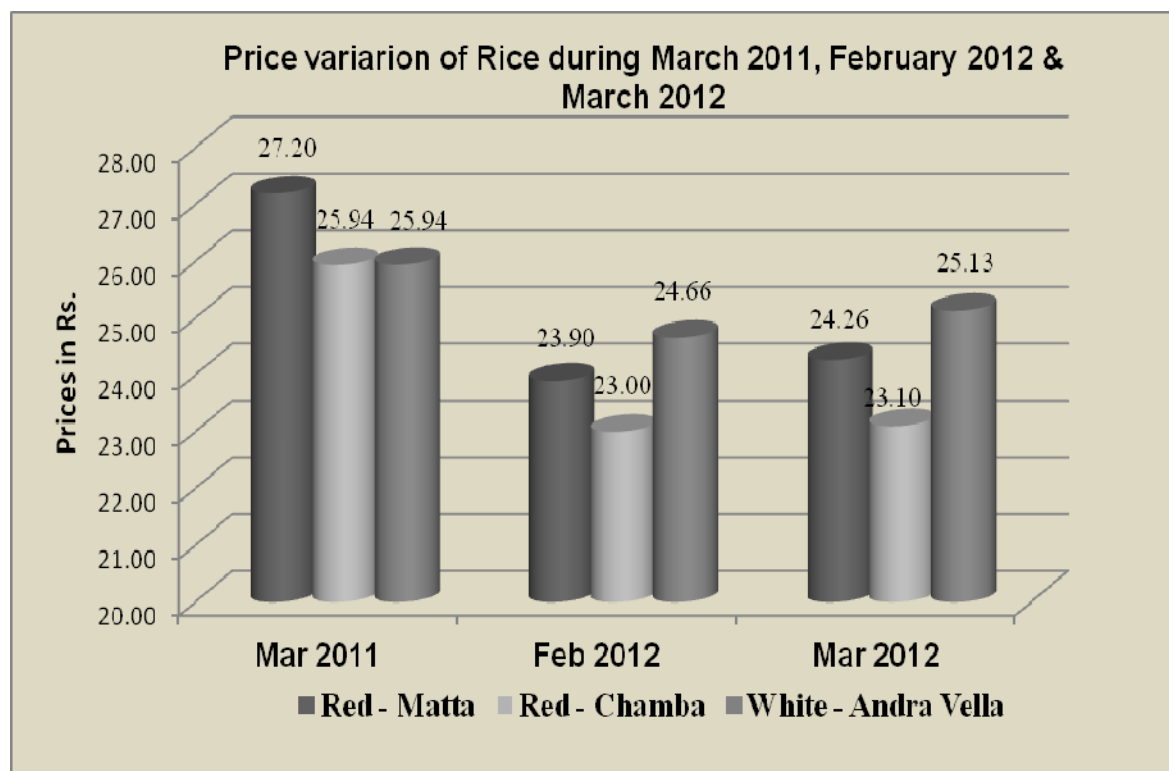
An upward trend has been observed in the retail prices of Red Rice (Matta & Chamba) and White rice (Andra Vella) during the period under report when compared with the price of the previous month. During this period, the price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and White rice (Andra Vella) increased by 1.53%, 0.43% and 1.93% respectively when compared with the price of previous month.

When compared with the price of previous year, the price of all the three items decreased. The prices of Red Rice (Matta, Chamba) and White rice (Andra Vella) decreased by 10.79%, 10.94% and 3.13% respectively.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.20	23.90	24.26	1.53	-10.79
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.94	23.00	23.10	0.43	-10.94
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	25.94	24.66	25.13	1.93	-3.13

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

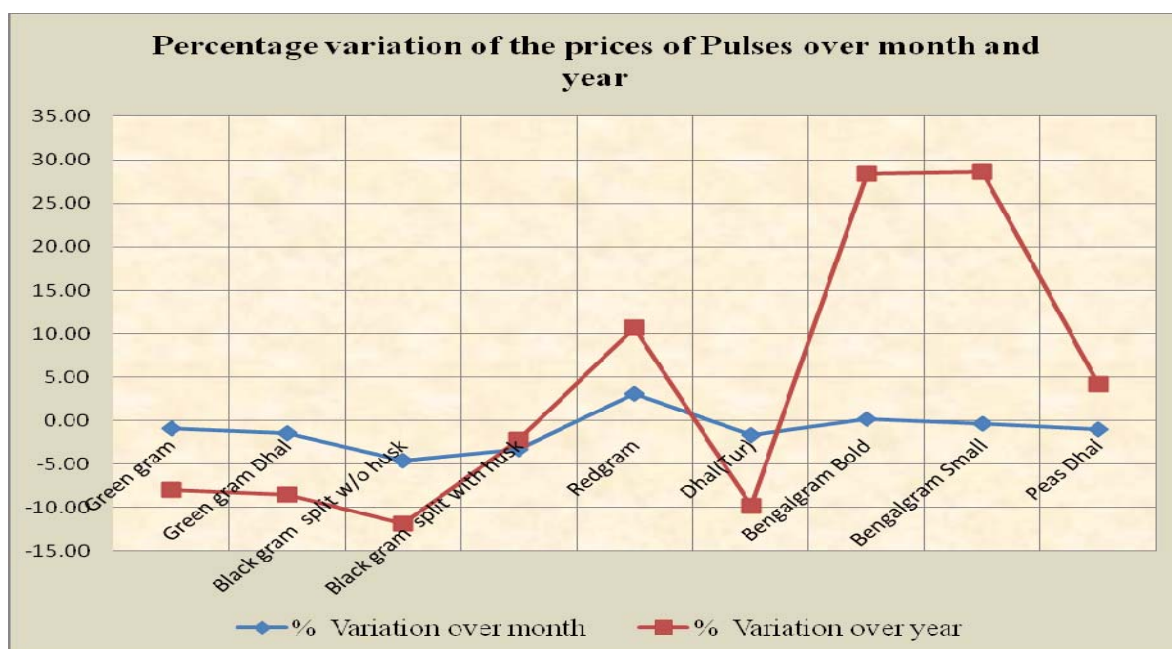
The price of all items except Redgram and Bengalgram Bold decreased during this period when compared with the price of the previous month. The prices of Black gram split w/o husk & with husk decreased by 4.61%, 3.25%. Redgram and Bengalgram Bold increased by 3.07% and 0.19% while all other items show a marginal decrease when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the previous year Redgram, Bengalgram Bold, Bengalgram Small and Peas Dhal increased by 10.72%, 28.34%, 28.58% and 4.21% respectively. The Prices of Greengram, Greengram Dhal, Black gram split w/o husk and with husk, Dhal(Tur) decreased by 7.95%, 8.50%, 11.91%, 2.17% and 9.85% respectively when compared with the prices of previous year. The following Table & diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	72.73	67.55	66.95	-0.89	-7.95
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	79.04	73.35	72.32	-1.40	-8.50
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.23	70.40	67.15	-4.61	-11.91
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	68.36	69.13	66.88	-3.25	-2.17
5	Redgram	Kg	42.79	45.96	47.37	3.07	10.72
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	75.97	69.64	68.48	-1.66	-9.85
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.98	55.06	55.16	0.19	28.34
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.93	50.26	50.06	-0.39	28.58
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	35.38	37.26	36.87	-1.05	4.21

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

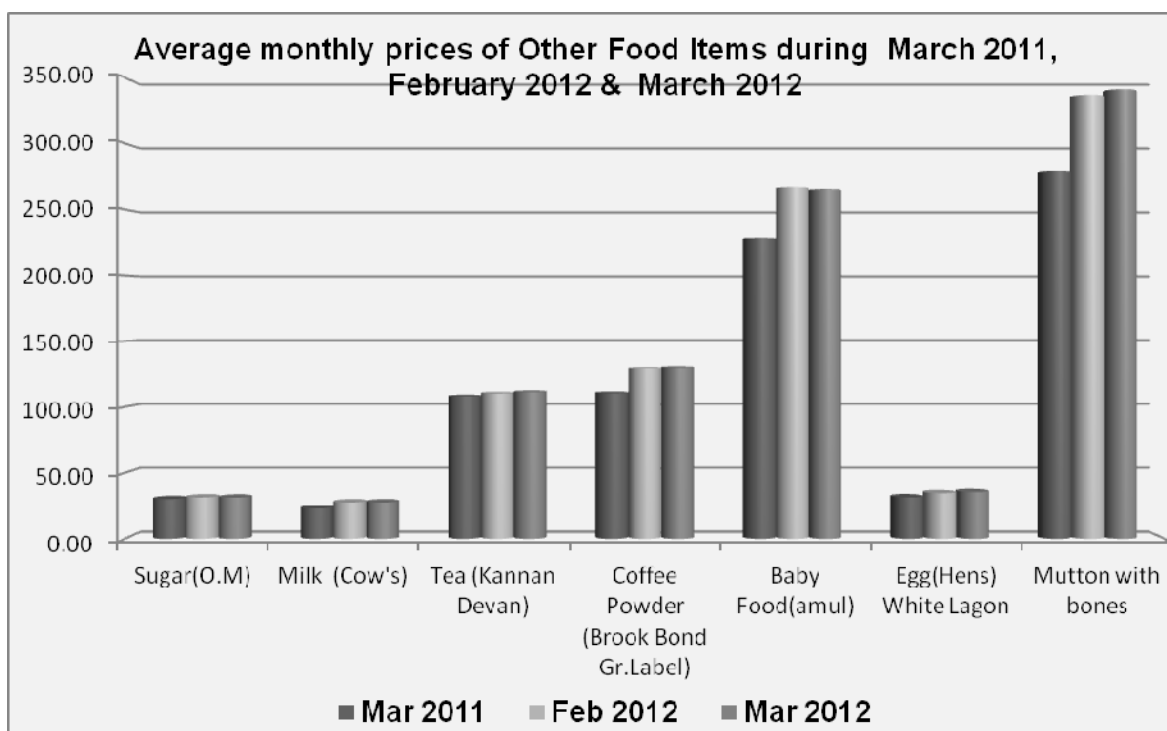
During this period, a mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of Sugar(O.M), Milk(Cows) and Baby Food(Amul) has a marginal decrease of 0.45%, 0.09% and 0.52% respectively while the prices of Tea(Kannan Devan), Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label), Eggs(Hens) white Lagon and Mutton with bones went up by 0.97%, 0.48%, 2.38% and 1.23% respectively when compared with the prices of the previous month.

But when compared with the prices of the previous year, the price of all items in this group has an increasing trend. The price of Sugar (O.M), Milk(Cows), Tea (Kannan Devan), Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label), Baby Food (Amul), Egg(Hens)White Lagon and Mutton with bones has increased by 3.64%, 20.10%, 3.00%, 17.40%, 16.10%, 12.51% and 22.20% respectively.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.16	31.40	31.26	-0.45	3.64
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.65	27.62	-0.09	20.10
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	108.11	110.29	111.36	0.97	3.00
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	110.50	129.11	129.73	0.48	17.40
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	228.62	266.83	265.43	-0.52	16.10
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	31.47	34.58	35.41	2.38	12.51
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	279.29	337.14	341.29	1.23	22.20

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

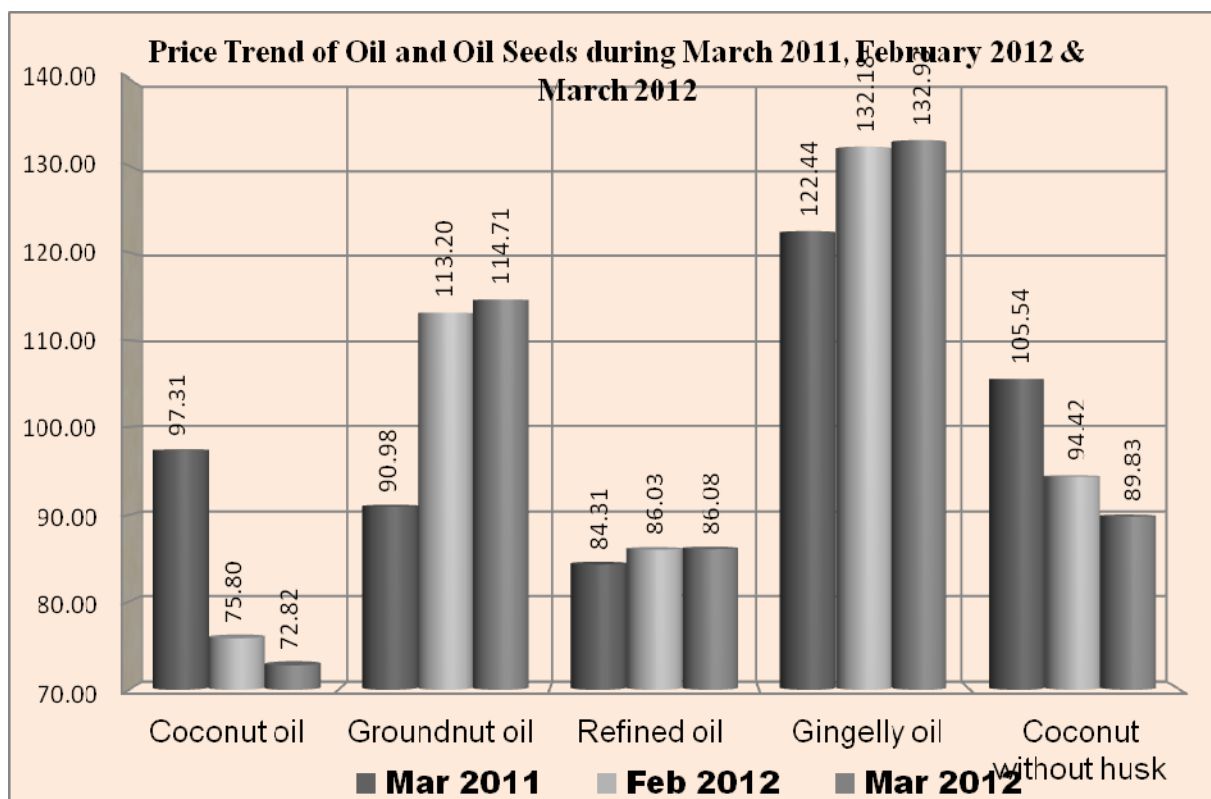
During this period, a mixed trend has been seen in the prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The state average price of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk decreased by 25.17% and 14.88% respectively while the price of Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 26.09%, 2.10% and 8.57% respectively.

When compared with the price of previous year, state average prices of Coconut oil and Coconut without husk has went down by 25.17% and 14.88% while Groundnut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil has increased by 26.09%, 2.10% and 8.57% respectively.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	97.31	75.80	72.82	-3.93	-25.17
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	90.98	113.20	114.71	1.33	26.09
Refined oil	Ltr.	84.31	86.03	86.08	0.06	2.10
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.44	132.18	132.93	0.57	8.57
Coconut without husk	10 nos	105.54	94.42	89.83	-4.86	-14.88

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

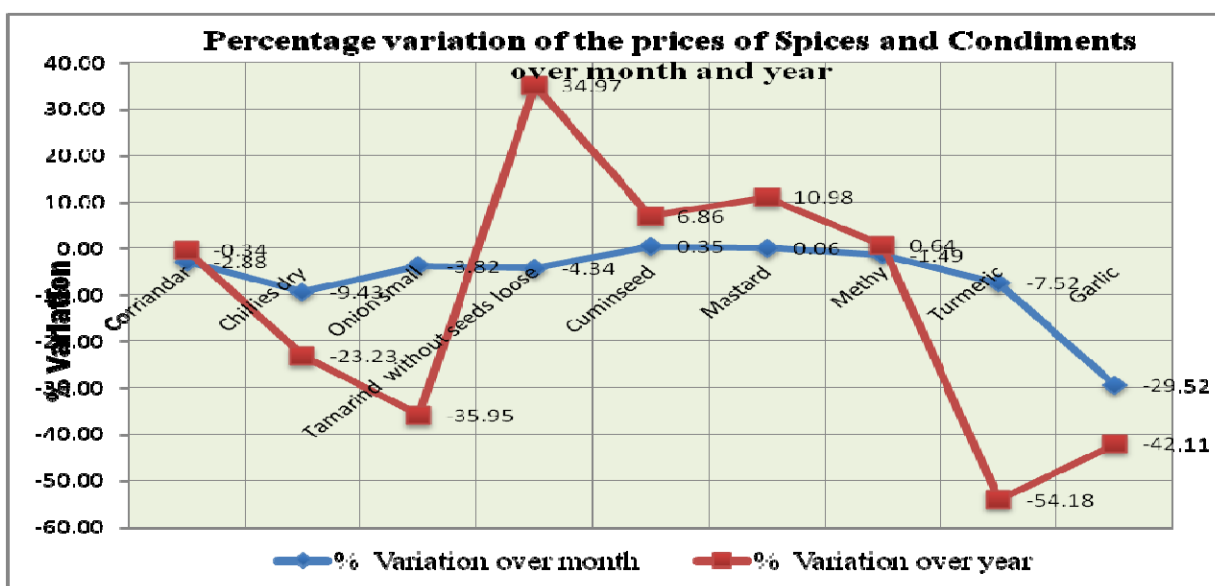
During this period, all items of Spices & Condiments except Cuminseed, Mustard has a downward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. Corriander, Chillies dry, Onion small, Tamarind without seeds loose, Methy, Turmeric and Garlic decreased by 2.88%, 9.43%, 3.82%, 4.34%, 1.49%, 7.52% and 29.52% respectively while Cuminseed and Mustard increased by 0.35% and 0.06%.

The state average prices of Corriander, Chillies dry, Onion Small, Turmeric and Garlic showed a downward trend of 0.34%, 23.23%, 35.95%, 54.18% and 42.11% respectively while all other items has an upward trend when compared with the prices of the previous year. Tamarind without seeds loose has the largest upward trend of 34.97% when compared with the price of previous year. The price of Cuminseed, Mustard and Methy increased by 6.86%, 10.98% and 0.64% respectively.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	66.82	68.57	66.59	-2.88	-0.34
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	108.66	92.11	83.42	-9.43	-23.23
3	Onion small	Kg.	29.81	19.85	19.09	-3.82	-35.95
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	70.02	98.79	94.50	-4.34	34.97
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.13	22.50	22.57	0.35	6.86
6	Mustard	100gm	5.66	6.28	6.28	0.06	10.98
7	Methy	100gm	6.23	6.37	6.27	-1.49	0.64
8	Turmeric	100gm	25.68	12.72	11.77	-7.52	-54.18
9	Garlic	100gm	10.25	8.42	5.93	-29.52	-42.11

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

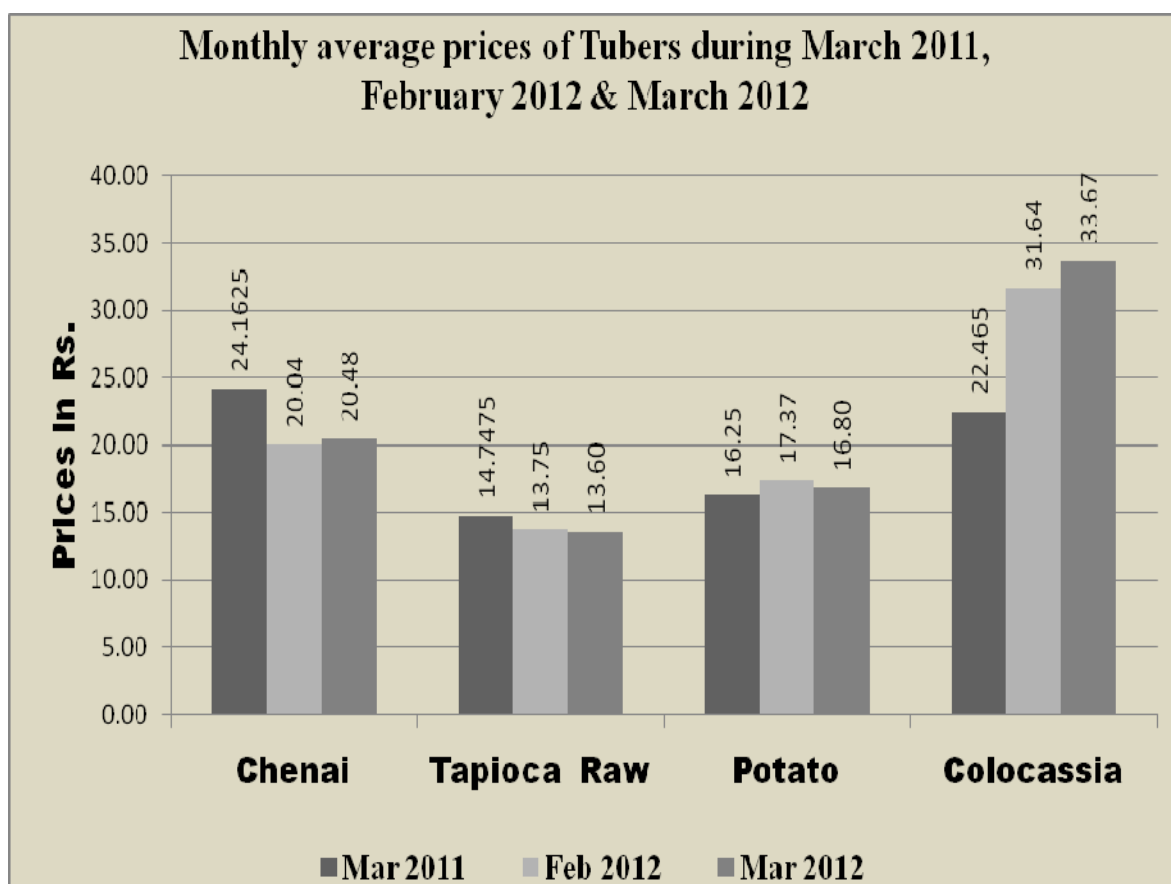
The state average prices of Tapioca Raw and Potato decreased by 1.08% and 3.29% when compared with the the prices of the previous month while the price of Chennai and Colocassia increased by 2.18% and 6.43% respectively.

When compared with the prices of the previous year Chennai and Tapioca Raw decreased by 15.26% and 7.81% while the price of Potato and Colocasia increased by 3.36% and 49.87% respectively.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	24.16	20.04	20.48	2.18	-15.26
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.75	13.75	13.60	-1.08	-7.81
3	Potato	Kg.	16.25	17.37	16.80	-3.29	3.36
4	Colocassia	Kg.	22.47	31.64	33.67	6.43	49.87

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

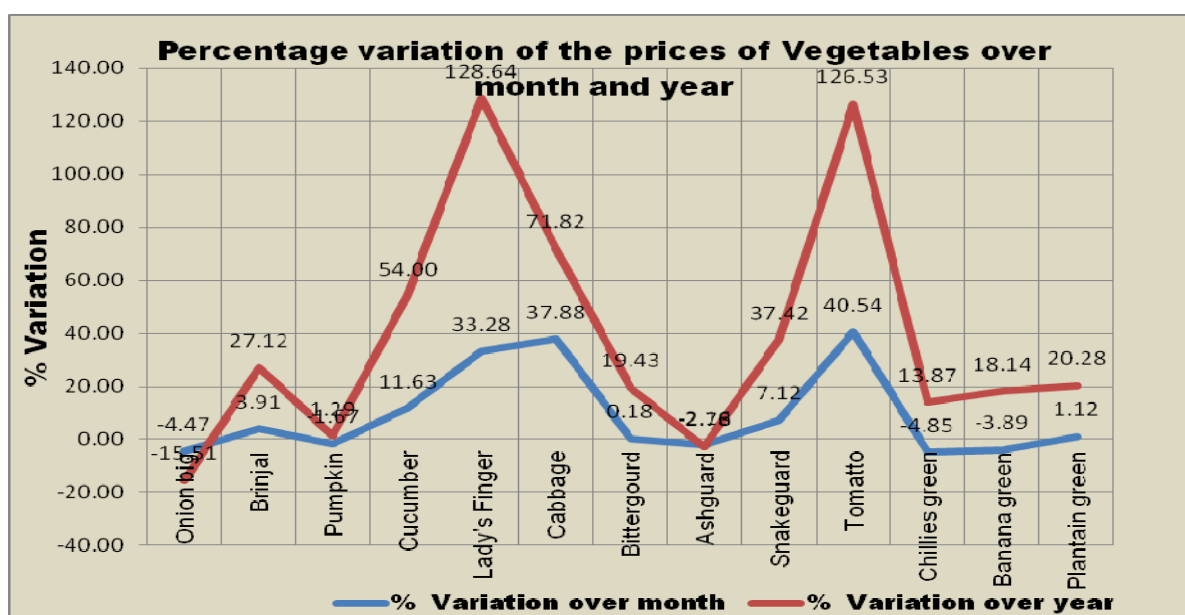
An increasing trend was seen in the price of Brinjal (3.91%),Cucumber (11.63%), Lady's Finger (33.28%), Cabbage (37.88%), Bitter gourd (0.18%) Snake gourd (7.12%), Tomato (40.54%) and Plantain Green (1.12%) while the price of Onion Big (4.47%), Pumpkin (1.67%), Ash gourd (2.16%) Chillies Green (4.85%) and Banana Green (3.89%) decreased when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the previous year, all items except Onion Big, Ash gourd has an increasing trend. The price of Onion Big (15.51%) and Ash gourd (2.78%) showed a decreasing trend while Brinjal (27.12%), Pumpkin (1.29%), Cucumber (54%), Lady's Finger (128.64%), Cabbage (71.82%), Bittergourd (19.73%), Snake gourd (37.42%), Tomatto (126.53%), Chillies green (13.87%), Banana green (18.14%) and Plantain green (20.28%) showed an increasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous year.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	13.11	11.59	11.07	-4.47	-15.51
2	Brinjal	Kg.	16.93	20.71	21.52	3.91	27.12
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	13.11	13.50	13.27	-1.67	1.29
4	Cucumber	Kg.	12.34	17.02	19.00	11.63	54.00
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	15.98	27.41	36.54	33.28	128.64
6	Cabbage	Kg	13.83	17.23	23.75	37.88	71.82
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	25.79	30.74	30.80	0.18	19.43
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.54	15.44	15.11	-2.16	-2.78
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	15.70	20.14	21.57	7.12	37.42
10	Tomatto	Kg.	11.47	18.48	25.97	40.54	126.53
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.76	3.30	3.14	-4.85	13.87
12	Banana green	Kg.	22.63	27.81	26.73	-3.89	18.14
13	Plantain green	Kg.	14.35	17.06	17.25	1.12	20.28

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

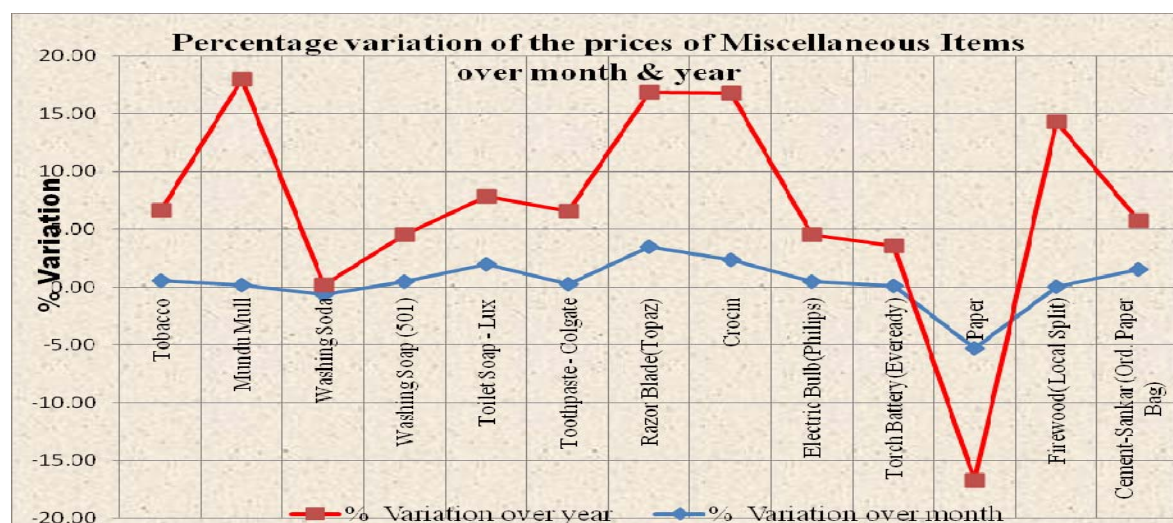
In this group the price of almost all the items has slight variation with respect to the prices of the previous month. Tobacco, Mundu Mull, Washing Soap(501), Toilet Soap (Lux), Toothpaste-Colgate, Razor Blade (Topaz), Crocin, Electric Bulb(Philips), Torch Battery(Eveready), Firewood (Local Split) and Cement – Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag) has a slight increase in price while Washing Soda and Paper has a decreasing trend when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the previous year, Tobacco (6.09%), Mundu Mull (17.81%),Washing Soda (0.78%), Washing Soap-501 (4.07%), Toilet Soap –Lux (5.86%), Toothpaste-Colgate (6.28%), Razor Blade-Topaz (13.40%), Crocin (14.49%), Electric Bulb–Philips (4.09%), Torch Battery(3.46%), Firewood (14.27%) and Cement Sankar (4.20%) showed an increasing trend while the price of Paper decreased by 11.44%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb -2012	Mar -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	102.41	108.04	108.64	0.56	6.09
2	Mundu Mull	Each	81.97	96.39	96.57	0.18	17.81
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.62	32.07	31.87	-0.62	0.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.59	14.07	14.14	0.50	4.07
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.93	18.61	18.98	1.98	5.86
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.12	31.93	32.01	0.26	6.28
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	7.77	8.04	3.47	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.52	2.58	2.32	14.49
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.25	11.66	11.71	0.45	4.09
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.57	14.03	14.04	0.07	3.46
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.82	13.86	13.12	-5.31	-11.44
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	294.17	336.00	336.14	0.04	14.27
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	325.14	333.66	338.79	1.54	4.20

Graph 8



ANNEXURE
Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities
for The month of March 2012

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Mar-2011	Feb - 2012	Mar -2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	27.20	23.90	24.26	1.53	-10.79
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	25.94	23.00	23.10	0.43	-10.94
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	25.94	24.66	25.13	1.93	-3.13
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	72.73	67.55	66.95	-0.89	-7.95
2	Green gram dhall	Kg	79.04	73.35	72.32	-1.40	-8.50
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	76.23	70.40	67.15	-4.61	-11.91
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	68.36	69.13	66.88	-3.25	-2.17
5	Redgram	Kg	42.79	45.96	47.37	3.07	10.72
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	75.97	69.64	68.48	-1.66	-9.85
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	42.98	55.06	55.16	0.19	28.34
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	38.93	50.26	50.06	-0.39	28.58
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	35.38	37.26	36.87	-1.05	4.21
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.16	31.40	31.26	-0.45	3.64
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	23.00	27.65	27.62	-0.09	20.10
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	108.11	110.29	111.36	0.97	3.00
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	110.50	129.11	129.73	0.48	17.40
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	228.62	266.83	265.43	-0.52	16.10
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	31.47	34.58	35.41	2.38	12.51
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	279.29	337.14	341.29	1.23	22.20
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	97.31	75.80	72.82	-3.93	-25.17
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	90.98	113.20	114.71	1.33	26.09
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	84.31	86.03	86.08	0.06	2.10
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.44	132.18	132.93	0.57	8.57
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	105.54	94.42	89.83	-4.86	-14.88
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	66.82	68.57	66.59	-2.88	-0.34
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	108.66	92.11	83.42	-9.43	-23.23
3	Onion small	Kg.	29.81	19.85	19.09	-3.82	-35.95
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	70.02	98.79	94.50	-4.34	34.97
5	Cuminseed	100gm	21.13	22.50	22.57	0.35	6.86
6	Mustard	100gm	5.66	6.28	6.28	0.06	10.98
7	Methy	100gm	6.23	6.37	6.27	-1.49	0.64
8	Turmeric	100gm	25.68	12.72	11.77	-7.52	-54.18
9	Garlic	100gm	10.25	8.42	5.93	-29.52	-42.11

F. TUBERS							
1	Chenai	Kg.	24.16	20.04	20.48	2.18	-15.26
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	14.75	13.75	13.60	-1.08	-7.81
3	Potato	Kg.	16.25	17.37	16.80	-3.29	3.36
4	Colocassia	Kg.	22.47	31.64	33.67	6.43	49.87
G. VEGETABLES							
1	Onion big	Kg.	13.11	11.59	11.07	-4.47	-15.51
2	Brinjal	Kg.	16.93	20.71	21.52	3.91	27.12
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	13.11	13.50	13.27	-1.67	1.29
4	Cucumber	Kg.	12.34	17.02	19.00	11.63	54.00
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	15.98	27.41	36.54	33.28	128.64
6	Cabbage	Kg.	13.83	17.23	23.75	37.88	71.82
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	25.79	30.74	30.80	0.18	19.43
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.54	15.44	15.11	-2.16	-2.78
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	15.70	20.14	21.57	7.12	37.42
10	Tomatto	Kg.	11.47	18.48	25.97	40.54	126.53
11	Chillies green	100gm	2.76	3.30	3.14	-4.85	13.87
12	Banana green	Kg.	22.63	27.81	26.73	-3.89	18.14
13	Plantain green	Kg.	14.35	17.06	17.25	1.12	20.28
H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS							
1	Tobacco	Kg.	102.41	108.04	108.64	0.56	6.09
2	Mundu Mull	Each	81.97	96.39	96.57	0.18	17.81
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.62	32.07	31.87	-0.62	0.78
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.59	14.07	14.14	0.50	4.07
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.93	18.61	18.98	1.98	5.86
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	30.12	31.93	32.01	0.26	6.28
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.09	7.77	8.04	3.47	13.40
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.25	2.52	2.58	2.32	14.49
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.25	11.66	11.71	0.45	4.09
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	13.57	14.03	14.04	0.07	3.46
11	Paper	24 Sheets	14.82	13.86	13.12	-5.31	-11.44
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	294.17	336.00	336.14	0.04	14.27
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	325.14	333.66	338.79	1.54	4.20