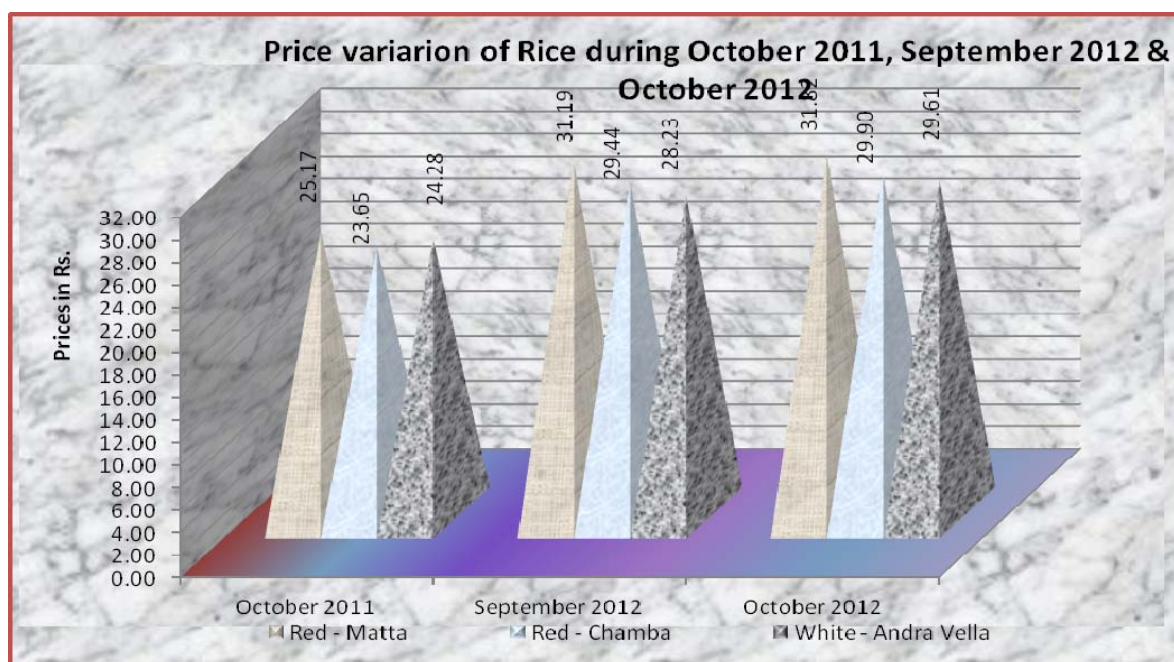




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PREFACE

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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 October 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 October of the previous year 2011, previous month September -2012 and current month October -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 representations.

1. RICE

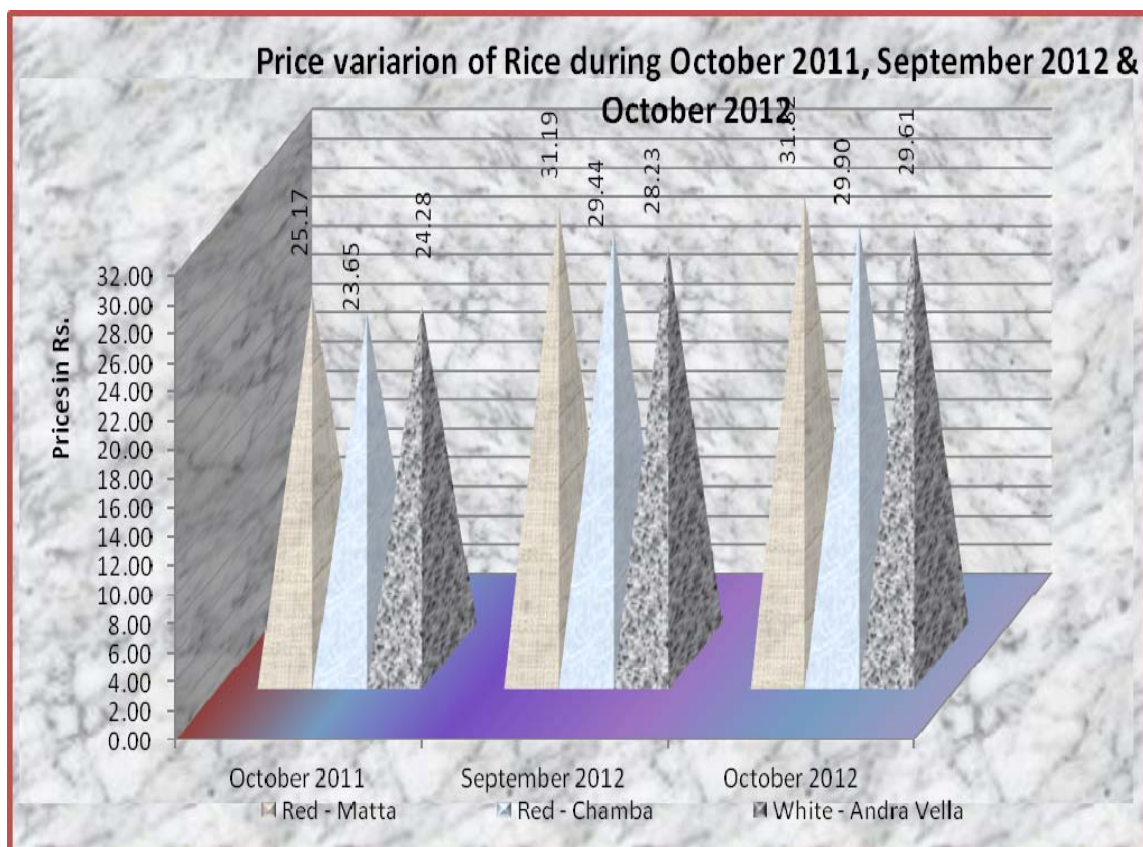
Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

An upward trend is still continuing in the retail price of Rice during the period under report when compared with that of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. A nominal increase is seen in the price of Red-matter (2.03% and 26.43%) Red-Chamclea (1.55% and 26.43%) and white Andra vella (4.90% and 21.94%) respectively over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year respectively. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	25.17	31.19	31.82	2.03	26.43
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.65	29.44	29.90	1.55	26.43
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.28	28.23	29.61	4.90	21.94

Graph-1



2. PULSES

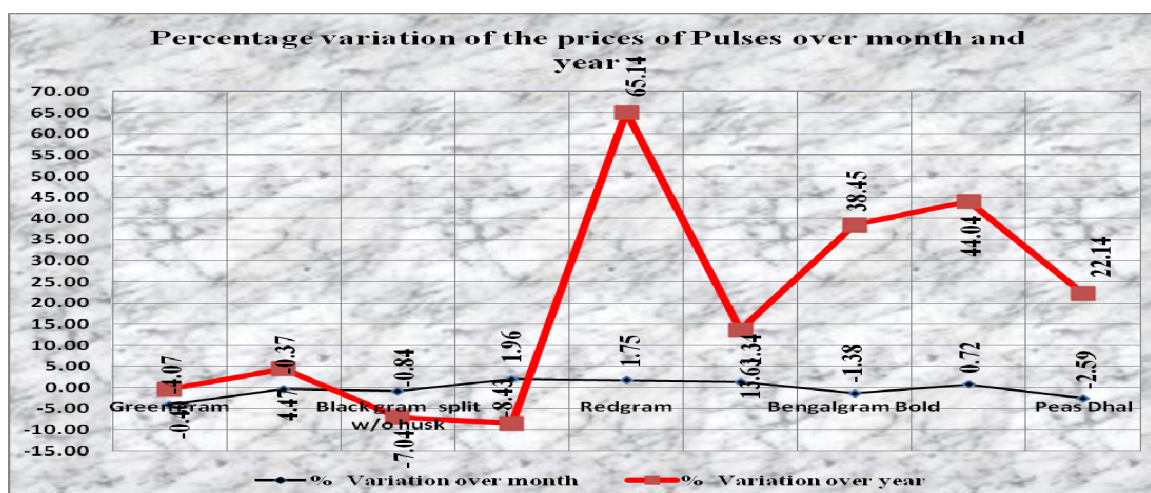
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month and year. A nominal decrease in the prices of Green gram, Green gram Dhal, Black gram split without husk, Bengal gram Bold and Peas Dhal was noticed while the prices of all other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of the previous month. But when compared with the price of the previous year Black gram split with husk and without husk showed wide decrease of 7.04% and 8.43% respectively. The prices of all the other items except Green gram increased by 4% to 65%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Red gram, Bengal gram bold and Bengal gram small 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 pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	70.31	72.99	70.03	-4.07	-0.40
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	75.92	79.61	79.32	-0.37	4.47
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	74.41	69.76	69.17	-0.84	-7.04
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.75	64.44	65.70	1.96	-8.43
5	Redgram	Kg	44.93	72.92	74.19	1.75	65.14
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	70.31	78.83	79.89	1.34	13.63
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	54.44	76.42	75.37	-1.38	38.45
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	48.60	69.50	70.01	0.72	44.04
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	36.63	45.93	44.74	-2.59	22.14

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

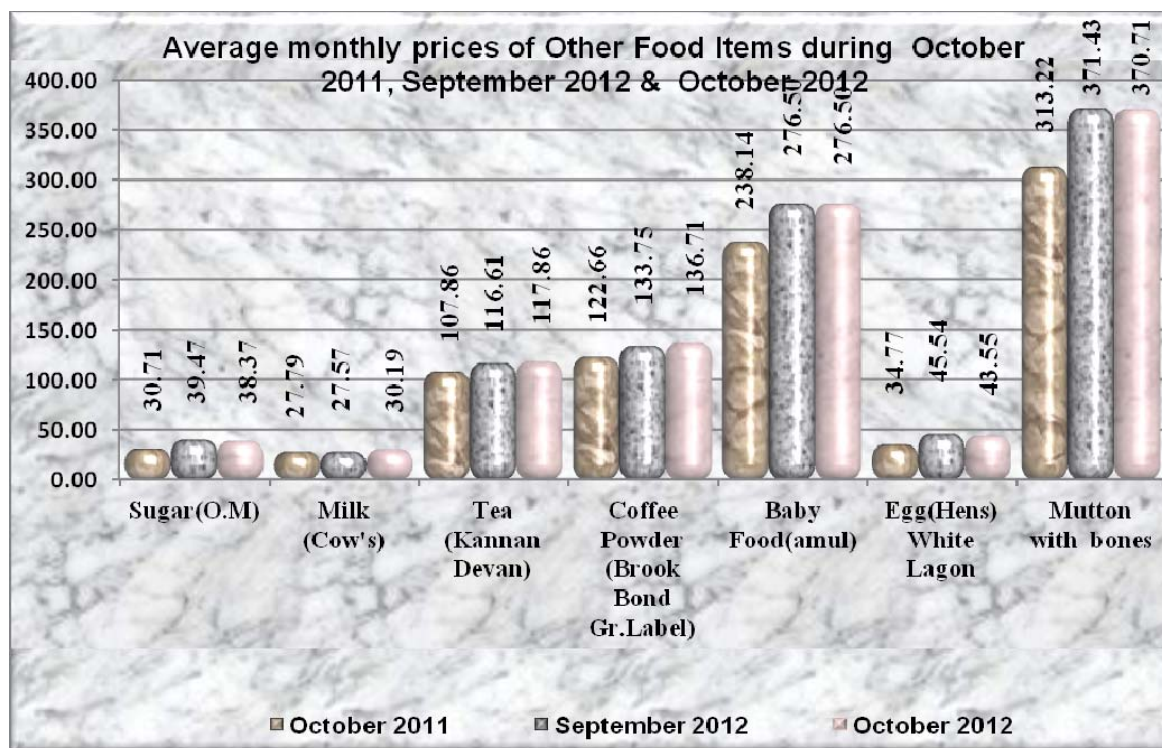
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the retail prices of items in this group when compared with the price of the previous month. The price of sugar (OM), Egg (hens) white hay on, and Mutton with bones had a marginal decrease of 2.79%, 4.36% and 0.19% respectively while the prices of Tea (Kannan Devan), Coffee powder (Brooke Bond, Green Label) went up by 9.50%, 1.07% and 2.21% respectively. The price of Baby food (Amul) remained steady when compared with the price of the previous month. The prices of all the other items in this group increased by 8% to 26% 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	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.71	39.47	38.37	-2.79	24.92
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.79	27.57	30.19	9.50	8.64
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.86	116.61	117.86	1.07	9.27
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	122.66	133.75	136.71	2.21	11.45
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	238.14	276.50	276.50	0.00	16.11
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	34.77	45.54	43.55	-4.36	25.24
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	313.22	371.43	370.71	-0.19	18.36

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

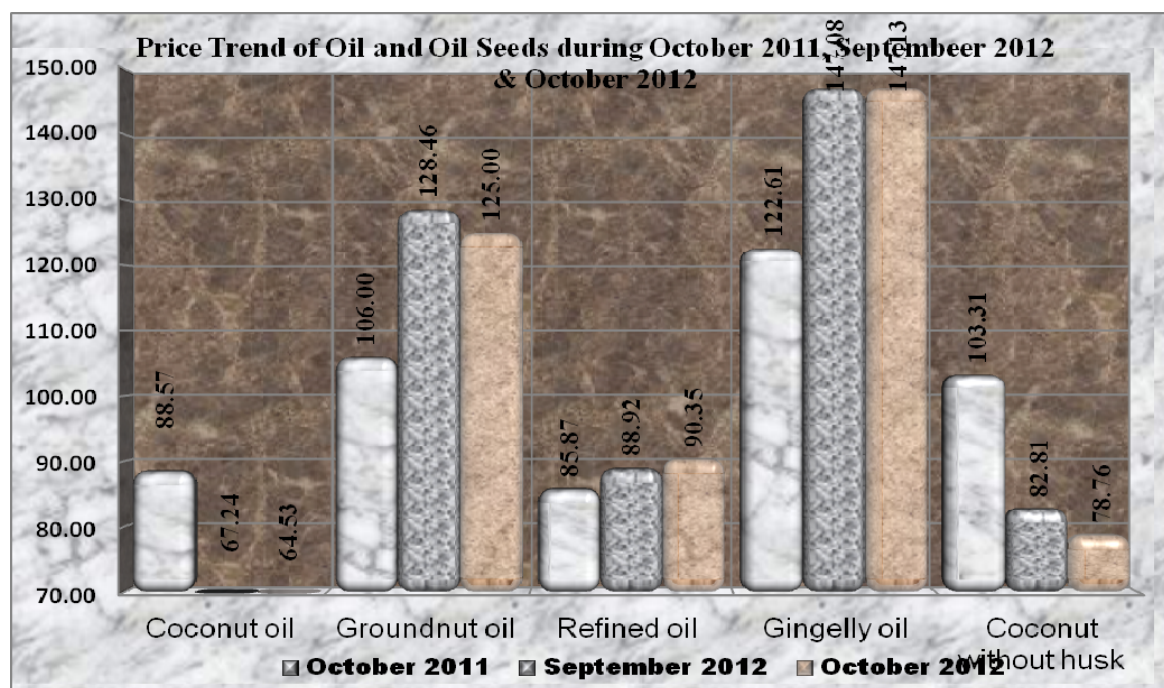
A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of oil and oil seeds compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. Negative trend is seen in the State average retail price of coconut oil, ground nut oil and coconut without husk. The price of Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by up to 2% 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 oil and coconut without husk had decreased by 27.14% and 23.76% respectively. While the prices of ground nut oil, Refined oil and Gingelly oil increased by 17.92%, 5.2% and 20.00% respectively.

Table-4

Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
		Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over month	Over year
Coconut oil	Ltr.	88.57	67.24	64.53	-4.02	-27.14
Groundnut oil	Ltr.	106.00	128.46	125.00	-2.69	17.92
Refined oil	Ltr.	85.87	88.92	90.35	1.61	5.21
Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.61	147.08	147.13	0.03	20.00
Coconut without husk	10 nos	103.31	82.81	78.76	-4.90	-23.76

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

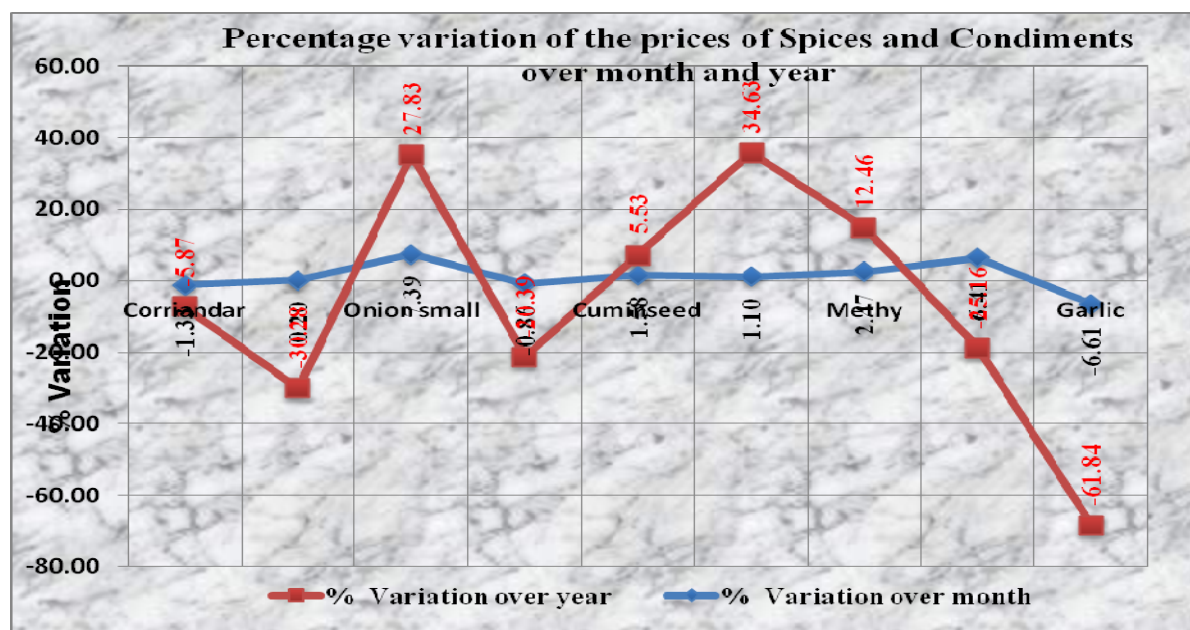
A mixed trend is seen in the state average retail price of spices and condiments. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail price of coriander (1.33%), Tamarind without seed loose (0.86%) and Garlic (6.61%), while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the price of previous month.

Coriander, Chillies dry, Tamarind without seed loose, Turmeric and garlic showed a downward trend of 5.87%, 30.28%, 20.39%, 25.16% and 61.84% respectively while all the other items showed an upward trend 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	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Corriandar	Kg.	73.29	69.91	68.98	-1.33	-5.87
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	114.05	79.36	79.52	0.20	-30.28
3	Onion small	Kg.	28.63	34.08	36.59	7.39	27.83
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	96.29	77.32	76.66	-0.86	-20.39
5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.12	22.98	23.35	1.58	5.53
6	Mustard	100gm	5.65	7.52	7.60	1.10	34.63
7	Methy	100gm	6.18	6.78	6.95	2.47	12.46
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.09	11.32	12.04	6.41	-25.16
9	Garlic	100gm	11.20	4.58	4.27	-6.61	-61.84

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

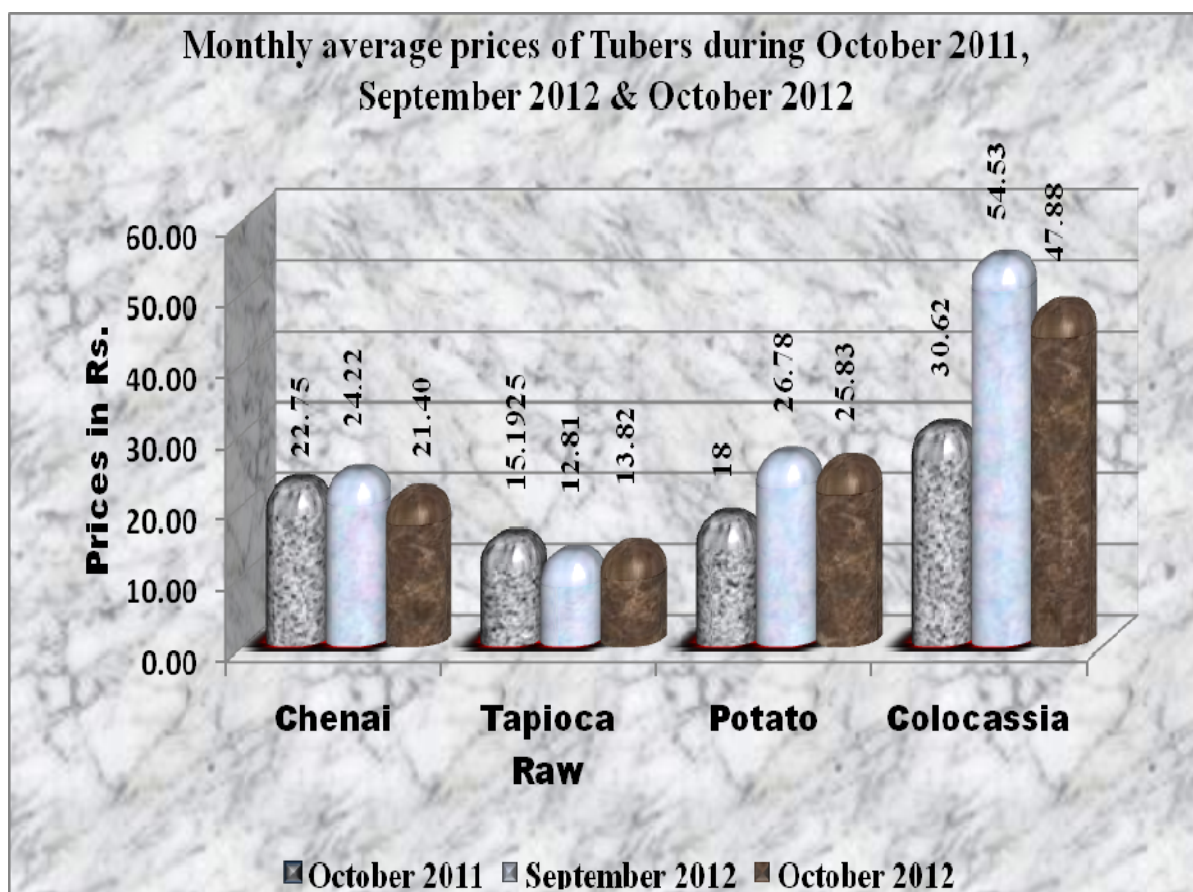
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of Tubers except Tapioca Raw showed decreasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month. Chennai and Tapioca Raw showed a downward trend by 5.93% and 9.07% respectively, while all other items showed an upward trend when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	22.75	24.22	21.40	-11.64	-5.93
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	15.19	12.81	13.82	7.85	-9.07
3	Potato	Kg.	18.00	26.78	25.83	-3.53	43.51
4	Colocassia	Kg.	30.62	54.53	47.88	-12.19	56.36

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

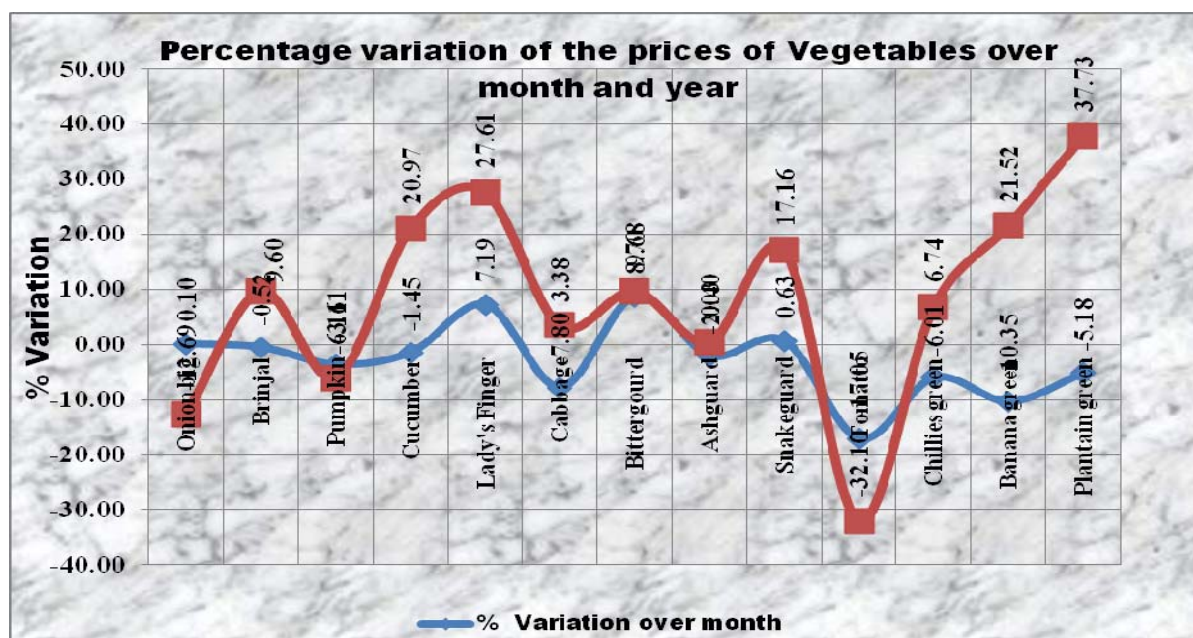
A mixed trend has been observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables compared with the prices of both previous month and year. The price of Onion big (0.10%) Lady's finger (7.19%), Bitter gourd (8.70%) and Snake gourd (0.63%) showed an increase while all the other items showed a decreasing trend when compared with the prices of the previous month.

The State average retail prices of Onion big (12.69%), Pumpkin (6.11%) and Tomato (32.10%) showed a negative trend while the prices of all other items increased by 4% to 38%. Notable increase is seen in the price of Plantain green when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year (37.73%).

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	17.39	15.17	15.19	0.10	-12.69
2	Brinjal	Kg.	18.41	20.28	20.18	-0.52	9.60
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.91	15.50	14.94	-3.61	-6.11
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.04	19.68	19.40	-1.45	20.97
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.47	25.56	27.40	7.19	27.61
6	Cabbage	Kg.	17.22	19.30	17.80	-7.80	3.38
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.27	32.56	35.39	8.70	9.68
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.05	15.43	15.11	-2.03	0.40
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	22.66	26.39	26.55	0.63	17.16
10	Tomatto	Kg.	22.20	18.17	15.07	-17.05	-32.10
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.15	3.58	3.37	-6.01	6.74
12	Banana green	Kg.	22.54	30.55	27.39	-10.35	21.52
13	Plantain green	Kg.	15.96	23.19	21.99	-5.18	37.73

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

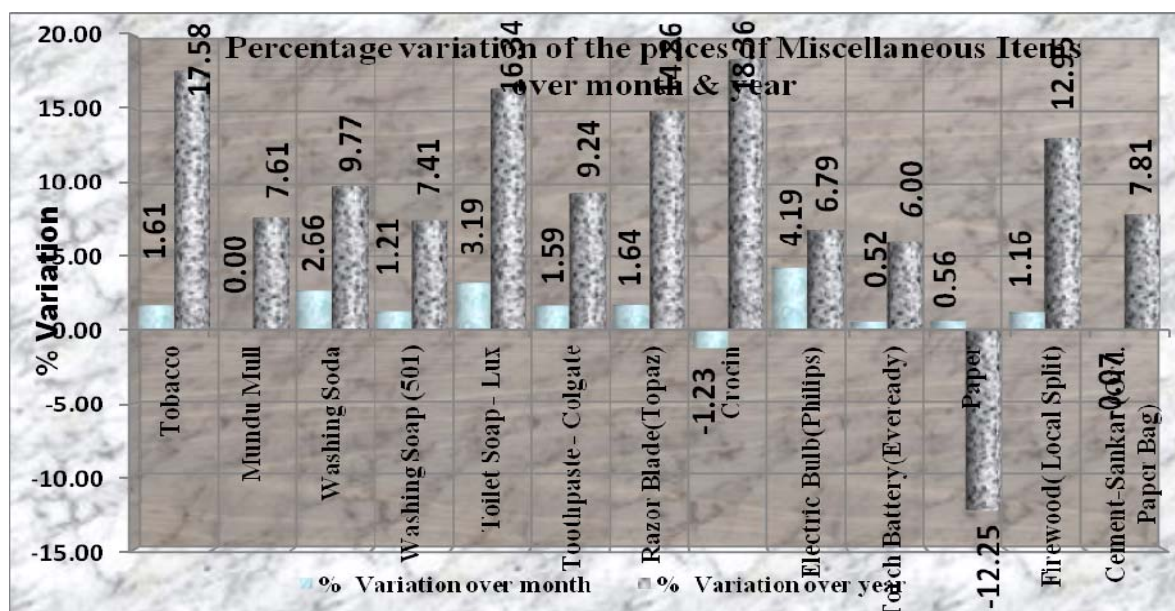
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

In this group the price of all items except (Crocina and Cement-Sankar-Ordinary) showed a nominal increase with respect to the State average retail prices of the previous month. The price of Crocin and Cement-Sankar decreased by 1.23% and 0.07% respectively when compared with the price of previous month. When compared with the prices of the previous year all items except Paper showed an increasing trend while the State average retail price of paper decreased by 12.25%.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	105.09	121.61	123.57	1.61	17.58
2	Mundu Mull	Each	95.99	103.29	103.29	0.00	7.61
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.43	33.61	34.50	2.66	9.77
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.97	14.82	15.00	1.21	7.41
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.96	20.25	20.90	3.19	16.34
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.52	33.89	34.43	1.59	9.24
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.30	8.25	8.39	1.64	14.86
8	Crocina	2 tabs	2.38	2.86	2.82	-1.23	18.36
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.64	11.93	12.43	4.19	6.79
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	13.75	14.50	14.58	0.52	6.00
11	Paper	24Sheet	15.43	13.46	13.54	0.56	-12.25
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	321.67	359.17	363.34	1.16	12.95
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	331.55	357.70	357.45	-0.07	7.81

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

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

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			Oct-2011	Sep - 2012	Oct -2012	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	25.17	31.19	31.82	2.03	26.43
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	23.65	29.44	29.90	1.55	26.43
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	24.28	28.23	29.61	4.90	21.94
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	70.31	72.99	70.03	-4.07	-0.40
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	75.92	79.61	79.32	-0.37	4.47
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	74.41	69.76	69.17	-0.84	-7.04
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	71.75	64.44	65.70	1.96	-8.43
5	Redgram	Kg	44.93	72.92	74.19	1.75	65.14
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	70.31	78.83	79.89	1.34	13.63
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	54.44	76.42	75.37	-1.38	38.45
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	48.60	69.50	70.01	0.72	44.04
9	Peas Dhall	Kg	36.63	45.93	44.74	-2.59	22.14
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	30.71	39.47	38.37	-2.79	24.92
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	27.79	27.57	30.19	9.50	8.64
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	107.86	116.61	117.86	1.07	9.27
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	122.66	133.75	136.71	2.21	11.45
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	238.14	276.50	276.50	0.00	16.11
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	34.77	45.54	43.55	-4.36	25.24
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	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	88.57	67.24	64.53	-4.02	-27.14
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	106.00	128.46	125.00	-2.69	17.92
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	85.87	88.92	90.35	1.61	5.21
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	122.61	147.08	147.13	0.03	20.00
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	103.31	82.81	78.76	-4.90	-23.76
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriander	Kg.	73.29	69.91	68.98	-1.33	-5.87
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5	Cuminseed	100gm	22.12	22.98	23.35	1.58	5.53
6	Mustard	100gm	5.65	7.52	7.60	1.10	34.63
7	Methy	100gm	6.18	6.78	6.95	2.47	12.46
8	Turmeric	100gm	16.09	11.32	12.04	6.41	-25.16
9	Garlic	100gm	11.20	4.58	4.27	-6.61	-61.84

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3	Pumpkin	Kg.	15.91	15.50	14.94	-3.61	-6.11
4	Cucumber	Kg.	16.04	19.68	19.40	-1.45	20.97
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	21.47	25.56	27.40	7.19	27.61
6	Cabbage	Kg.	17.22	19.30	17.80	-7.80	3.38
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	32.27	32.56	35.39	8.70	9.68
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	15.05	15.43	15.11	-2.03	0.40
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	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	105.09	121.61	123.57	1.61	17.58
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3	Washing Soda	Kg.	31.43	33.61	34.50	2.66	9.77
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	13.97	14.82	15.00	1.21	7.41
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	17.96	20.25	20.90	3.19	16.34
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	31.52	33.89	34.43	1.59	9.24
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	7.30	8.25	8.39	1.64	14.86
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.38	2.86	2.82	-1.23	18.36
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	11.64	11.93	12.43	4.19	6.79
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	13.75	14.50	14.58	0.52	6.00
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