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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

DECEMBER- 2022

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December 2022. A mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last months as well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of December of the previous year 2021, previous month November 2022 and current month of December 2022 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year are included in this report. 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 the month mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Rice varieties when compared with the prices of the previous month, while an increasing trend was seen when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State Average Retail Prices of White Andhra Vella and Red Chamba increased by 2.84 %, and 1.11 % while the prices of Red Matta decreased by 1.61 %.

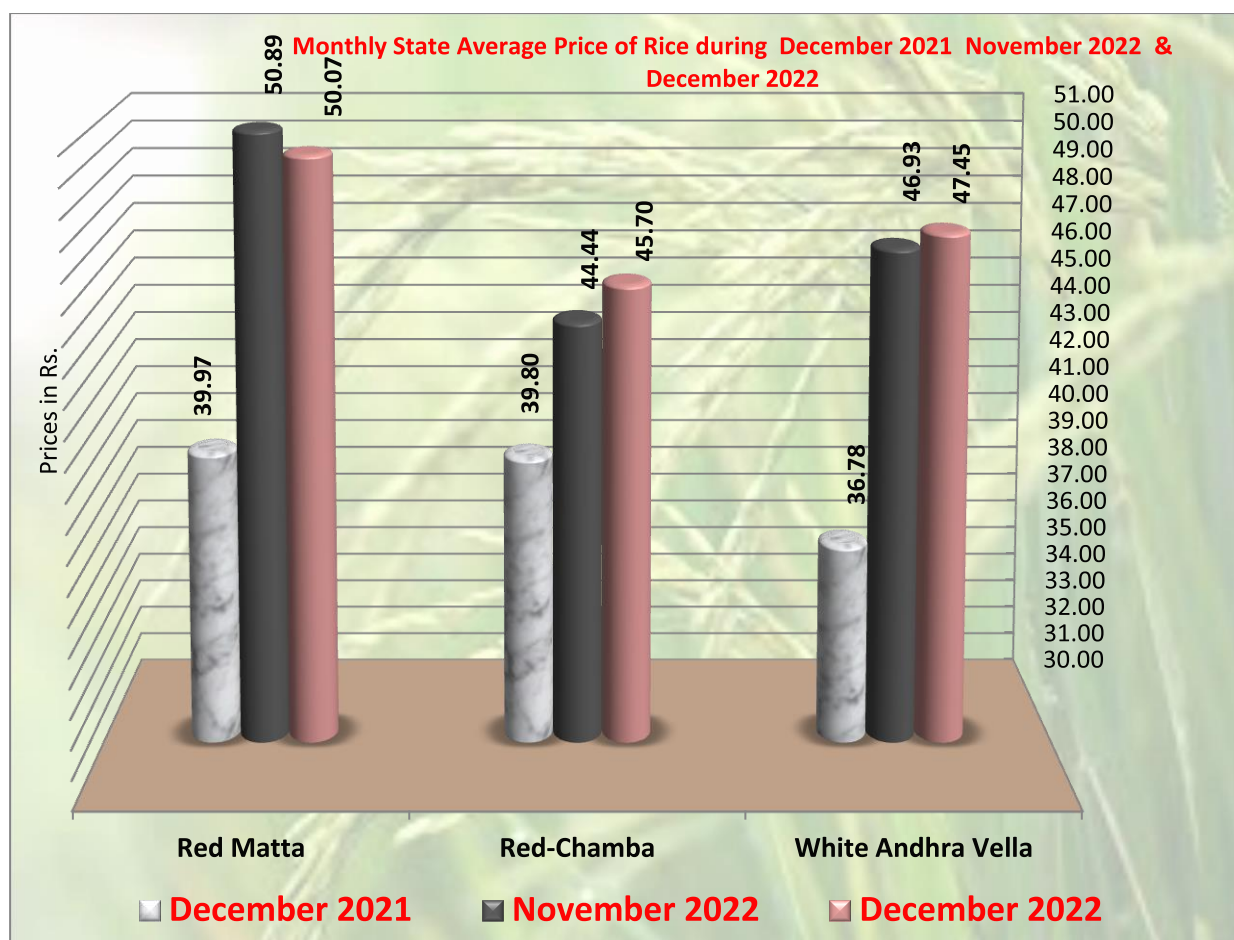
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of Red Matta, Red Chamba and White Andhra Vella increased by 25.27 %, 14.82 % and 29.01 % respectively.

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.97	50.89	50.07	-1.61	25.27
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.80	44.44	45.70	2.84	14.82
3	White - Andhra Vella	Kg	36.78	46.93	47.45	1.11	29.01

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Pulses.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of previous month, only marginal variation was seen in this group.

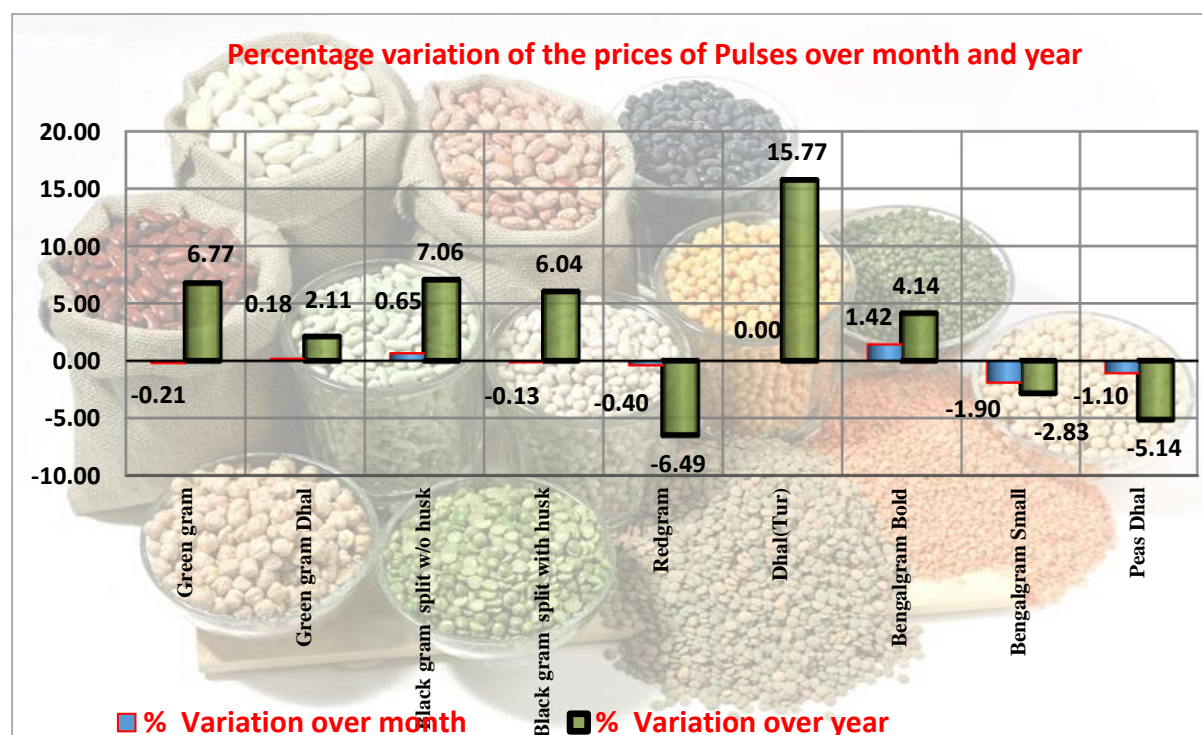
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhal (Tur) (15.77%), Black gram Split without husk (7.06%) Black gram Split with husk (6.04%) and Green gram (6.77 %).while Notable decrease was seen in the prices Red gram (6.49 %).

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	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	105.61	113.00	112.76	-0.21	6.77
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	116.57	118.82	119.03	0.18	2.11
3	Black gram split without husk	Kg	119.52	127.13	127.96	0.65	7.06
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	116.60	123.80	123.64	-0.13	6.04
5	Redgram	Kg	107.36	100.79	100.39	-0.40	-6.49
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	112.59	130.34	130.34	0.00	15.77
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	87.67	90.02	91.30	1.42	4.14
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	79.50	78.75	77.25	-1.90	-2.83
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	84.47	81.02	80.13	-1.10	-5.14

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Other Food Items.

During the month mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Other food items when compared with the prices of the previous month, while an increasing trend observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

From December 1st onwards the Milma has increased the Price of milk by Rs 6 more per litre. The State Average Retail Price of Egg (Hen) White Lagoon increased by 2.69 %. All the remaining items in this group showed only a marginal variation when compared with the prices of the previous month.

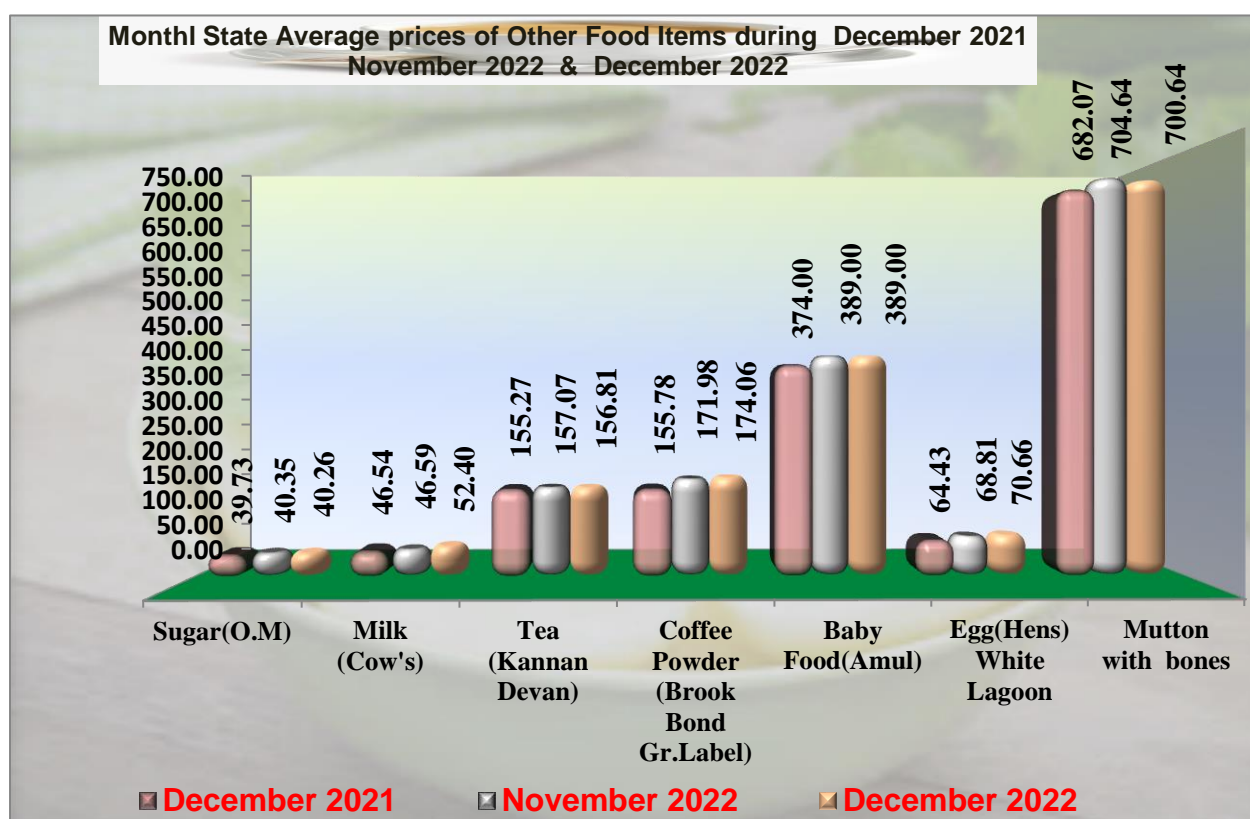
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Other Food Items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Milk (Cows) (12.59 %), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (11.73 %) and Egg (Hen) White Lagoon (9.67 %),

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of other food items.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar (O.M)	Kg.	39.73	40.35	40.26	-0.22	1.33
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.54	46.59	52.40	12.47	12.59
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	155.27	157.07	156.81	-0.17	0.99
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	155.78	171.98	174.06	1.21	11.73
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	374.00	389.00	389.00	0.00	4.01
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	64.43	68.81	70.66	2.69	9.67
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	682.07	704.64	700.64	-0.57	2.72

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

During the month mixed trend was seen in the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of previous month, a mixed trend was observed. Notable increase was seen in the price Coconut Oil (3.10 %) and Coconut without Husk (5.65 %) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

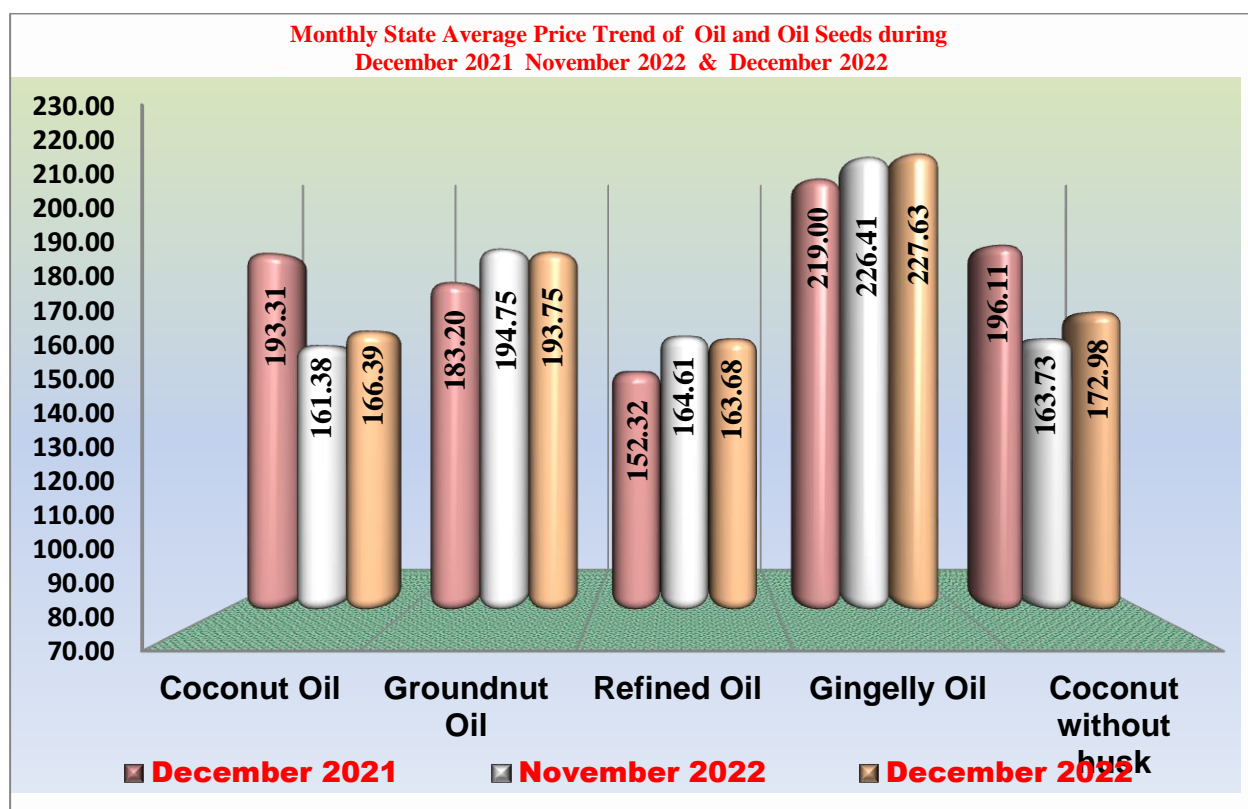
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oilseeds showed the mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Refined oil (7.46 %) and Groundnut Oil (5.76 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil (13.93 %) and Coconut without husk (11.79 %).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Oil and Oilseeds.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	193.31	161.38	166.39	3.10	-13.93
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	183.20	194.75	193.75	-0.51	5.76
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	152.32	164.61	163.68	-0.56	7.46
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	219.00	226.41	227.63	0.54	3.94
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	196.11	163.73	172.98	5.65	-11.79

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments:

During the month 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 Spices and Condiments showed only marginal variations when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (2.69%) and Onion Small (2.57%). Notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (3.04 %) and Methy (2.37%) .

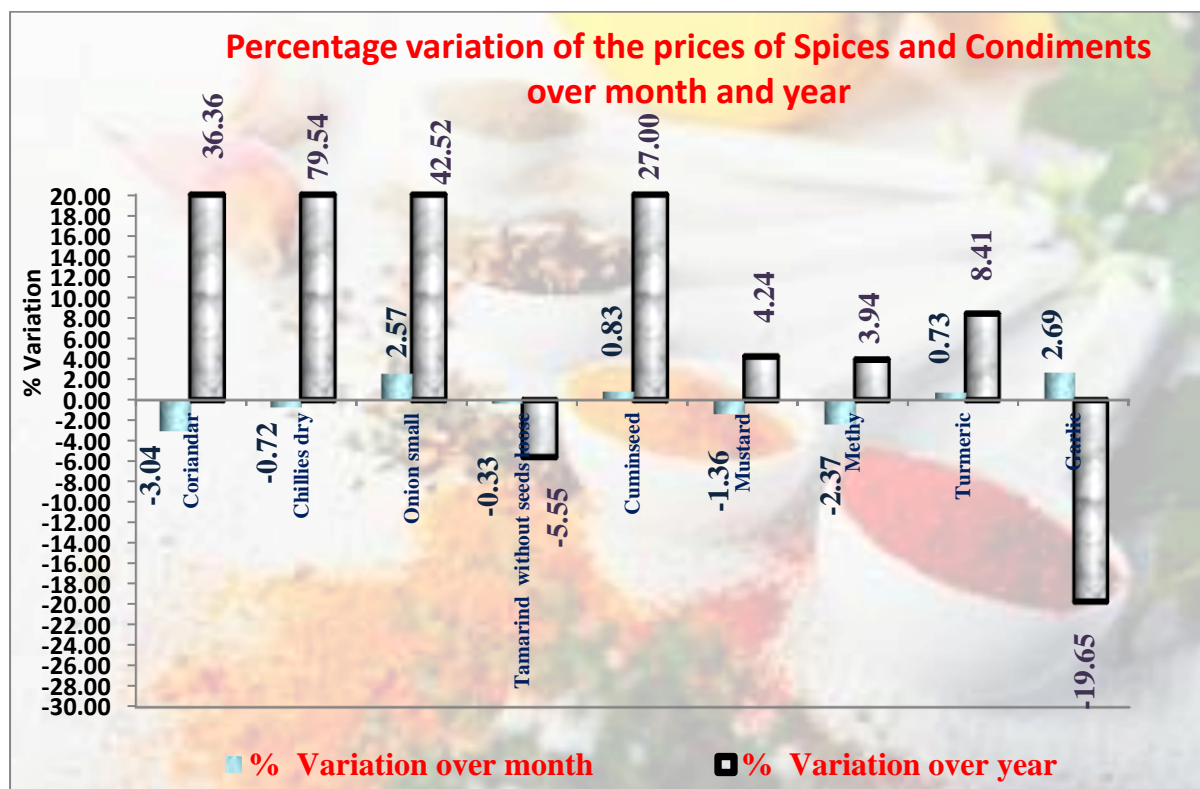
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed an increasing trend except the prices of Garlic and Tamarind without seeds loose. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (79.54%), Onion small (42.52%), Coriander (36.36%) and Cuminseed (27%). while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (19.65%).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Spices and Condiments.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	114.63	161.21	156.31	-3.04	36.36
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	181.96	329.05	326.69	-0.72	79.54
3	Onion small	Kg.	69.23	96.20	98.67	2.57	42.52
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	153.97	145.91	145.43	-0.33	-5.55
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.81	36.29	36.59	0.83	27.00
6	Mustard	100gm	12.50	13.21	13.03	-1.36	4.24
7	Methy	100gm	12.70	13.52	13.20	-2.37	3.94
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.03	20.48	20.63	0.73	8.41
9	Garlic	100gm	11.40	8.92	9.16	2.69	-19.65

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month a decreasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the previous month while an increasing trend was noticed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Tubers showed a decreasing trend except the price of Colocasia that increased by 2.31 %. The State Average Retail Prices Tapioca Raw, Potato and Elephant Yam decreased by 5.41 %, 2.43 % and 2.34 % respectively.

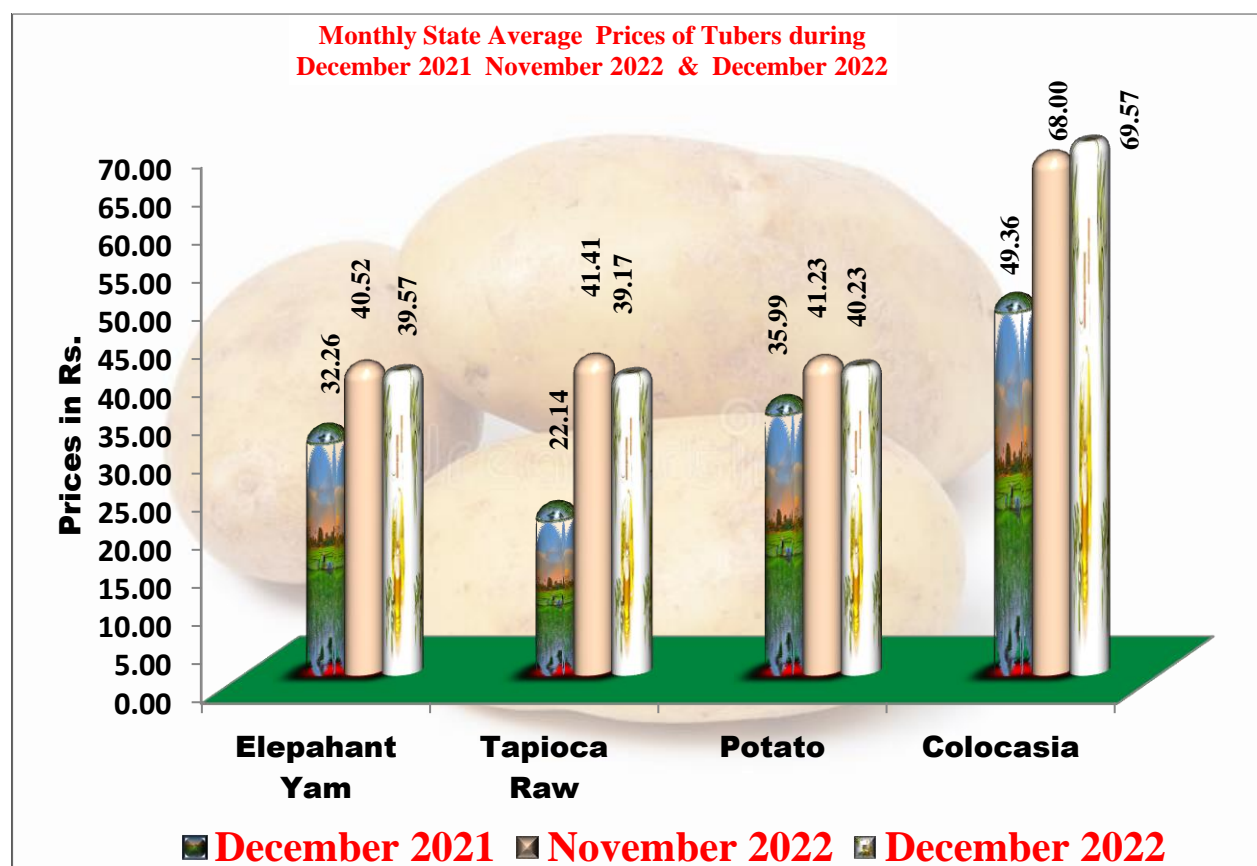
Increasing trend was observed in the retail prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Tapioca (76.92 %), Colocasia (40.94 %) and Elephant Yam (22.66 %).

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Tubers.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	32.26	40.52	39.57	-2.34	22.66
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	22.14	41.41	39.17	-5.41	76.92
3	Potato	Kg.	35.99	41.23	40.23	-2.43	11.78
4	Colocasia	Kg.	49.36	68.00	69.57	2.31	40.94

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables.

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month, while a decreasing trend was observed in the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tomato (5.41%) and Banana Green (5.06%). While notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion Big (24.36%), Cabbage (1.76%), Bitter gourd (16.81%).

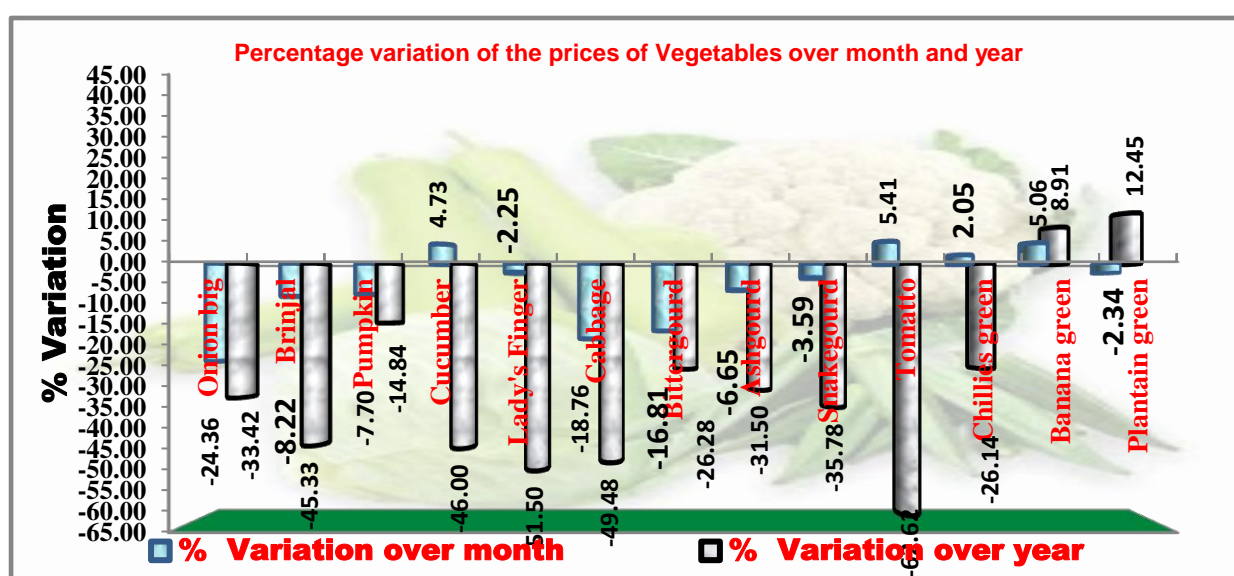
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of vegetables showed downward trend except the price of Banana green and Plantain green. Notable increase was seen in the price of Plantain green (12.45%), Banana green (8.91%), While notable decrease was seen in the prices of Tomato (62.62%), Lady's Finger (51.50%), Cabbage (49.48%), Cucumber (46%), Brinjal (45.33%), Snake gourd (35.78%), Onion (Big)(33.42%), Ash gourd (31.50%), Bitter gourd (26.28%) and Chillies green (26.14%).

The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	42.40	37.32	28.23	-24.36	-33.42
2	Brinjal	Kg.	67.99	40.50	37.17	-8.22	-45.33
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	30.40	28.05	25.89	-7.70	-14.84
4	Cucumber	Kg.	52.89	27.27	28.56	4.73	-46.00
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	77.86	38.63	37.76	-2.25	-51.50
6	Cabbage	Kg	63.60	39.55	32.13	-18.76	-49.48
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	68.33	60.55	50.37	-16.81	-26.28
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	36.89	27.07	25.27	-6.65	-31.50
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	56.43	37.59	36.24	-3.59	-35.78
10	Tomato	Kg.	71.96	25.52	26.90	5.41	-62.62
11	Chillies green	100gm	8.76	6.34	6.47	2.05	-26.14
12	Banana green	Kg.	44.44	46.07	48.40	5.06	8.91
13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.79	42.36	41.37	-2.34	12.45

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of this group when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month, an increasing trend was observed except the prices of Cement (Sankar) and Tobacco that decreased by about 4.49% and 0.40% respectively, Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch battery (Eveready) (5.31%) and Paper (2.39%) all the remaining item showed a marginal increase.

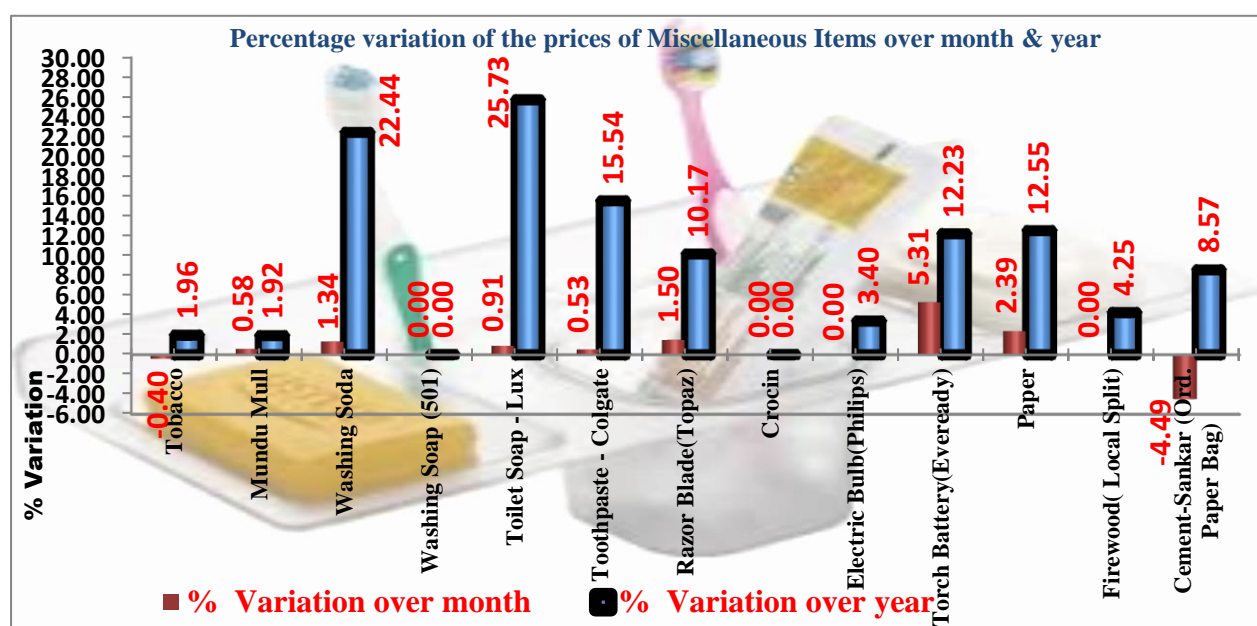
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of this group showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Toilet Soap –Lux (25.73%), Washing soda (22.44%), Toothpaste – Colgate (15.54%), Paper (12.55%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (7.26 %), Razor blade (10.17%) and Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag) (8.57%).

The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of miscellaneous items.

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	211.07	216.07	215.21	-0.40	1.96
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.70	137.50	138.30	0.58	1.92
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	52.00	62.83	63.67	1.34	22.44
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.29	35.25	35.57	0.91	25.73
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	54.04	62.11	62.44	0.53	15.54
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	9.83	10.67	10.83	1.50	10.17
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.81	2.81	0.00	0.00
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.43	14.92	14.92	0.00	3.40
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.10	26.75	28.17	5.31	12.23
11	Paper	24Sheet	18.65	20.50	20.99	2.39	12.55
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	500.40	521.67	521.67	0.00	4.25
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	406.38	461.94	441.22	-4.49	8.57

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of December 2022							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	39.97	50.89	50.07	-1.61	25.27
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	39.80	44.44	45.70	2.84	14.82
3	White - AndhraVella	Kg	36.78	46.93	47.45	1.11	29.01
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	105.61	113.00	112.76	-0.21	6.77
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	116.57	118.82	119.03	0.18	2.11
3	Black gram split without husk	Kg	119.52	127.13	127.96	0.65	7.06
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	116.60	123.80	123.64	-0.13	6.04
5	Red gram	Kg	107.36	100.79	100.39	-0.40	-6.49
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	112.59	130.34	130.34	0.00	15.77
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	87.67	90.02	91.30	1.42	4.14
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	79.50	78.75	77.25	-1.90	-2.83
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	84.47	81.02	80.13	-1.10	-5.14
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar (O.M)	Kg.	39.73	40.35	40.26	-0.22	1.33
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.54	46.59	52.40	12.47	12.59
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	155.27	157.07	156.81	-0.17	0.99
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	155.78	171.98	174.06	1.21	11.73
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	374.00	389.00	389.00	0.00	4.01
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagoon	Dozen	64.43	68.81	70.66	2.69	9.67
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	682.07	704.64	700.64	-0.57	2.72
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut Oil	Ltr.	193.31	161.38	166.39	3.10	-13.93
2	Groundnut Oil	Ltr.	183.20	194.75	193.75	-0.51	5.76
3	Refined Oil	Ltr.	152.32	164.61	163.68	-0.56	7.46
4	Gingelly Oil	Ltr.	219.00	226.41	227.63	0.54	3.94
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1	Coriander	Kg.	114.63	161.21	156.31	-3.04	36.36
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	181.96	329.05	326.69	-0.72	79.54
3	Onion small	Kg.	69.23	96.20	98.67	2.57	42.52
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	153.97	145.91	145.43	-0.33	-5.55
5	Cuminseed	100gm	28.81	36.29	36.59	0.83	27.00
6	Mustard	100gm	12.50	13.21	13.03	-1.36	4.24
7	Methy	100gm	12.70	13.52	13.20	-2.37	3.94
8	Turmeric	100gm	19.03	20.48	20.63	0.73	8.41
9	Garlic	100gm	11.40	8.92	9.16	2.69	-19.65

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	F. TUBERS						
1	Elephant Yam	Kg.	32.26	40.52	39.57	-2.34	22.66
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	22.14	41.41	39.17	-5.41	76.92
3	Potato	Kg.	35.99	41.23	40.23	-2.43	11.78
4	Colocasia	Kg.	49.36	68.00	69.57	2.31	40.94
	G. VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	42.40	37.32	28.23	-24.36	-33.42
2	Brinjal	Kg.	67.99	40.50	37.17	-8.22	-45.33
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	30.40	28.05	25.89	-7.70	-14.84
4	Cucumber	Kg.	52.89	27.27	28.56	4.73	-46.00
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	77.86	38.63	37.76	-2.25	-51.50
6	Cabbage	Kg	63.60	39.55	32.13	-18.76	-49.48
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	68.33	60.55	50.37	-16.81	-26.28
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	36.89	27.07	25.27	-6.65	-31.50
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13	Plantain green	Kg.	36.79	42.36	41.37	-2.34	12.45
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	211.07	216.07	215.21	-0.40	1.96
2	Mundu Mull	Each	135.70	137.50	138.30	0.58	1.92
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	52.00	62.83	63.67	1.34	22.44
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	-	-	-		
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	28.29	35.25	35.57	0.91	25.73
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	54.04	62.11	62.44	0.53	15.54
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 Nos	9.83	10.67	10.83	1.50	10.17
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.81	2.81	0.00	0.00
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	40W	14.43	14.92	14.92	0.00	3.40
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.10	26.75	28.17	5.31	12.23
11	Paper	24 Sheets	18.65	20.50	20.99	2.39	12.55
12	Firewood (Local Split)	Quintal	500.40	521.67	521.67	0.00	4.25
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	406.38	461.94	441.22	-4.49	8.57