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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

JANUARY- 2023

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of January 2023. 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 January of the previous year 2022, previous month December 2022 and current month of January 2023 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 Prices 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 Red-Matta and Red-Chamba decreased by 2.7 %, and 4.3 % while the prices of White-Andhra Vella increased by 0.64 %.

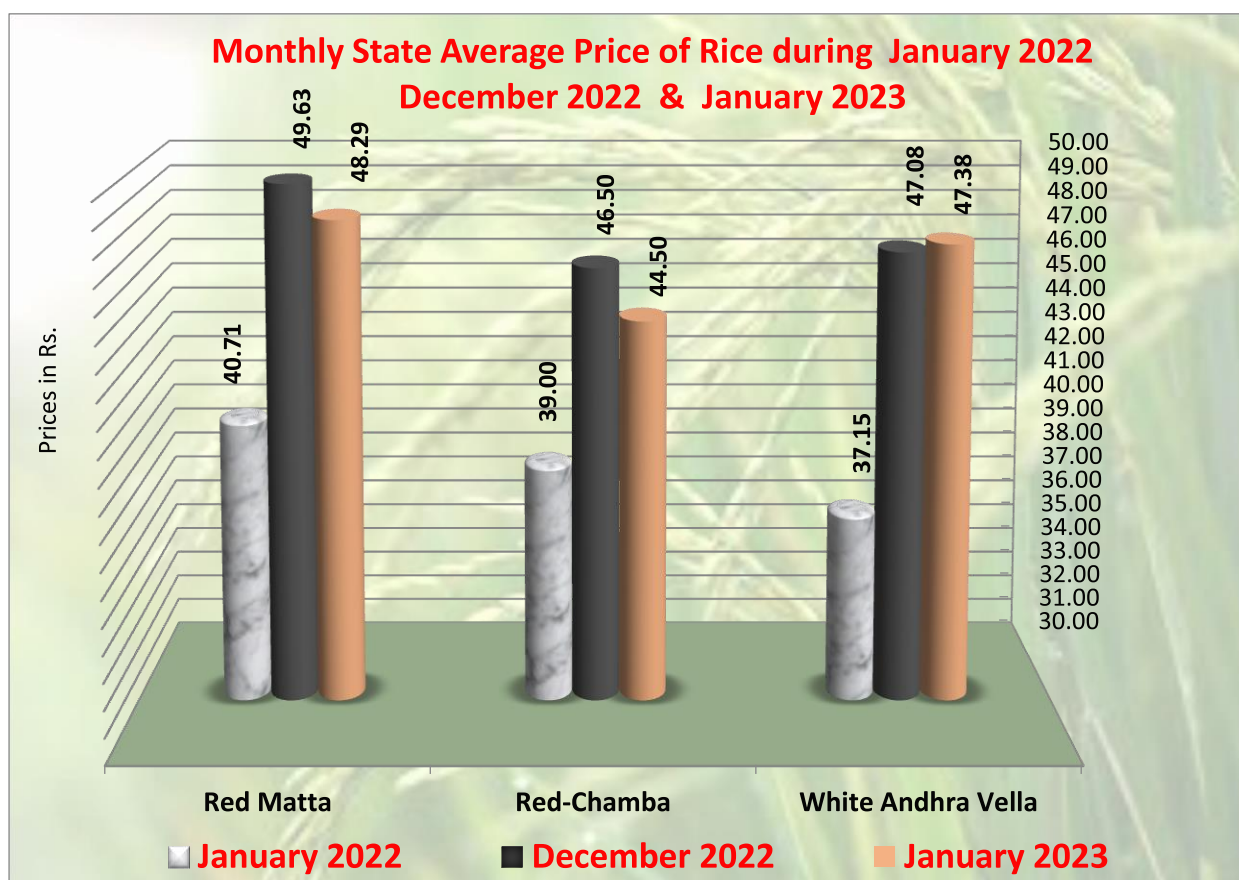
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and White-Andhra Vella increased by 18.62 %, 14.1 % and 27.54 % respectively.

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	
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	40.71	49.63	48.29	-2.7	18.62
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	39	46.5	44.5	-4.3	14.1
3	White - Andhra Vella	Kg.	37.15	47.08	47.38	0.64	27.54

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Pulses.

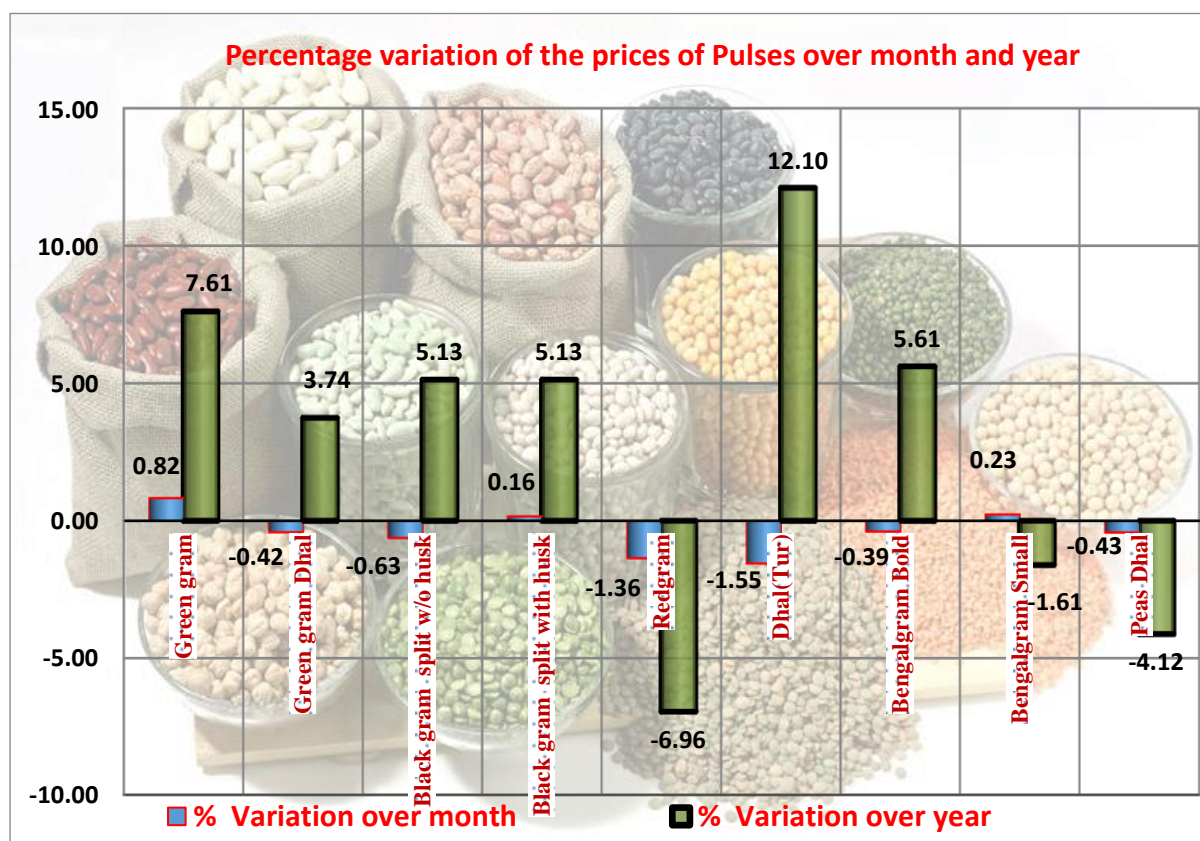
During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Prices of Pulses when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. When compared with the prices of previous month, only marginal variation was seen in this group. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of Pulses showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Green gram (7.61%) and Dhall (Tur) (12.1%) while Notable decrease was seen in the prices of Red gram (6.96 %)

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	
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	106	113.14	114.07	0.82	7.61
2	Green gram dhal	Kg.	114.43	119.21	118.71	-0.42	3.74
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	120.8	127.8	127	-0.63	5.13
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	117	122.8	123	0.16	5.13
5	Red gram	Kg.	105.79	99.79	98.43	-1.36	-6.96
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	113.29	129	127	-1.55	12.1
7	Bengal gram Bold	Kg	86.57	91.79	91.43	-0.39	5.61
8	Bengal gram small	Kg	79	77.55	77.73	0.23	-1.61
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	83	79.92	79.58	-0.43	-4.12

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 Prices 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 price of Milk by Rs.6 more per liter. The State Average Retail Prices of Mutton without bones increased by 5.26 %. All the remaining items in this group showed only a marginal variation when compared with the prices of the previous month.

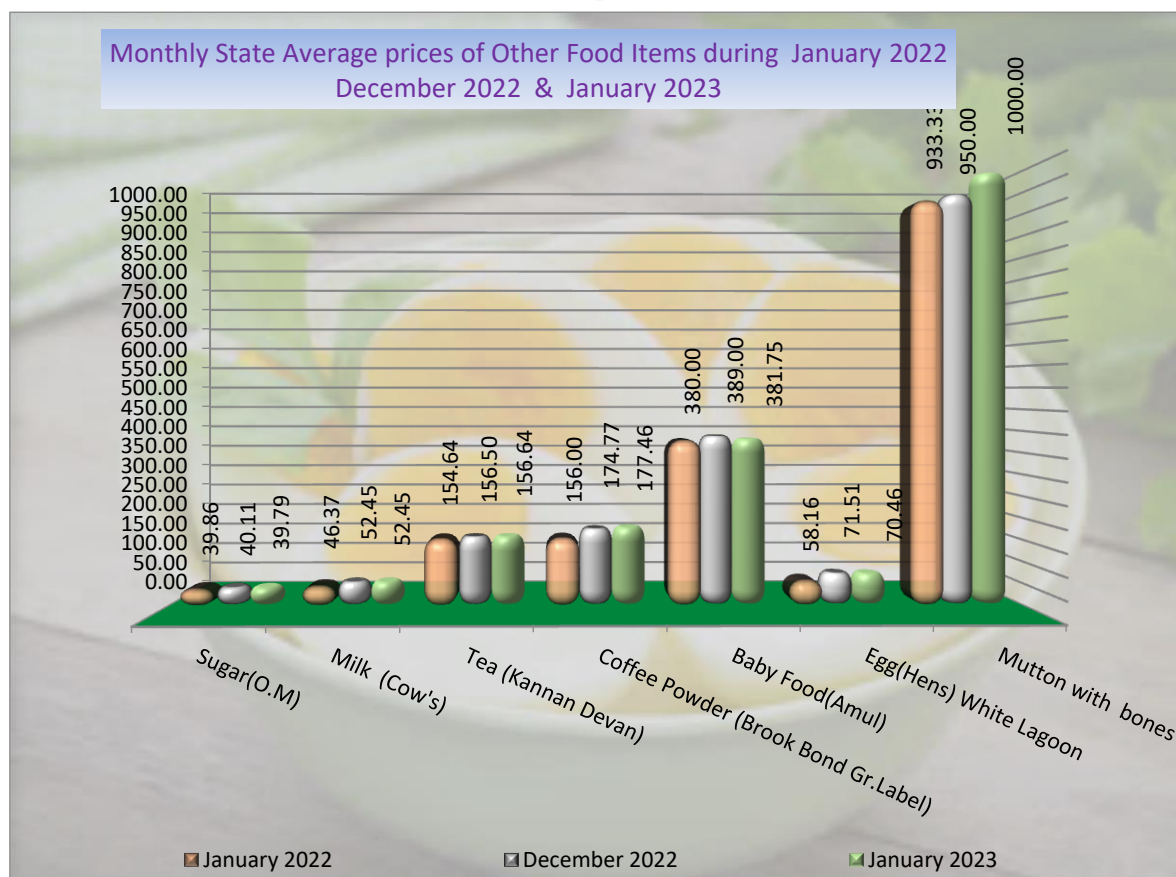
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of Other Food Items showed an increasing trend except Sugar. Notable increase was seen in the price of Milk (Cows) (13.11 %), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Grable) (13.76 %), Egg (Hen) White Lagoon (21.15 %) and Mutton without bones (7.14%)

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	
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.86	40.11	39.79	-0.8	-0.18
2	Milk (Cow)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	-	13.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	154.64	156.5	156.64	0.09	1.29
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	156	174.77	177.46	1.54	13.76
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	380	389	381.75	-1.86	0.46
6	Egg Hen (White Lagoon)	Dozen	58.16	71.51	70.46	-1.47	21.15
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	950	1000	5.26	7.14

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OIL SEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oil Seeds.

During the month mixed trend was seen in the State Average 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.

When compared with the prices of previous month, a mixed trend was observed. Notable decrease was seen in the price Refined Oil (Postman) (2.81 %) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

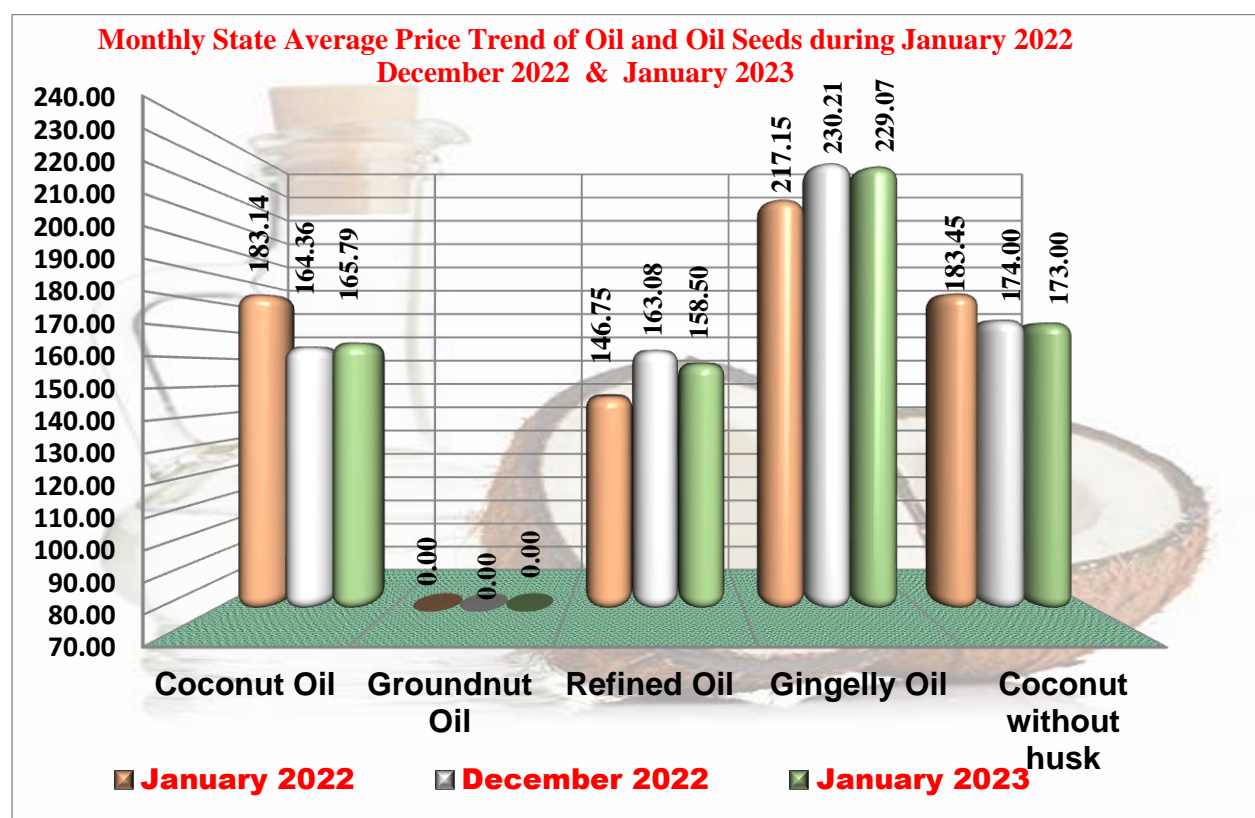
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oil Seeds showed the mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Refined oil (Postman) (8.01 %) and Gingelly Oil (5.49 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil (9.47 %).

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

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	183.14	164.36	165.79	0.87	-9.47
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	0	0	0		
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	146.75	163.08	158.5	-2.81	8.01
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	217.15	230.21	229.07	-0.5	5.49
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	183.45	174	173	-0.57	-5.7

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 Prices of Spices and Condiments when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year.

Notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion small (25.81 %) and Coriander (7.61%) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations when compared with the price of the previous month. Notable increase was seen in the price of Cumin seed (9.65 %) and Garlic (2.39 %).

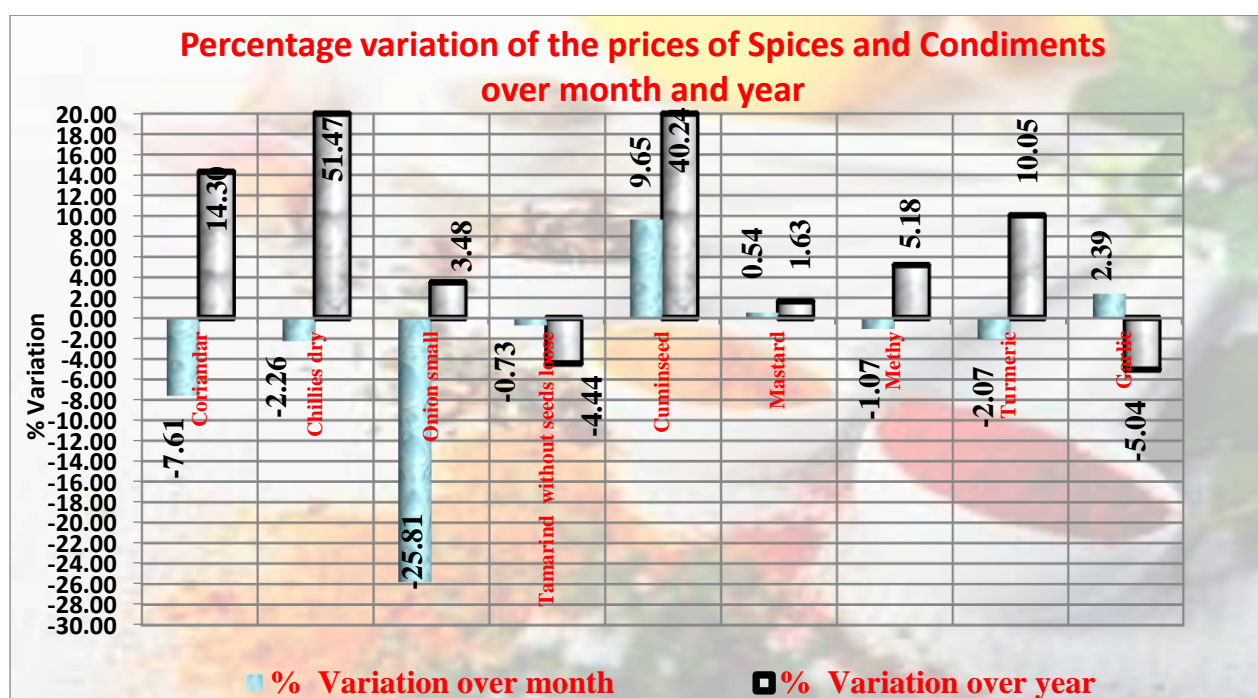
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments showed an increasing trend except the prices of Garlic and Tamarind without seeds loose. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chilies dry (51.47 %), Coriander (14.3 %), Turmeric (10.05%) and Cumin seed (40.24 %). while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (5.04 %).

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	
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	122.86	152	140.43	-7.61	14.3
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	206.07	319.36	312.14	-2.26	51.47
3	Onion small	Kg.	74.21	103.5	76.79	-25.81	3.48
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	151.29	145.64	144.57	-0.73	-4.44
5	Cumin seed	Kg.	28.93	37	40.57	9.65	40.24
6	Mustard	Kg.	12.86	13	13.07	0.54	1.63
7	Methy	Kg.	12.36	13.14	13	-1.07	5.18
8	Turmeric	Kg.	18.5	20.79	20.36	-2.07	10.05
9	Garlic	Kg.	9.93	9.21	9.43	2.39	-5.04

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

During the month mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Prices 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 Prices of Elephant Yam (Chennai) increased by 4.01%. The State Average Retail Prices of Tapioca Raw & Potato decreased by 3.09 %, 9.94% respectively.

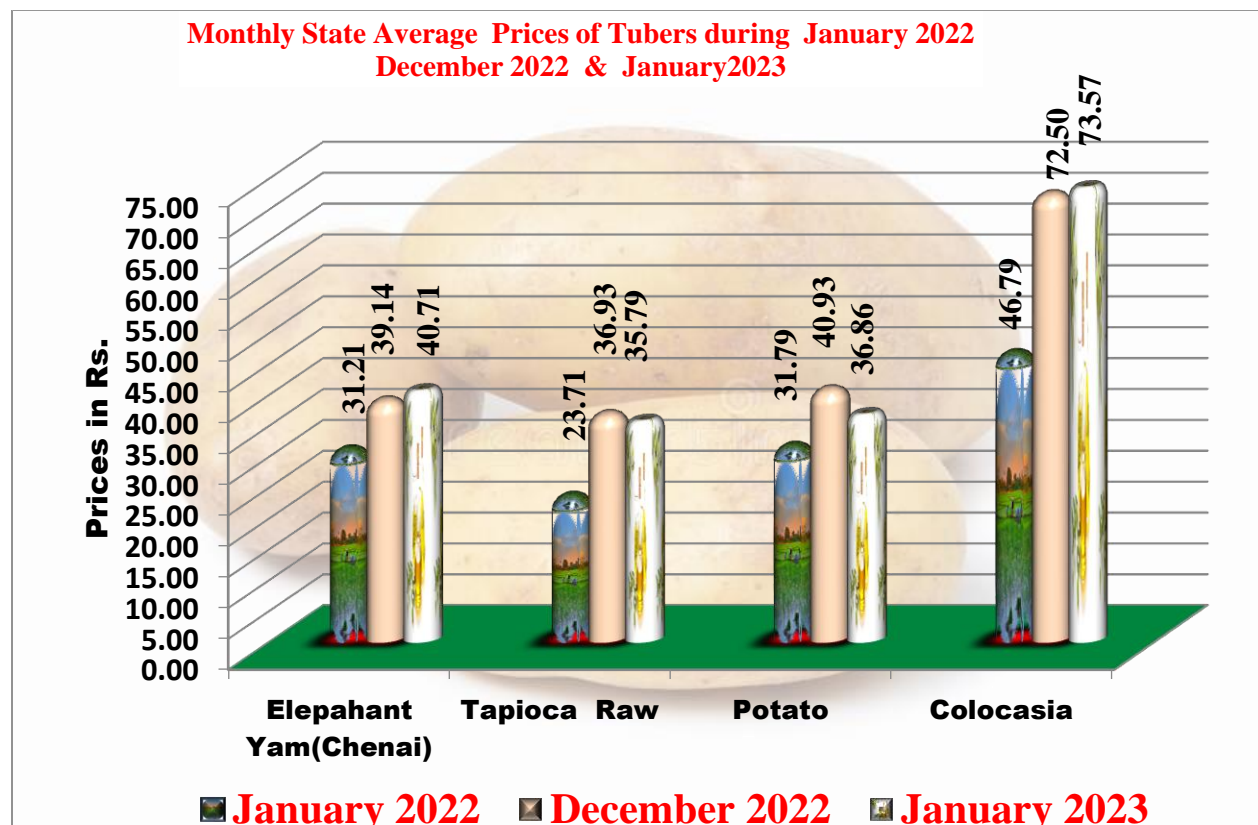
Increasing trend was observed in the Retail Prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Colocassia (57.23 %), Tapioca (50.95 %), Elephant Yam (Chennai) (30.44%), and Potato (15.95%)

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 (Chennai)	Kg.	31.21	39.14	40.71	4.01	30.44
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.71	36.93	35.79	-3.09	50.95
3	Potato	Kg.	31.79	40.93	36.86	-9.94	15.95
4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.79	72.5	73.57	1.48	57.23

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 Prices of Vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month and 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 Ladies Finger (72.69%), Snake gourd (18.38 %), Chillies green (24.57%), Brinjal (12.14%), and Cucumber (7.65%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (6.36%), Bitter gourd (6.14%), Banana green (10.04%), Plantain green (9.95%).

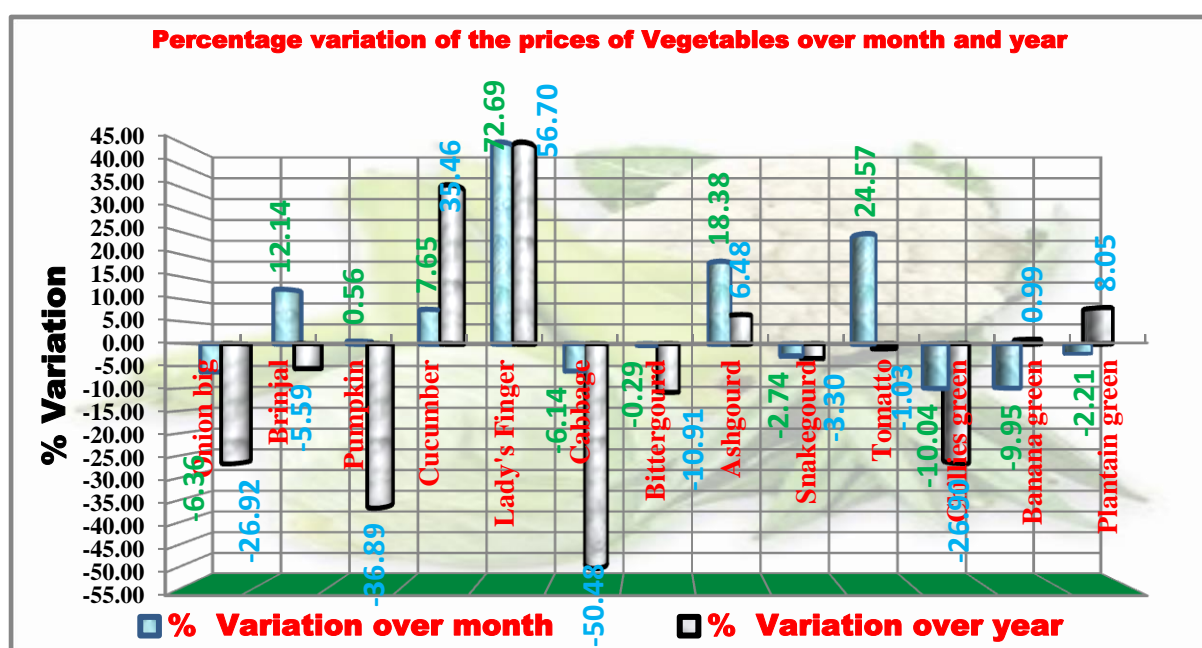
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Ladies Finger (56.70%), Cucumber (35.46 %) and Ash gourd (6.48%) While notable decrease was seen in the prices of Bitter gourd (50.48 %), Pumpkin (36.89), Banana green (26.9%) Cabbage (12.28 %), Brinjal (5.59%), Onion (Big) (26.92%), Ash gourd (10.91), and Chillies green (1.03 %).

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.	38.71	30.21	28.29	-6.36	-26.92
2	Brinjal	Kg.	44.71	37.64	42.21	12.14	-5.59
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	39.50	24.79	24.93	0.56	-36.89
4	Cucumber	Kg.	26.79	33.71	36.29	7.65	35.46
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	43.21	39.21	67.71	72.69	56.70
6	Cabbage	Kg.	59.57	31.43	29.50	-6.14	-50.48
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	53.64	47.93	47.79	-0.29	-10.91
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.64	24.86	29.43	18.38	6.48
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	36.71	36.50	35.50	-2.74	-3.30
10	Tomatto	Kg.	34.79	27.64	34.43	24.57	-1.03
11	Chillies green	Kg.	8.70	7.07	6.36	-10.04	-26.90
12	Banana green	Kg.	43.57	48.86	44.00	-9.95	0.99
13	Plantain green	Kg.	38.14	42.14	41.21	-2.21	8.05

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Miscellaneous Items

During the month a mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Prices 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 a mixed trend was observed. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tobacco (1.5%) and notable decrease was seen in the price of Crocin (2.14%) and Cement-Sankar (Old Paper Bag) (4.51%) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

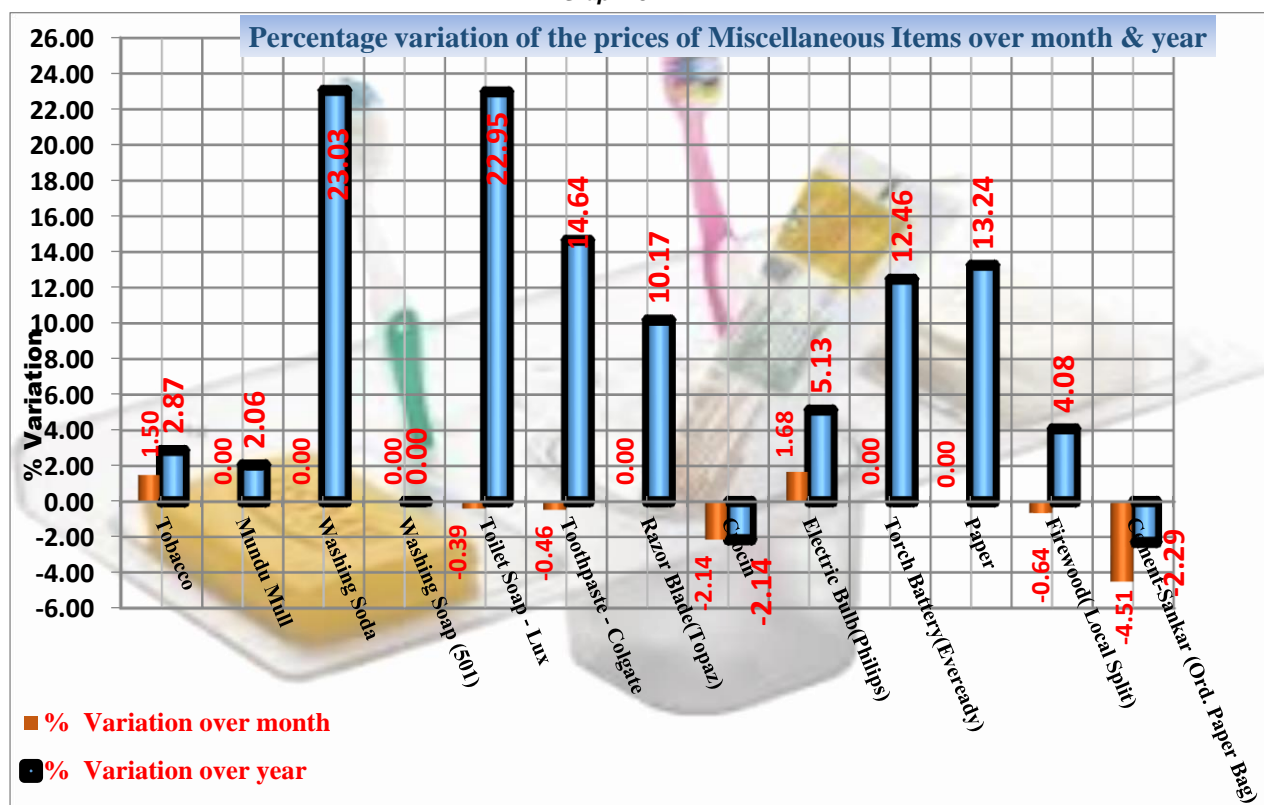
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of this group showed an increasing trend except Crocin and Cement- Sankar (Old Paper Bag). Notable increase was seen in the price of Toilet Soap –Lux (22.95%), Washing Soda (23.03%), Tooth Paste –Colgate (14.64%), Paper (13.24%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (12.46 %), Razor Blade (Topaz- 10.17%) and Electric Bulb (Philips) (5.13%)

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.	211.79	214.64	217.86	1.5	2.87
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	135.7	138.5	138.5	-	2.06
3	Washing Soda	Kg	51.75	63.67	63.67	-	23.03
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0	-	-
5	Toilet Soap-Lux	Each 100gm	28.93	35.71	35.57	-0.39	22.95
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	54.64	62.93	62.64	-0.46	14.64
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	9.83	10.83	10.83	-	10.17
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.81	2.75	-2.14	-2.14
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.43	14.92	15.17	1.68	5.13
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.12	28.25	28.25	-	12.46
11	Paper	24 sheets	18.65	21.12	21.12	-	13.24
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	498	521.67	518.33	-0.64	4.08
13	Cement -Sankar (Old Paper Bag)	Each	416.43	426.11	406.88	-4.51	-2.29

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ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of January 2023							
Sl no.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average			Percentage	Percentage
			State Average On			% Variation over month	% Variation over year
			January 2022	December 2022	January 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
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5	Red Gram	Kg.	105.79	99.79	98.43	-1.36	-6.96
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	113.29	129	127	-1.55	12.1
7	Bengal Gram Bold	Kg	86.57	91.79	91.43	-0.39	5.61
8	Bengal Gram small	Kg	79	77.55	77.73	0.23	-1.61
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	83	79.92	79.58	-0.43	-4.12
C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.86	40.11	39.79	-0.8	-0.18
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	0	13.11
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3	Onion small	Kg.	74.21	103.5	76.79	-25.81	3.48
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	151.29	145.64	144.57	-0.73	-4.44
5	Cumin seed	Kg	28.93	37	40.57	9.65	40.24
6	Mustard	Kg	12.86	13	13.07	0.54	1.63
7	Methy	Kg.	12.36	13.14	13	-1.07	5.18

8	Turmeric	Kg.	18.5	20.79	20.36	-2.07	10.05
9	Garlic	Kg.	9.93	9.21	9.43	2.39	-5.04
F	TUBERS						
1	Chennai	Kg.	31.21	39.14	40.71	4.01	30.44
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	23.71	36.93	35.79	-3.09	50.95
3	Potato	Kg.	31.79	40.93	36.86	-9.94	15.95
4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.79	72.5	73.57	1.48	57.23
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4	Cucumber	Kg.	26.79	33.71	36.29	7.65	35.46
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	43.21	39.21	67.71	72.69	56.7
6	Cabbage	Kg	59.57	31.43	29.5	-6.14	-50.48
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	53.64	47.93	47.79	-0.29	-10.91
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H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	211.79	214.64	217.86	1.5	2.87
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	135.7	138.5	138.5	0	2.06
3	Washing Soda	Kg	51.75	63.67	63.67	0	23.03
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0	0	0
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	28.93	35.71	35.57	-0.39	22.95
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	54.64	62.93	62.64	-0.46	14.64
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	9.83	10.83	10.83	0	10.17
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.81	2.75	-2.14	-2.14
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.43	14.92	15.17	1.68	5.13
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.12	28.25	28.25	0	12.46
11	Paper	24 sheets	18.65	21.12	21.12	0	13.24
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	498	521.67	518.33	-0.64	4.08
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