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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 February 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 February of the previous year 2022, previous month January 2023 and current month of February 2023 along with the percentage of variation over the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year are included in this report. Group Wise 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 increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Prices of Rice varieties when compared with the prices of the previous month and when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

The State Average Retail Prices of Red-Matta, Andhra-Vella and Red-Chamba increased by 1.62 %, 1.12 % and 0.17 % respectively.

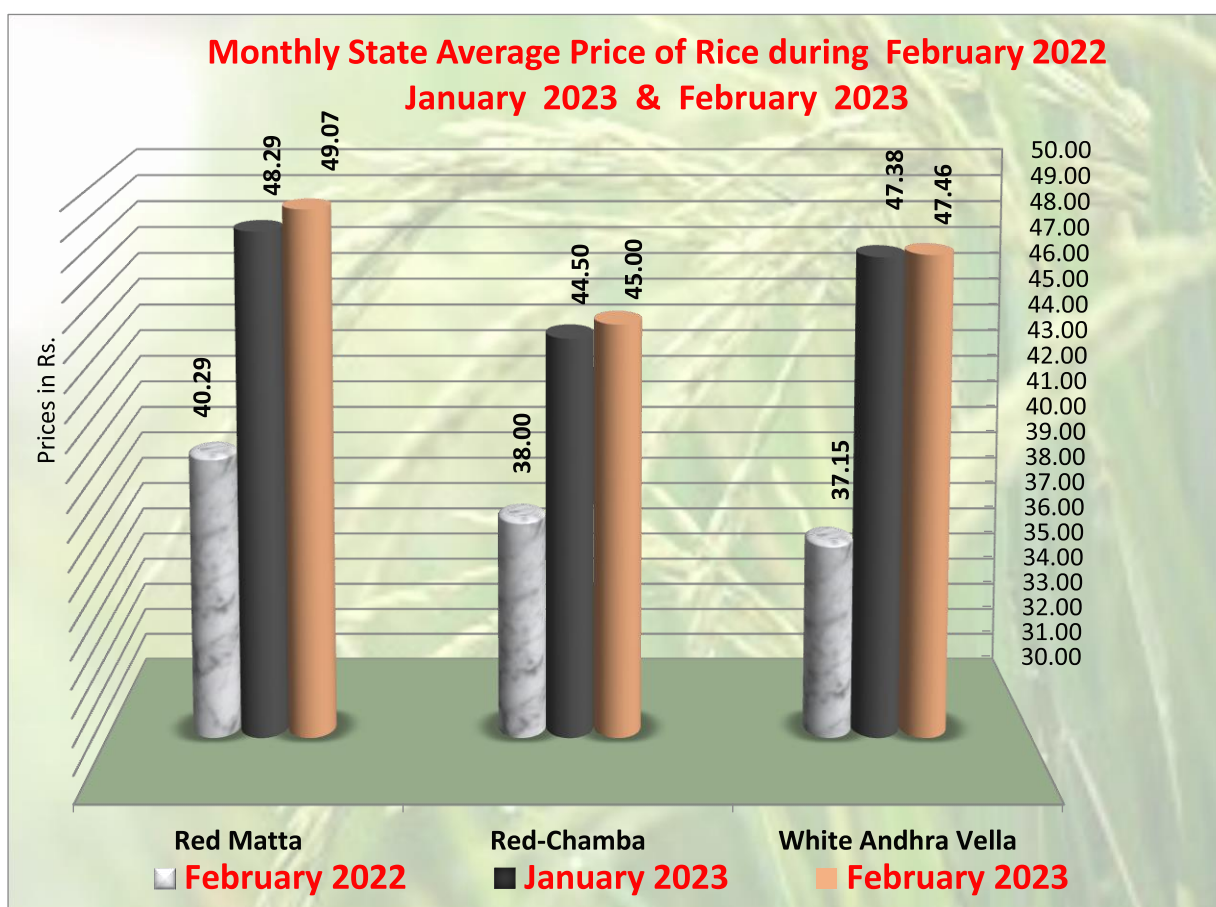
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and White-Andhra Vella increased by 21.79 %, 18.42 % and 27.75 % respectively.

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	40.29	48.29	49.07	1.62	21.79
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	38	44.5	45	1.12	18.42
3	White - Andhra Vella	Kg.	37.15	47.38	47.46	0.17	27.75

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 Green gram, Black gram split with out husk and Red Gram increased by 1.13%, 0.16%, and 1.45 respectively while the other items decreased by the following percentage - Green Gram dhal (0.42%), Black gram split with husk (1.3%),Dhall (Tur)(1.13%),Bengal Gram Bold(0.79%),Bengal Gram small (1.4%) and Peas Dhal(0.52%).

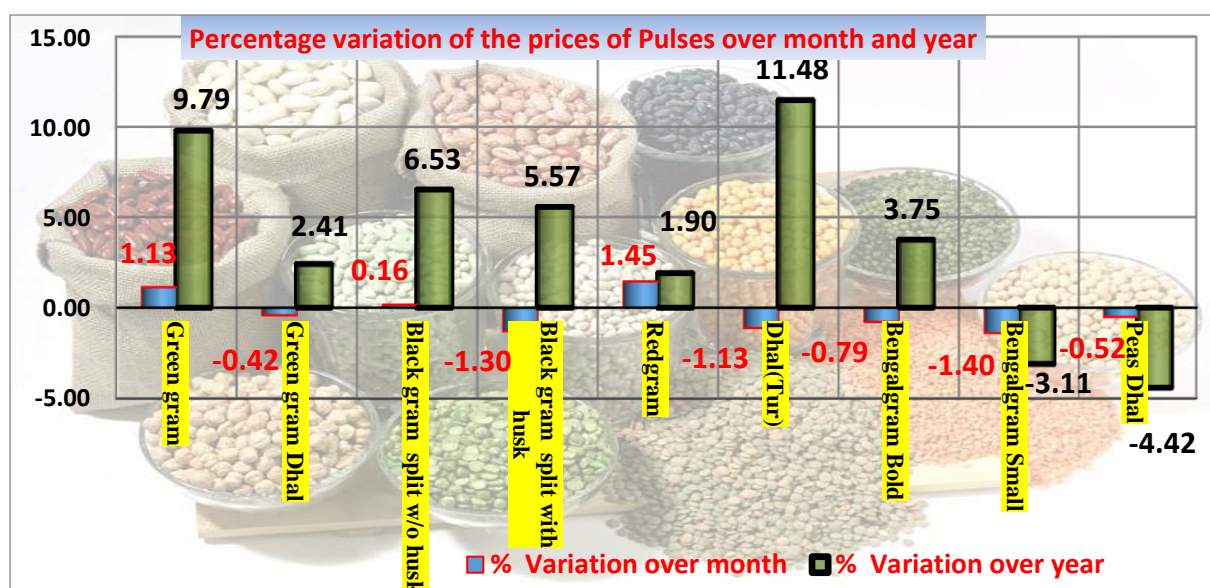
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of pulses showed a mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Green gram (9.79%), Black gram split w/o husk (6.53%), Black gram split with husk (5.57%), Dhall(Tur) (11.48%) while Notable decrease was seen in the prices of Peas Dhall (4.42 %)

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	105.07	114.07	115.36	1.13	9.79
2	Green gram dhal	Kg.	115.43	118.71	118.21	-0.42	2.41
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	119.4	127	127.2	0.16	6.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	115	123	121.4	-1.3	5.57
5	Red gram	Kg.	98	98.43	99.86	1.45	1.9
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	112.64	127	125.57	-1.13	11.48
7	Bengal gram Bold	Kg	87.43	91.43	90.71	-0.79	3.75
8	Bengal gram small	Kg	79.1	77.73	76.64	-1.4	-3.11
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	82.83	79.58	79.17	-0.52	-4.42

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.

The State Average Retail Prices of Egg Hen (white lagoon) decreased by 13.23 % and Mutton Without bones decreased by 1.67% .All the remaining items in this group showed only a marginal variation when compared with the prices of the previous month.

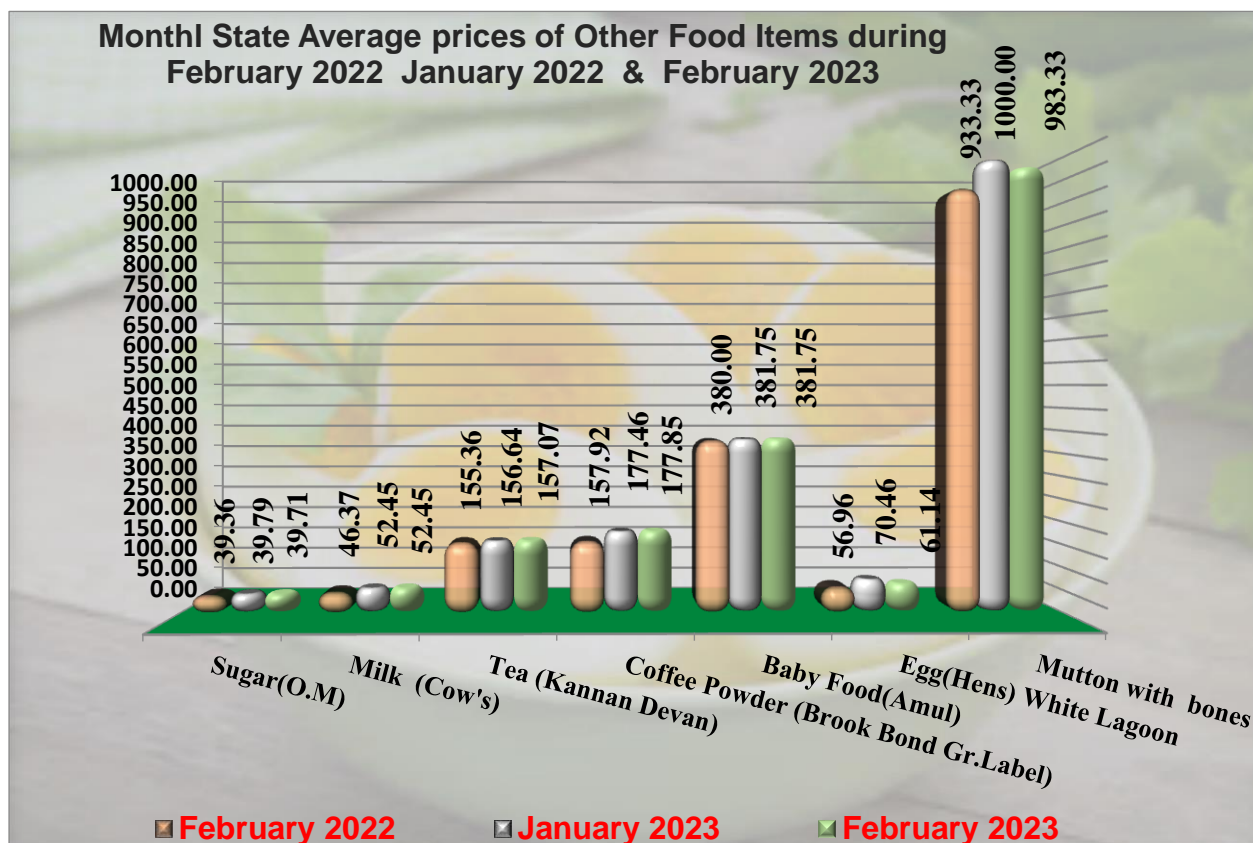
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of other Food Items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Milk (Cows) (13.11 %), Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (12.62 %), Egg (Hen) while lagoon (7.34 %) and Mutton without bones (5.36%)

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.36	39.79	39.71	-0.2	0.89
2	Milk (Cow)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	-	13.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	156.64	157.07	0.27	1.1
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label)	500 gm	157.92	177.46	177.85	0.22	12.62
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	380	381.75	381.75	-	0.46
6	Egg Hen (White lagoon)	Dozen	56.96	70.46	61.14	-13.23	7.34
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	1000	983.33	-1.67	5.36

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OIL SEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

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 (3.84 %), Coconut without husk (2.47 %) all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations. Among them Gingelly oil has increased by 1.28%

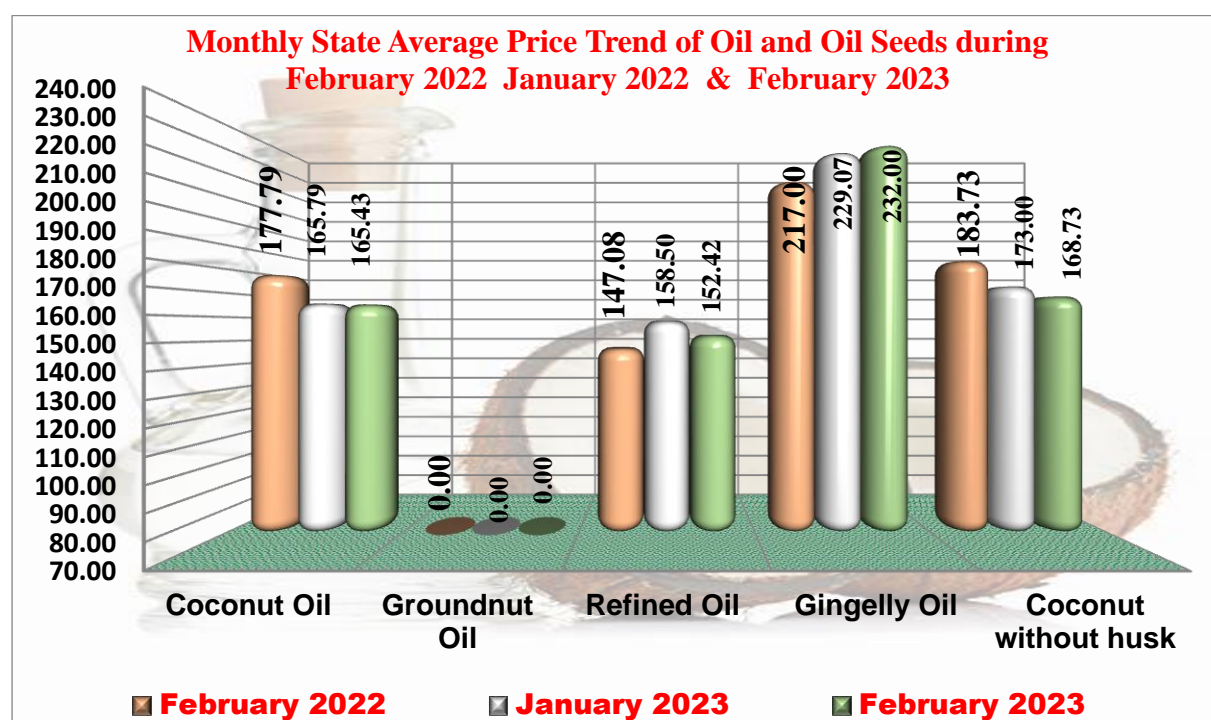
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oilseeds showed the mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Refined oil (3.63 %) and Gingelly Oil (6.91 %) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coconut oil (6.95 %) and Coconut without husk (8.16%).

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	177.79	165.79	165.43	-0.22	-6.95
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	0	0	0		
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	147.08	158.5	152.42	-3.84	3.63
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	217	229.07	232	1.28	6.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	183.73	173	168.73	-2.47	-8.16

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 (35.27 %) and Chillies dry (13.32%), Coriander (4.63 %), notable increase was seen in the price of Cumin seed (3.18 %) and Garlic (19.72 %).while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations when compared with the price of the previous month.

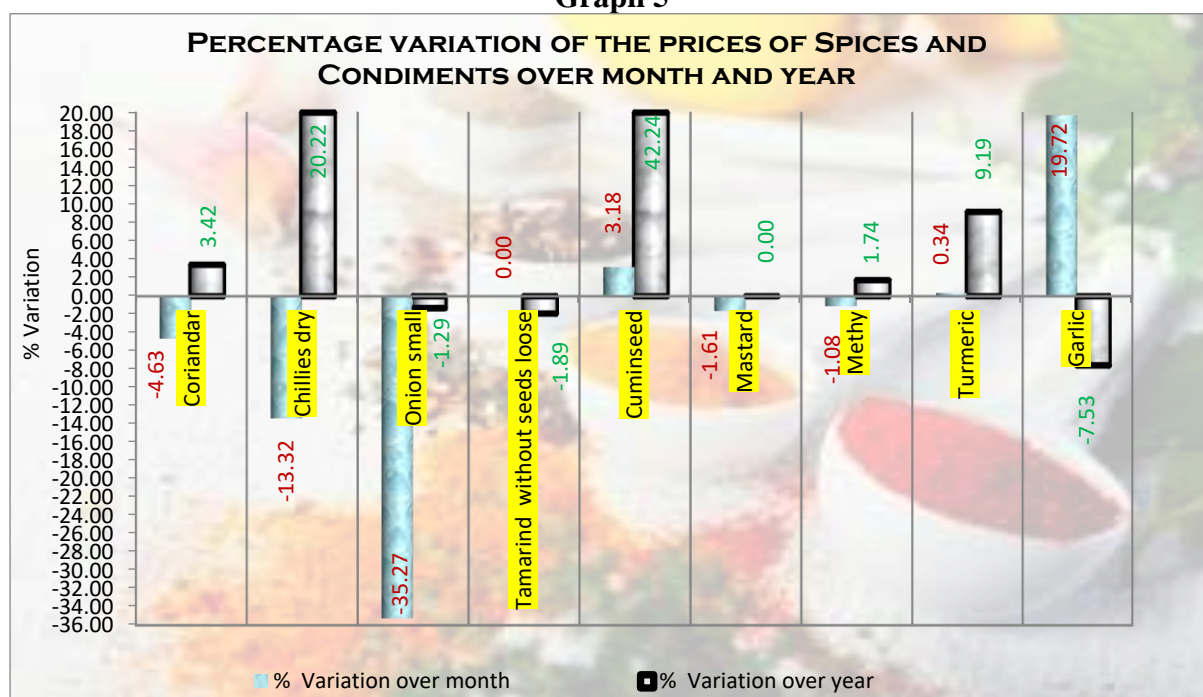
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Chillies dry (20.22 %), Coriander (3.42 %), Turmeric (9.19%) and Cumin seed (42.24 %). while notable decrease was seen in the price of Garlic (7.53 %).

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	129.5	140.43	133.93	-4.63	3.42
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	225.07	312.14	270.57	-13.32	20.22
3	Onion small	Kg.	50.36	76.79	49.71	-35.27	-1.29
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	147.36	144.57	144.57		-1.89
5	Cumin seed	100gm	29.43	40.57	41.86	3.18	42.24
6	Mustard	100gm	12.86	13.07	12.86	-1.61	
7	Methy	100gm	12.64	13	12.86	-1.08	1.74
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.71	20.36	20.43	0.34	9.19
9	Garlic	100gm	12.21	9.43	11.29	19.72	-7.53

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 except in case of Potato.

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of Chennai (Elephant Yam) increased by 13.88 %. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Potato (15.9%)

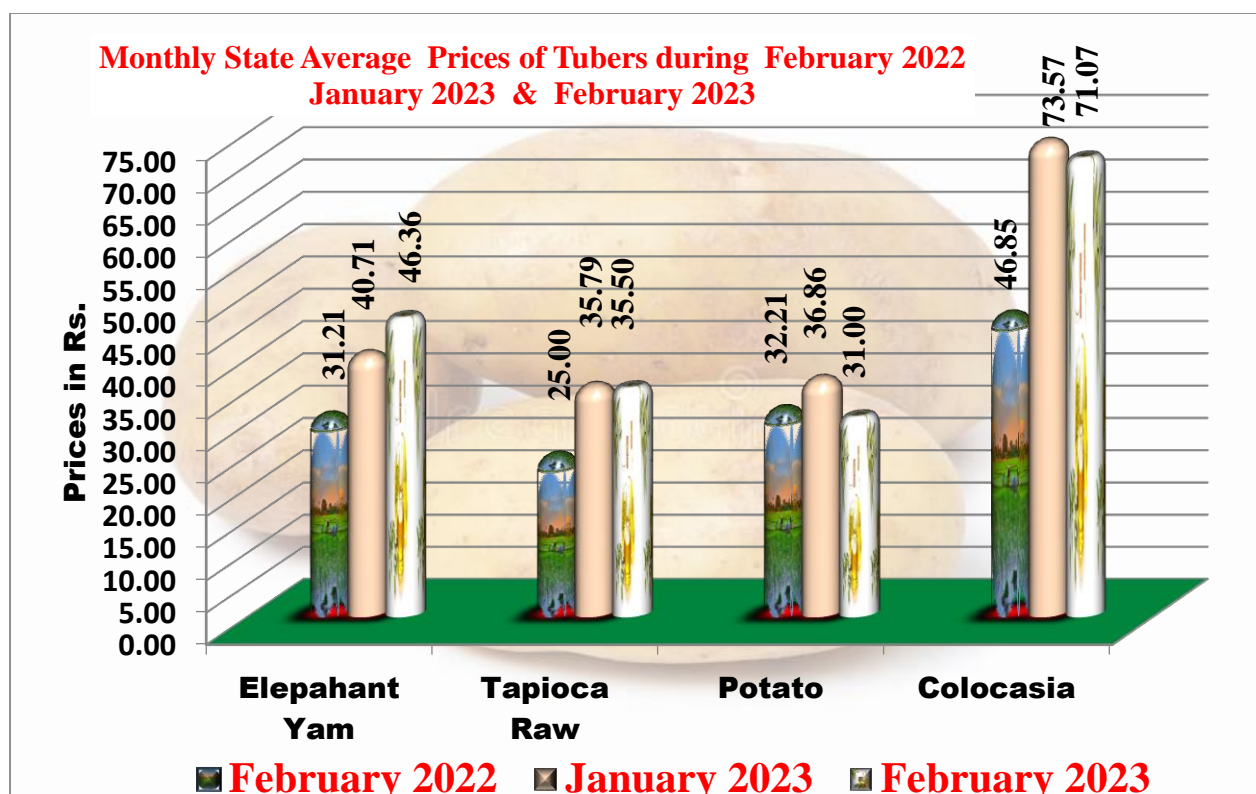
Mixed trend was observed in the Retail Prices of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chennai (Elephant Yam)(48.54 %), (Tapioca (42 %), and Colocassia (51.7 %). While Potato was decreased by (3.76%)

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai(Elephant Yam)	Kg.	31.21	40.71	46.36	13.88	48.54
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25	35.79	35.5	-0.81	42
3	Potato	Kg.	32.21	36.86	31	-15.9	-3.76
4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.85	73.57	71.07	-3.4	51.7

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 Snake Gourd (12.61%), Cabbage (5.83%), Ash Gourd (7.62%), Chillies Green (6.85%) and Tomato (15.1%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Onion big (20.96%), Brinjal(15.9%), Bitter gourd (9.69%), Banana green (5.66%), Plantain green (10.23%) all the remaining items showed only marginal variations.

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 Cucumber (75.69%), Ladies Finger (90.77%), Cabbage (50.1%), Tomato (27.41%), Chillies green (71.68%) Ash gourd (6.5%) and Snake gourd (18.95%) While notable decrease was seen in the prices of Onion (Big) (44%), Brinjal (14.89%), Pumpkin (32.99), Bitter gourd (28.27), Plantain green (19.5%) and Banana green (34.35%)

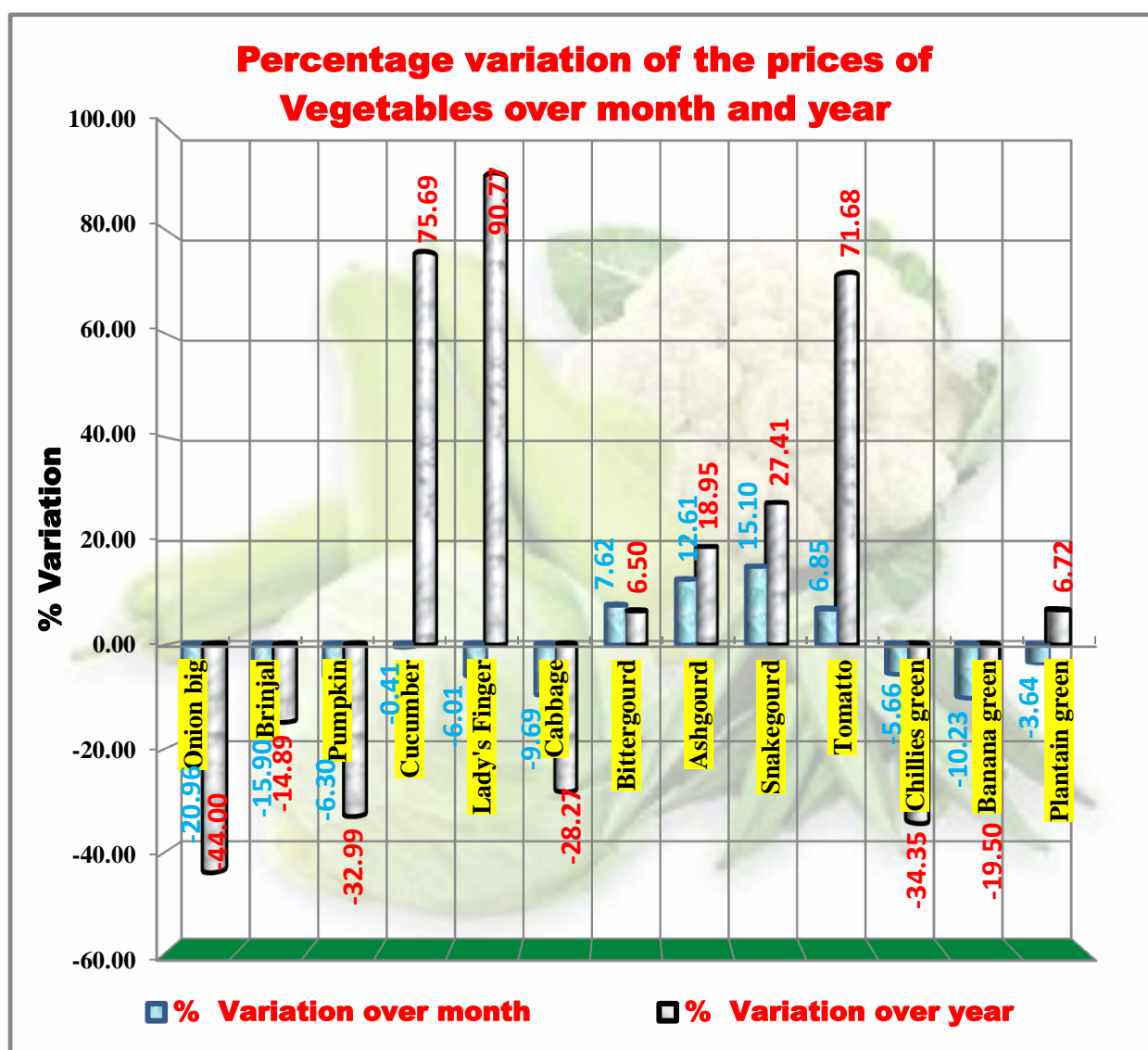
The following table and diagram represent the prices and percentage of variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	39.93	28.29	22.36	-20.96	-44.00
2	Bringal	Kg.	41.71	42.21	35.50	-15.90	-14.89
3	Pumpkin	Kg	34.86	24.93	23.36	-6.30	-32.99
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.57	36.29	36.14	-0.41	75.69
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	33.36	67.71	63.64	-6.01	90.77
6	Cabbage	Kg	37.14	29.50	26.64	-9.69	-28.27
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	48.29	47.79	51.43	7.62	6.50

8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.86	29.43	33.14	12.61	18.95
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.07	35.50	40.86	15.10	27.41
10	Tomatto	Kg.	21.43	34.43	36.79	6.85	71.68
11	Chillies green	100gm	9.14	6.36	6.00	-5.66	-34.35
12	Banana green	Kg.	49.07	44.00	39.50	-10.23	-19.50
13	Plantain green	Kg.	37.21	41.21	39.71	-3.64	6.72

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 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 increasing trend was observed in almost all items except Toilet Soap Lux. Notable increase was seen in the price of Crocin (6.91%), Firewood (Local split)(4.82 %), Tobacco (1.47%) while all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

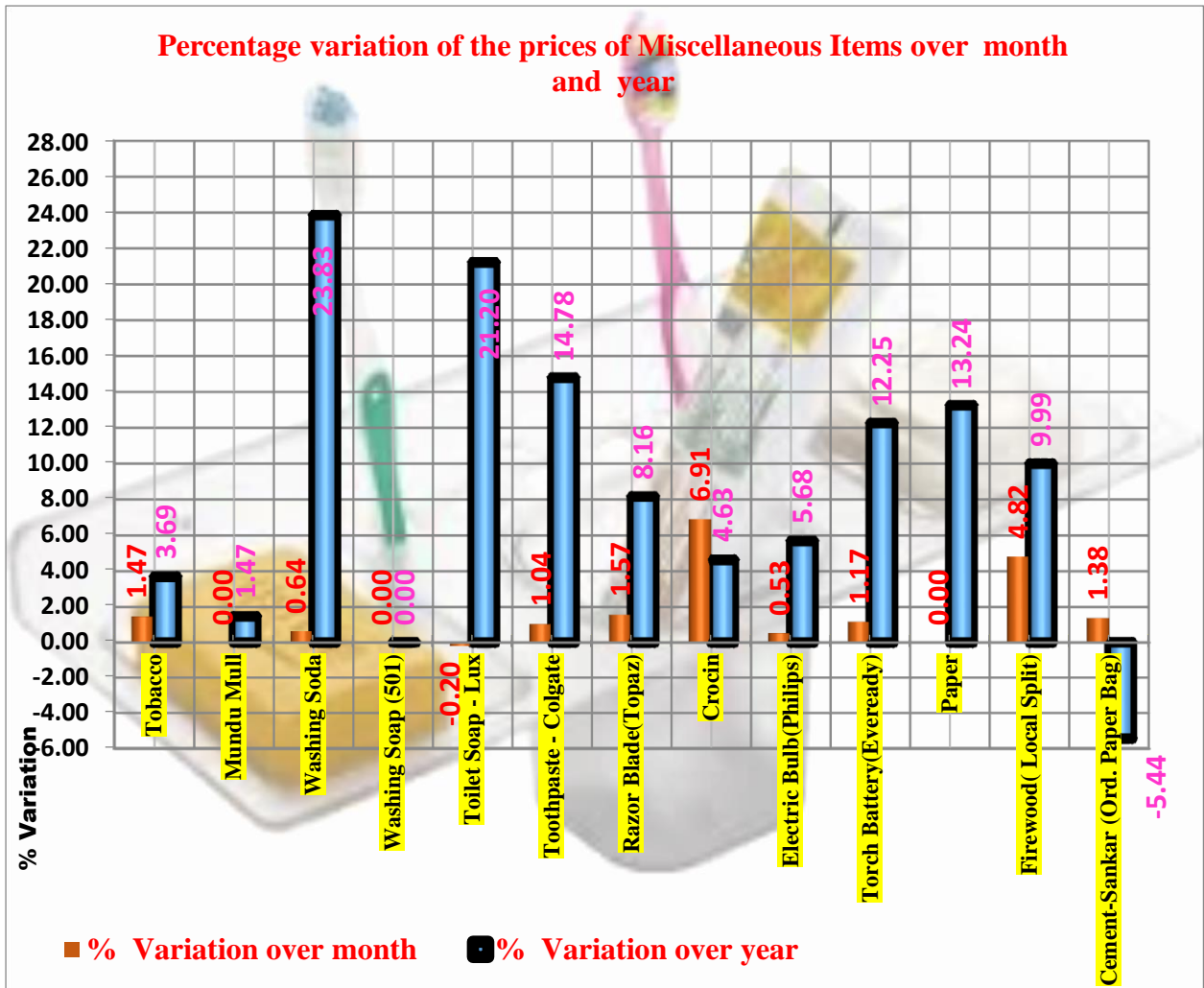
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Prices of this group showed an increasing trend except Cement -Sankar (Old Paper Bag). Notable increase was seen in the price of Washing Soda (23.83%), Toilet Soap Lux (21.2%), Toothpaste –Colgate (14.78%), Paper (13.24%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (12.25 %), Firewood (Local split) (9.99%), Razor blade (8.16%)and Electric bulb (Philips) (5.68 %)

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	
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	213.21	217.86	221.07	1.47	3.69
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	136.5	138.5	138.5	-	1.47
3	Washing Soda	Kg	51.75	63.67	64.08	0.64	23.83
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	29.29	35.57	35.5	-0.2	21.2
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	55.14	62.64	63.29	1.04	14.78
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.17	10.83	11	1.57	8.16
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.75	2.94	6.91	4.63
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.43	15.17	15.25	0.53	5.68
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.46	28.25	28.58	1.17	12.25
11	Paper	24 sheets	18.65	21.12	21.12	-	13.24
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	494	518.33	543.33	4.82	9.99
13	Cement -Sankar (Old Paper Bag)	Each	436.25	406.88	412.5	1.38	-5.44

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ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of February 2023

Sno.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average			Percentage	Percentage
			State Average On			% Variation over month	% Variation over year
			February 2022	January 2023	February 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	40.29	48.29	49.07	1.62	21.79
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	38	44.5	45	1.12	18.42
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	37.15	47.38	47.46	0.17	27.75
B	PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	105.07	114.07	115.36	1.13	9.79
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	115.43	118.71	118.21	-0.42	2.41
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	119.4	127	127.2	0.16	6.53
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	115	123	121.4	-1.3	5.57
5	Redgram	Kg.	98	98.43	99.86	1.45	1.9
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	112.64	127	125.57	-1.13	11.48
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	87.43	91.43	90.71	-0.79	3.75
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	79.1	77.73	76.64	-1.4	-3.11
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	82.83	79.58	79.17	-0.52	-4.42
C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	39.36	39.79	39.71	-0.2	0.89
2	Milk (Cow"s)	Ltr.	46.37	52.45	52.45	0	13.11
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	155.36	156.64	157.07	0.27	1.1
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	157.92	177.46	177.85	0.22	12.62
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	380	381.75	381.75	0	0.46
6	Egg Hen"s (White lagon)	Dozen	56.96	70.46	61.14	-13.23	7.34
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	1000	983.33	-1.67	5.36
D	OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Kg	177.79	165.79	165.43	-0.22	-6.95
2	Groundnut oil	Kg	0	0	0	0	0
3	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	147.08	158.5	152.42	-3.84	3.63
4	Gingelly oil	Kg.	217	229.07	232	1.28	6.91
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	183.73	173	168.73	-2.47	-8.16
E	SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Corriandar	Kg.	129.5	140.43	133.93	-4.63	3.42
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	225.07	312.14	270.57	-13.32	20.22
3	Onion small	Kg.	50.36	76.79	49.71	-35.27	-1.29
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	147.36	144.57	144.57	0	-1.89
5	Cuminseed	100gm	29.43	40.57	41.86	3.18	42.24
6	Mastard	100gm	12.86	13.07	12.86	-1.61	0
7	Methy	100gm	12.64	13	12.86	-1.08	1.74
8	Turmeric	100gm	18.71	20.36	20.43	0.34	9.19
9	Garlic	100gm	12.21	9.43	11.29	19.72	-7.53
F	TUBERS						

1	Chennai	Kg.	31.21	40.71	46.36	13.88	48.54
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	25	35.79	35.5	-0.81	42
3	Potato	Kg.	32.21	36.86	31	-15.9	-3.76
4	Colocassia	Kg.	46.85	73.57	71.07	-3.4	51.7
G	VEGETABLES						
1	Onion big	Kg.	39.93	28.29	22.36	-20.96	-44
2	Bringal	Kg.	41.71	42.21	35.5	-15.9	-14.89
3	Pumpkin	Kg	34.86	24.93	23.36	-6.3	-32.99
4	Cucumber	Kg.	20.57	36.29	36.14	-0.41	75.69
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	33.36	67.71	63.64	-6.01	90.77
6	Cabbage	Kg	37.14	29.5	26.64	-9.69	-28.27
7	Bittergourd	Kg.	48.29	47.79	51.43	7.62	6.5
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.86	29.43	33.14	12.61	18.95
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	32.07	35.5	40.86	15.1	27.41
10	Tomatto	Kg.	21.43	34.43	36.79	6.85	71.68
11	Chillies green	100gm	9.14	6.36	6	-5.66	-34.35
12	Banana green	Kg.	49.07	44	39.5	-10.23	-19.5
13	Plantain green	Kg.	37.21	41.21	39.71	-3.64	6.72
H	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	213.21	217.86	221.07	1.47	3.69
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	136.5	138.5	138.5		1.47
3	Washing Soda	Kg	51.75	63.67	64.08	0.64	23.83
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	0	0	0		
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	29.29	35.57	35.5	-0.2	21.2
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	55.14	62.64	63.29	1.04	14.78
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.17	10.83	11	1.57	8.16
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	2.75	2.94	6.91	4.63
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40 Wt)	14.43	15.17	15.25	0.53	5.68
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	25.46	28.25	28.58	1.17	12.25
11	Paper	24 sheets	18.65	21.12	21.12	0	13.24
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	494	518.33	543.33	4.82	9.99
13	Cement -Sanker (Ord Paper Bag)	Each	436.25	406.88	412.5	1.38	-5.44