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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

September- 2023

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of September 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 September of the previous year 2022, previous month August 2023 and current month of September 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 Price of different varieties of Rice

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

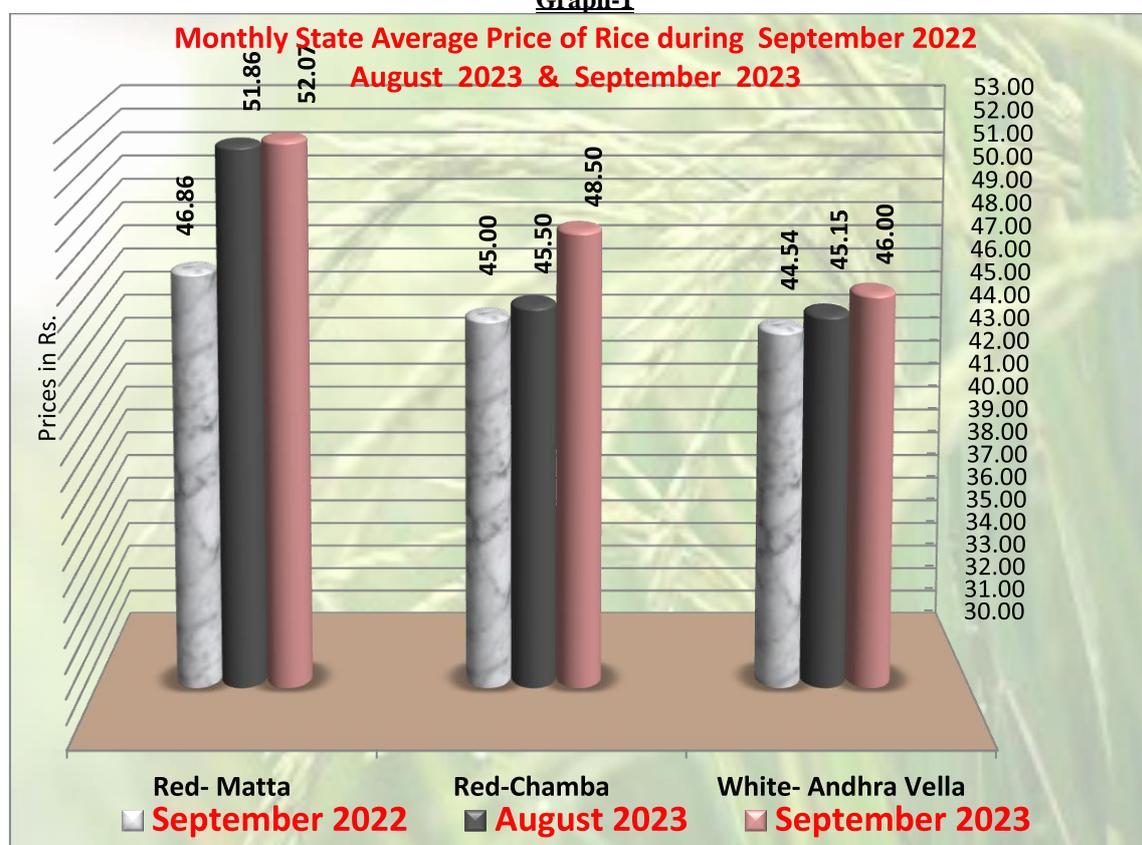
The State Average Retail Price of Red-Chamba increased by 6.59% and Andhra-Vella increased by 1.88% but there was only a marginal change in the price of Red - Matta when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Red-Matta, Red-Chamba and Andhra-Vella increased by 11.12% , 7.78% and 3.28% 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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	46.86	51.86	52.07	0.4	11.12
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	45	45.5	48.5	6.59	7.78
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg.	44.54	45.15	46	1.88	3.28

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of State Average Retail Price of Pulses

During the month an increasing 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 notable increase was seen in Black Gram split with husk (9.09%), Bengal Gram small (7.95%), Bengal Gram Bold (7.63%), Dhall (Tur) (7.32%), Peas Dhall (6.05%), Black Gram split without husk (5.04%), Green Gram (4.48%), Green Gram Dhall (3.09%) and Red Gram (2.9%).

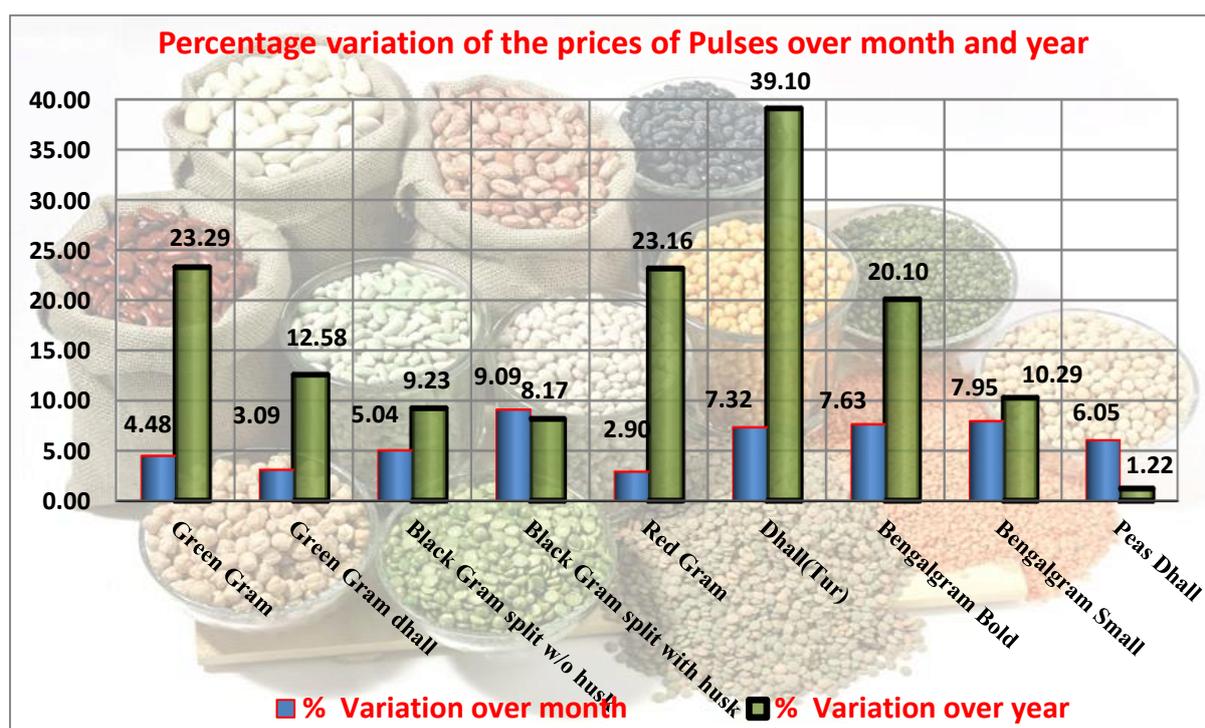
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of pulses showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Dhall (Tur) (39.1%), Green gram (23.29%), Red Gram (23.16%), Bengal Gram Bold (20.1%), Green Gram Dhall (12.58%), Bengal Gram small (10.29%), Black Gram split without husk (9.23%), Black Gram split with husk (8.17%) and Peas Dhall (1.22%).

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	113.5	133.93	139.93	4.48	23.29
2	Greengram dhall	Kg.	118.64	129.57	133.57	3.09	12.58
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	127.9	133	139.7	5.04	9.23
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	124.8	123.75	135	9.09	8.17
5	Redgram	Kg.	96.86	115.93	119.29	2.9	23.16
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	125.71	162.93	174.86	7.32	39.1
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	88.14	98.36	105.86	7.63	20.1
8	Bengalgram small	Kg	78.3	80	86.36	7.95	10.29
9	Peas Dhall	Kg.	82.25	78.5	83.25	6.05	1.22

Graph – 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Other Food items.

During the month an increasing trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of other food items 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 notable increase was seen in Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (4.03%), Egg Hen's (White lagoon) (2.8%), Baby Food Amul (1.27%) and Sugar (O.M) (1.26%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous month.

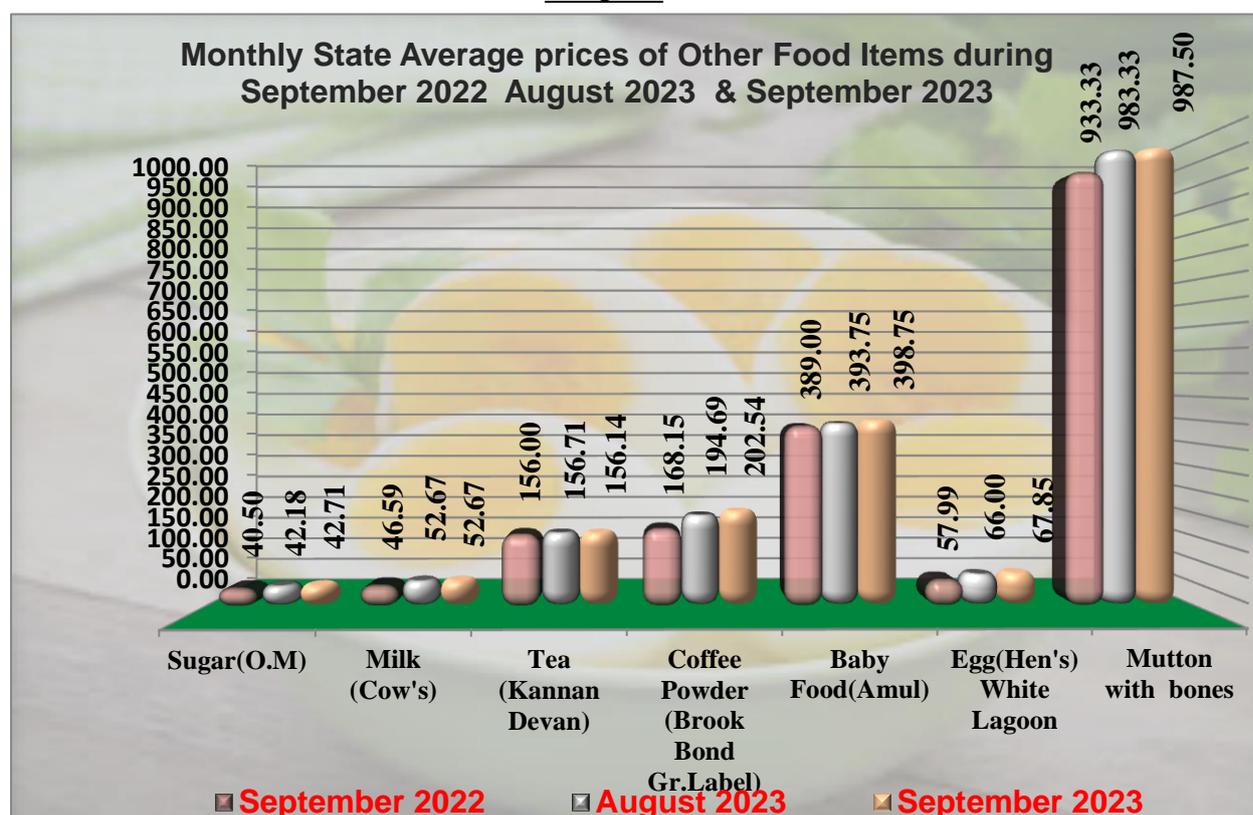
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of other Food Items showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr. Label) (20.45%), Egg Hen's (White lagoon) (17%), Milk (Cows) (13.05%), Mutton without bones (5.8%), Sugar (O.M) (5.46%) and Baby Food Amul (2.51%).

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.5	42.18	42.71	1.26	5.46
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500 gm	156	156.71	156.14	-0.36	0.09
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500 gm	168.15	194.69	202.54	4.03	20.45
5	Baby Food Amul	Kg	389	393.75	398.75	1.27	2.51
6	Egg Hen's (White lagoon)	Dozen	57.99	66	67.85	2.8	17
7	Mutton Without bones	Kg.	933.33	983.33	987.5	0.42	5.8

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Oil and Oilseeds.

During the month a decreasing 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 decreasing trend was observed. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined oil (Postman) (1.36%) only but all other items have only marginal variations.

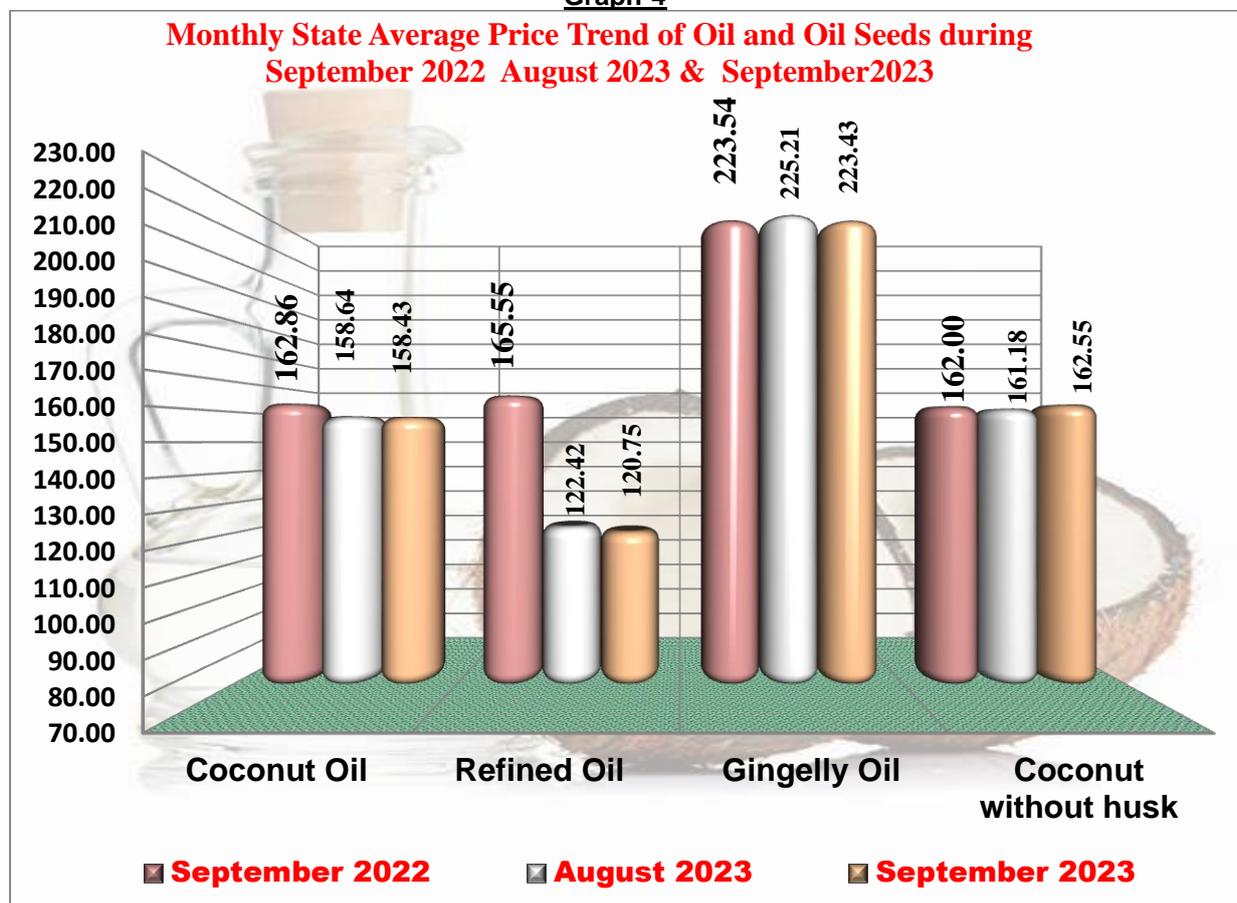
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of Oil and Oil seeds showed the decreasing trend. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Refined Oil -Postman (27.06 %) and Coconut oil (2.72%) but all other items have only marginal variations when compared with the prices of the previous year.

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Kg	162.86	158.64	158.43	-0.13	-2.72
2	Refined oil (Postman)	Kg.	165.55	122.42	120.75	-1.36	-27.06
3	Gingelly oil	Kg.	223.54	225.21	223.43	-0.79	-0.05
4	Coconut without husk	10 no.s	162	161.18	162.55	0.85	0.34

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Spices and Condiments.

During the month a 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.

Notable increase was seen in the price of Turmeric (3.73%), Cumin seed (3.44%), Garlic (2.21%), Onion small (1.95%) and Tamarind (1.26%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Mustard (2.12%), Methy (1.56%) and Chillies dry (1.11%) when compared with the price of the previous month.

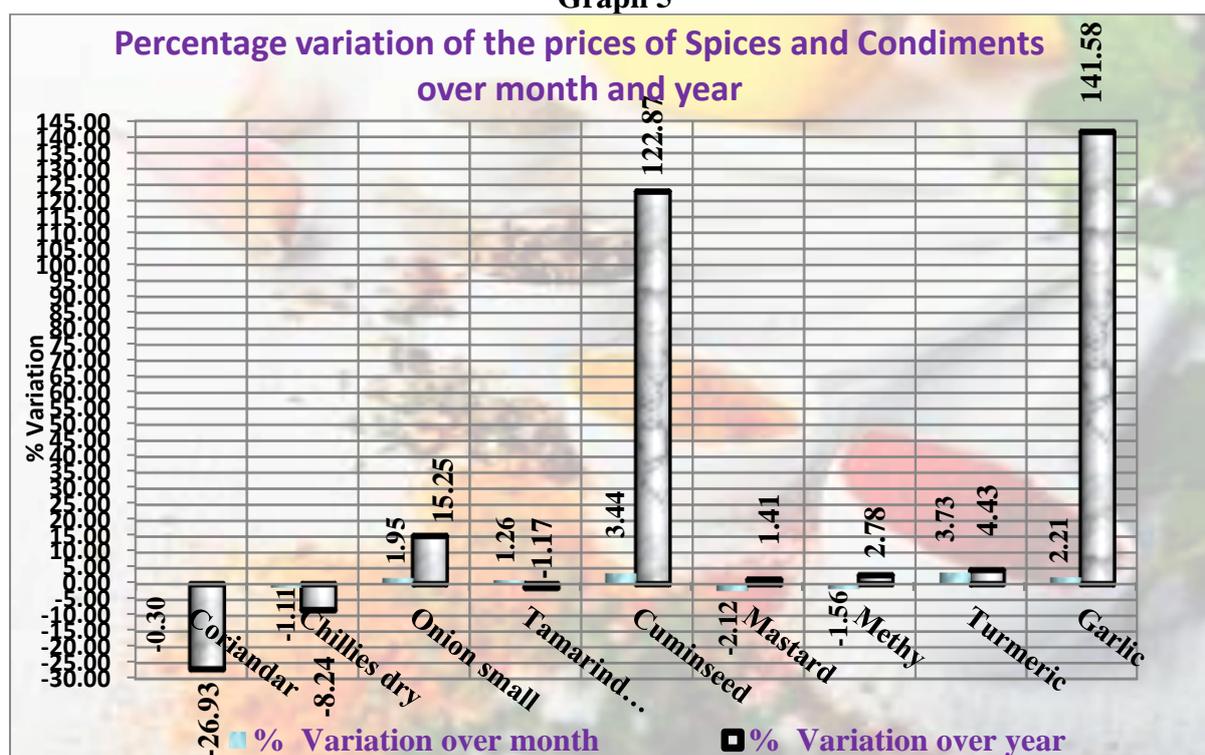
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Price of Spices and Condiments showed mixed trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Garlic (141.58%), Cumin seed (122.87%), Onion small (15.25%), Turmeric (4.43%), Methy (2.78%) and Mustard (1.41%) while notable decrease was seen in the price of Coriander (26.93%), Chillies dry (8.24%) and Tamarind without seeds loose (1.17%).

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	163.14	119.57	119.21	-0.3	-26.93
2	Chillies dry	Kg.	312.93	290.36	287.14	-1.11	-8.24
3	Onion small	Kg.	67.93	76.79	78.29	1.95	15.25
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	146	142.5	144.29	1.26	-1.17
5	Cumin seed	100gm	35.64	76.79	79.43	3.44	122.87
6	Mustard	100gm	12.75	13.21	12.93	-2.12	1.41
7	Methy	100gm	12.93	13.5	13.29	-1.56	2.78
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.79	20.93	21.71	3.73	4.43
9	Garlic	100gm	8.25	19.5	19.93	2.21	141.58

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Tubers

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

When compared with the price of the previous month, the State Average Retail Price of Chennai increased by 2.25% but Colocassia and Potato decreased by 9.35% and 2.26% respectively.

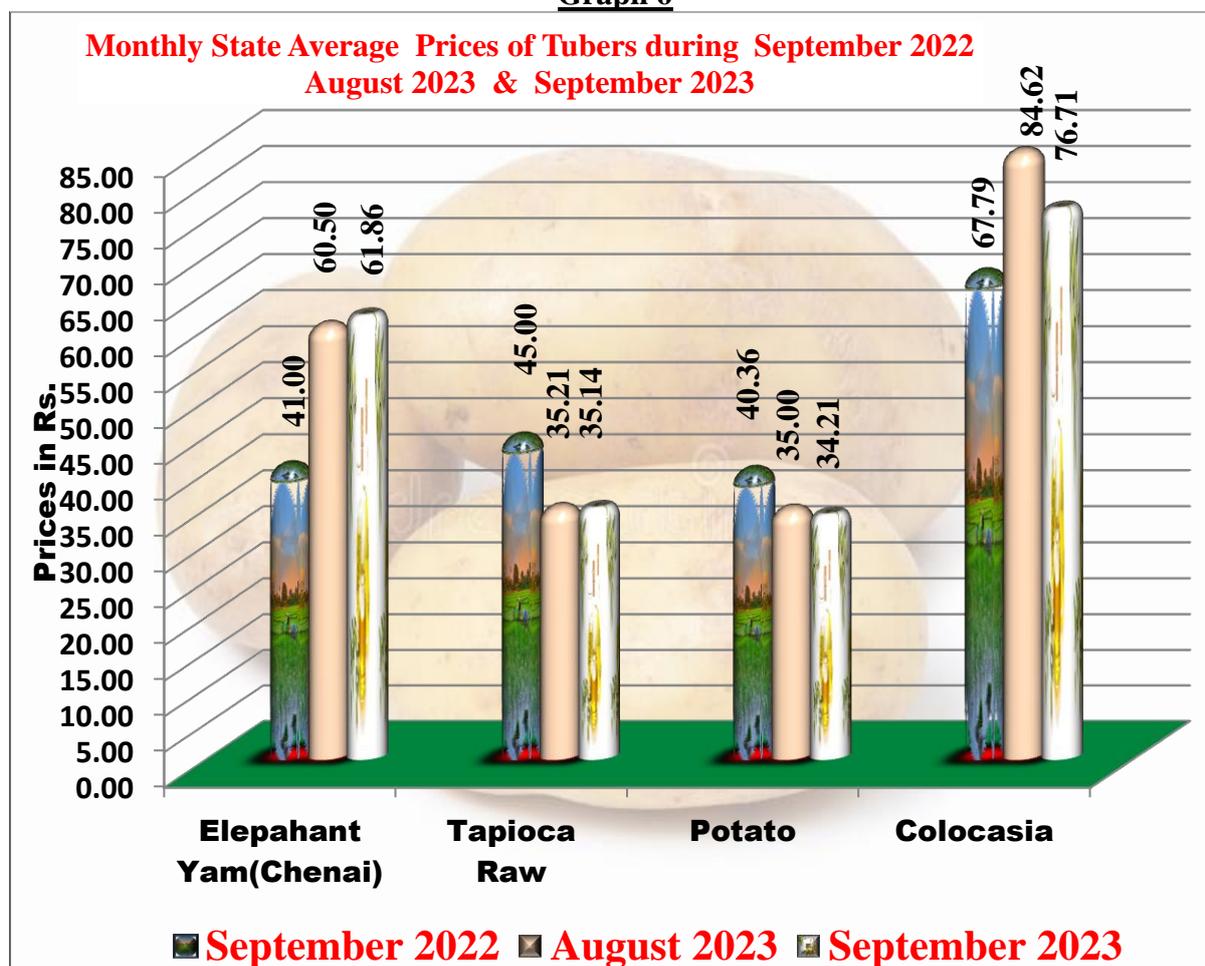
Mixed trend was observed in the State Average Retail Price of Tubers when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year. Notable increase was seen in the prices of Chennai (50.88%) and Colocassia (13.16%) while Tapioca and Potato were decreased by 21.91% and 15.24% respectively.

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	41	60.5	61.86	2.25	50.88
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	45	35.21	35.14	-0.2	-21.91
3	Potato	Kg.	40.36	35	34.21	-2.26	-15.24
4	Colocassia	Kg.	67.79	84.62	76.71	-9.35	13.16

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of State Average Retail Prices of Vegetables.

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

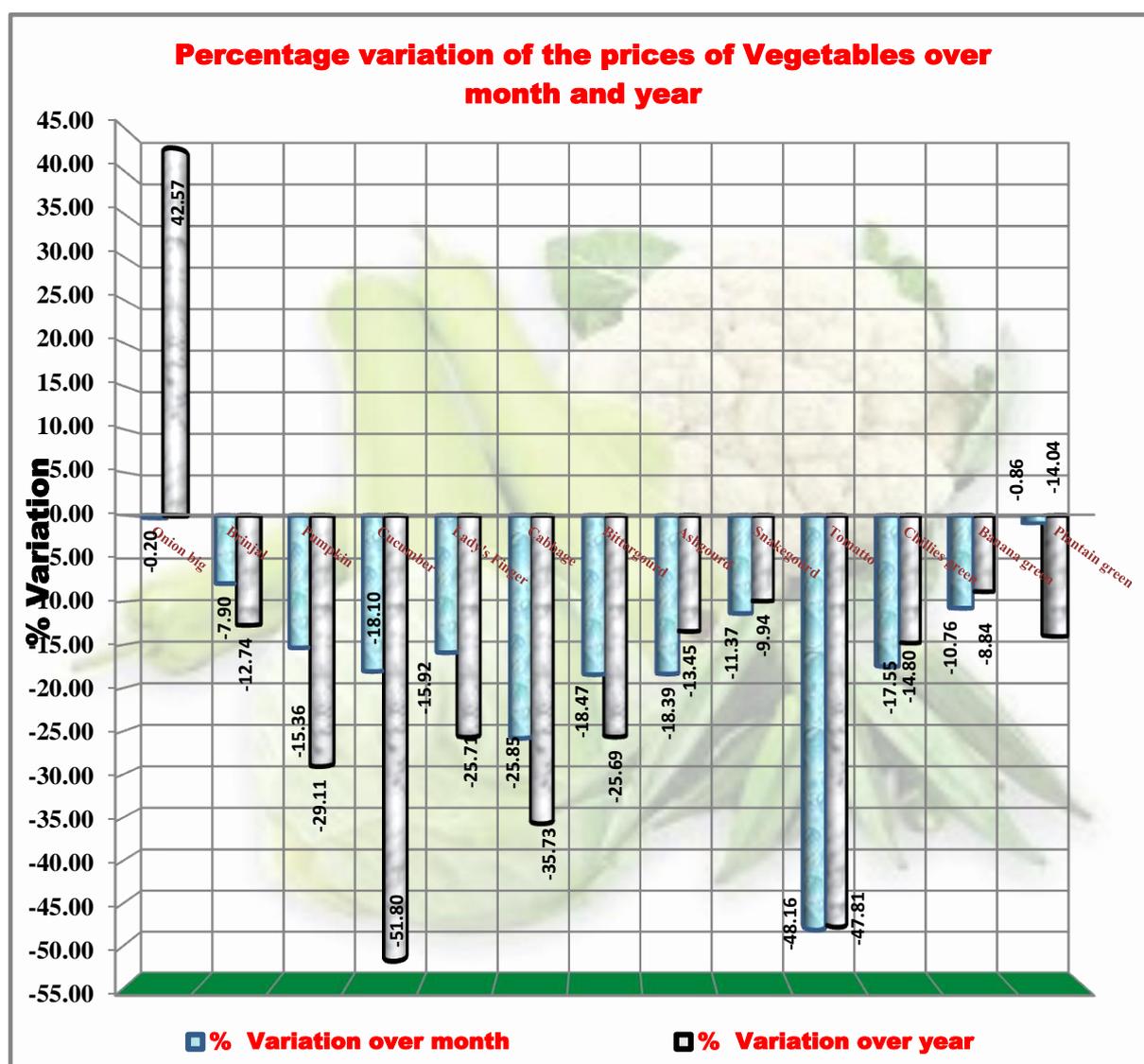
When compared with the prices of the previous month, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed decreasing trend. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Tomato (48.16%), Cabbage (25.85%), Bitter gourd (18.47%), Ash gourd (18.39%), Cucumber (18.1%), Chilies green (17.55%), Ladies Finger (15.92%), Pumpkin (15.36%), Snake gourd (11.37%), Banana green (10.76%) and Brinjal (7.9%).

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year, the State Average Retail Prices of vegetables showed decreasing trend. Notable decrease was seen in the price of Cucumber (51.8%), Tomato (47.81%), Cabbage (35.73%), Pumpkin (29.11%), Ladies Finger (25.71%), Bitter gourd (25.69%), Chilies green (14.8%), Plantain green (14.04%), Ash gourd (13.45%), Brinjal (12.74%), Snake gourd (9.94%) and Banana green (8.84%) while notable increase was seen only in the price of Onion big (42.57%).

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	24.5	35	34.93	-0.2	42.57
2	Brinjal	Kg.	42.07	39.86	36.71	-7.9	-12.74
3	Pumpkin	Kg	31.64	26.5	22.43	-15.36	-29.11
4	Cucumber	Kg.	43.57	25.64	21	-18.1	-51.8
5	Ladies Finger	Kg.	44.14	39	32.79	-15.92	-25.71
6	Cabbage	Kg	45.57	39.5	29.29	-25.85	-35.73
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	65.36	59.57	48.57	-18.47	-25.69
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	27.07	28.71	23.43	-18.39	-13.45
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	44.57	45.29	40.14	-11.37	-9.94
10	Tomato	Kg.	42.29	42.57	22.07	-48.16	-47.81
11	Chilies green	100gm	7.5	7.75	6.39	-17.55	-14.8
12	Banana green	Kg.	56.57	57.79	51.57	-10.76	-8.84
13	Plantain green	Kg.	48.36	41.93	41.57	-0.86	-14.04

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 Price of this group when compared with the prices of the previous month and an increasing trend when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

When compared with the prices of the previous month a mixed trend was observed in almost all items. Notable increase was seen in the price of Paper (5.45%), Torch Battery (Eveready) (3.7%), Tooth paste (Colgate) (1.31%), Washing Soda (1.22%) and Mundu (Mull) (1.08%) while notable decrease was seen in the prices of Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (2.14%), Crocin (2.62%) and Tobacco (1.09%), but all the remaining items in this group showed only marginal variations.

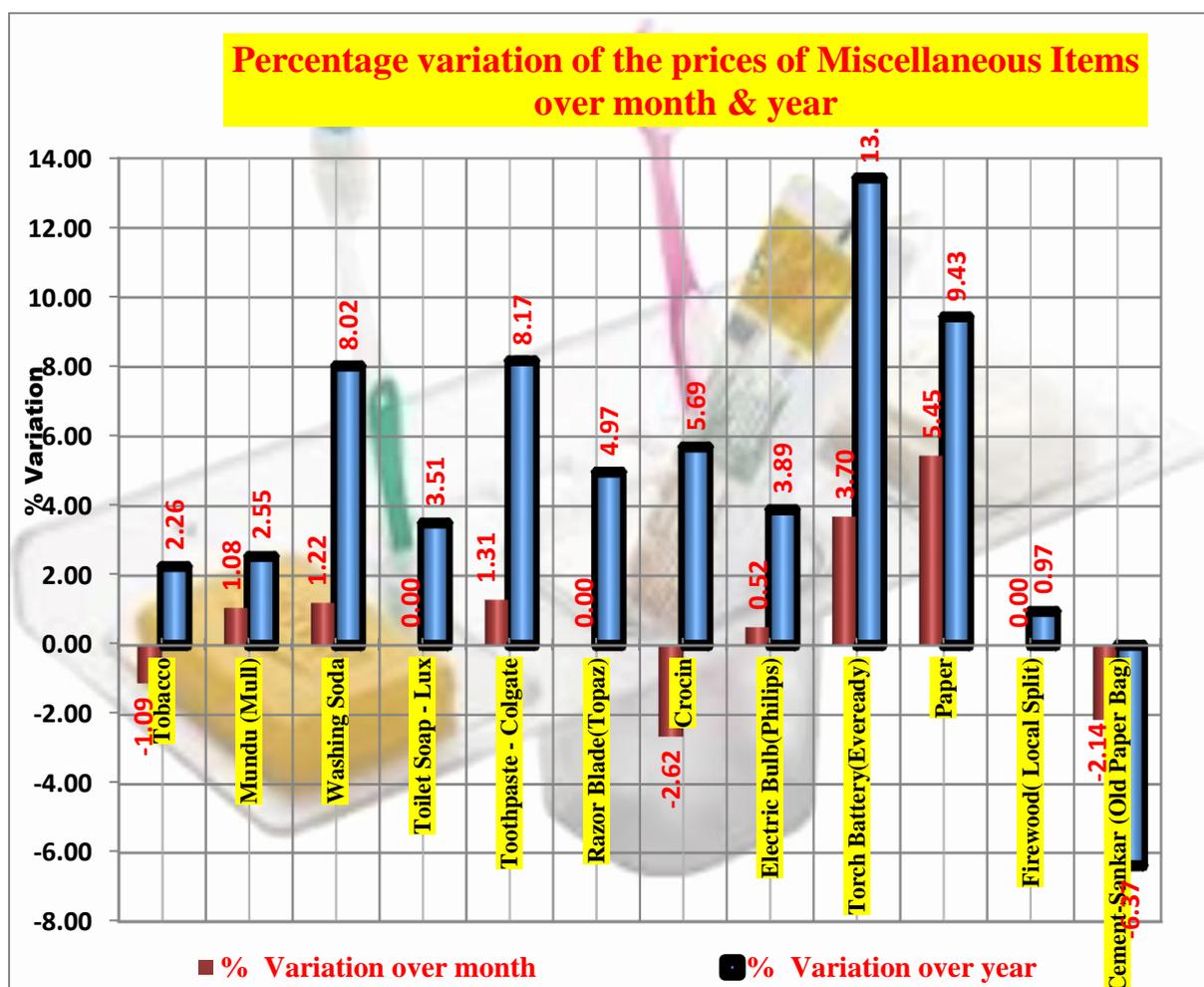
When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the State Average Retail Price of this group showed an increasing trend. Notable increase was seen in the price of Torch Battery (Eveready) (13.42%), Paper (9.43%), Tooth paste (Colgate) (8.17%), Washing Soda (8.02%), Crocin (5.69%), Razor Blade (Topaz) (4.97%), Electric Bulb (Philips) (3.89%), Toilet Soap Lux (3.51%), Mundu (Mull) (2.55%), Tobacco (2.26%) while notable decrease was seen only in the price of Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag) (6.37%).

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	
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	221.43	228.93	226.43	-1.09	2.26
2	Mundu (Mull)	Each	137.5	139.5	141	1.08	2.55
3	Washing Soda	Kg	64.5	68.83	69.67	1.22	8.02
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.71	35.93	35.93	-	3.51
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.54	65.71	66.57	1.31	8.17
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	3.05	2.97	-2.62	5.69
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40Wt)	14.92	15.42	15.5	0.52	3.89
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	29.17	30.25	3.7	13.42
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	21.12	22.27	5.45	9.43
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	513.33	518.33	518.33	-	0.97
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag)	Each	427.22	408.75	400	-2.14	-6.37

Graph -8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities for the month of September 2023							
			State Average			Percentage	Percentage
Sl.no.	Name of Commodity	Unit	State Average On			% Var.over month	% Var.over year
			September 2022	August 2023	September 2023		
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8
A	RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg.	46.86	51.86	52.07	0.4	11.12
2	Red - Chamba	Kg.	45	45.5	48.5	6.59	7.78
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B	PULSESES						
1	Green gram	Kg	113.5	133.93	139.93	4.48	23.29
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5	Redgram	Kg.	96.86	115.93	119.29	2.9	23.16
6	Dhall(Tur)	Kg	125.71	162.93	174.86	7.32	39.1
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	88.14	98.36	105.86	7.63	20.1
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C	OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	40.5	42.18	42.71	1.26	5.46
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	46.59	52.67	52.67	-	13.05
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1	Coconut oil	Kg	162.86	158.64	158.43	-0.13	-2.72
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5	Cuminseed	100gm	35.64	76.79	79.43	3.44	122.87
6	Mastard	100gm	12.75	13.21	12.93	-2.12	1.41
7	Methy	100gm	12.93	13.5	13.29	-1.56	2.78
8	Turmeric	100gm	20.79	20.93	21.71	3.73	4.43
9	Garlic	100gm	8.25	19.5	19.93	2.21	141.58
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3	Washing Soda	Kg	64.5	68.83	69.67	1.22	8.02
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 bar	-	-	-	-	-
5	Toilet Soap Lux	Each 100gm	34.71	35.93	35.93	-	3.51
6	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	100gm Tube	61.54	65.71	66.57	1.31	8.17
7	Razor Blade (Topaz)	5 nos	10.67	11.2	11.2	-	4.97
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.81	3.05	2.97	-2.62	5.69
9	Electric Bulb (Philips)	Each(40 Wt)	14.92	15.42	15.5	0.52	3.89
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	26.67	29.17	30.25	3.7	13.42
11	Paper	24 sheets	20.35	21.12	22.27	5.45	9.43
12	Firewood (Local split)	Quintal	513.33	518.33	518.33	-	0.97
13	Cement -Sanker (Old Paper Bag)	Each	427.22	408.75	400	-2.14	-6.37