

An analysis of changes in per capita monthly consumption expenditure on different food items in Tamil Nadu

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ABSTRACT : Food has been a basic part of our existence and food nourishes the body. Indian consumer has undergone a remarkable transformation in his consumption pattern. Household food consumption has long been an important area of research for economists and consumption expenditure pattern of different commodities. In this study 51st to 68th NSSO survey rounds were used to examining the changes in the per capita monthly consumption expenditure on different food items. The results of the study revealed that the share of per capita monthly food expenditure to total monthly consumption expenditure for cereals, pulses, edible oils and beverages were falling over years in rural and urban households, where as, there was an increase in the share of per capita monthly expenditure of meat, milk, vegetables, fish, egg, fresh fruits, dry fruits and spices in rural and urban households of Tamil Nadu.

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