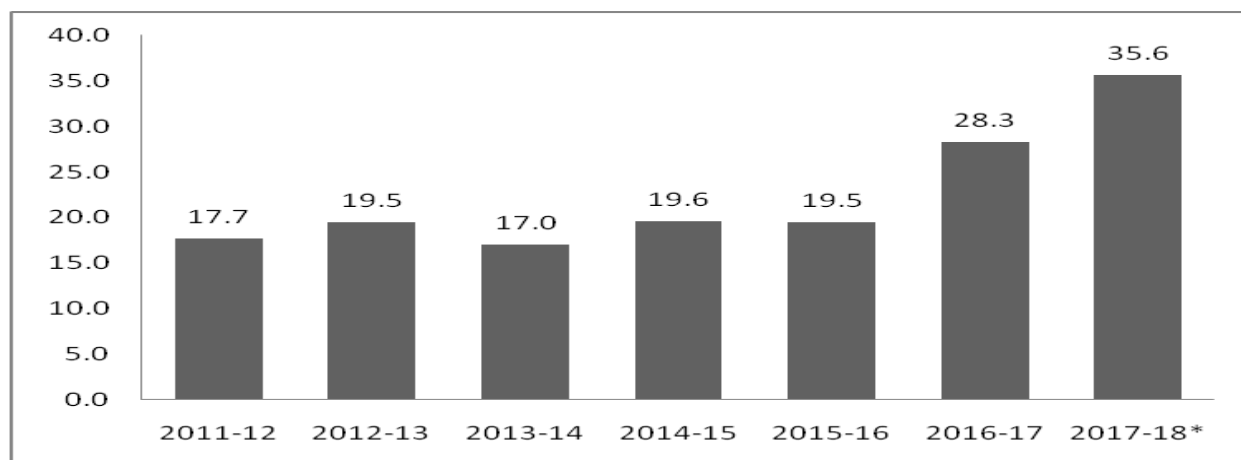


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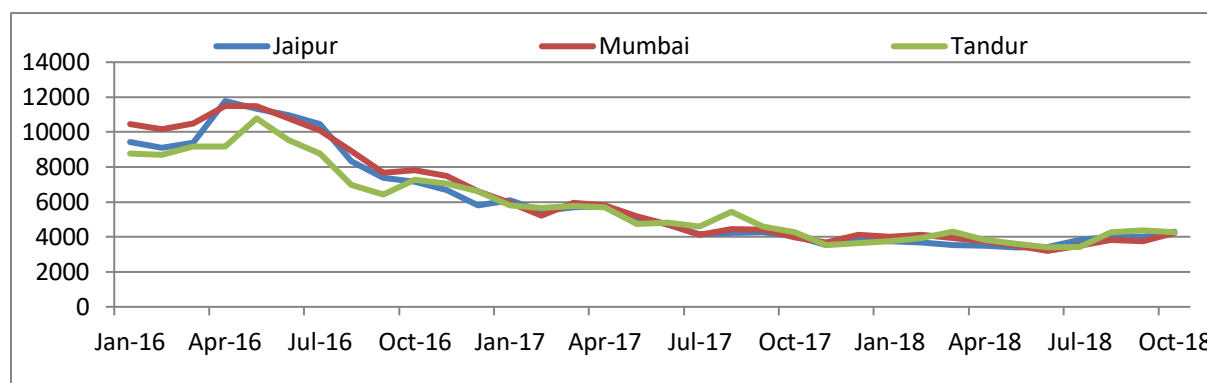
Blackgram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of blackgram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

India has produced 28.4 lakh tonnes in kharif and 7.30 lakh tonnes in rabi 2017-18 as per the fourth advance estimate of Government. In Kharif2018 blackgram area has decreased by 8.81 lakh ha from last year to 40.20lakh ha. Major states growing kharif blackgram are Madhya Pradesh(16.52 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh(6.88 lakh ha), Maharashtra(3.76 lakh ha) and Rajasthan(4.72 lakh ha).In Telangana area coverage under blackgram during 2018-19kharifwas 23839 ha and major growing districts are Sangareddy (7752 ha), Kamareddy (4510 ha), Nirmal (3837 ha), Vikarabad (3360 ha), Adilabad (1104 ha) and Nizamabad (512 ha).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *4th Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of blackgram in India (in lakh tonnes)



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of blackgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of blackgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The blackgram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous fall and fluctuating around Rs. 4000 since last one year. Currently blackgram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 4000-4200 per quintal.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of blackgram in Tandur market during October 2018

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Modal price Rs/quintal
1	91.7	3500	4450	3700
3	93	3500	4450	3957
4	96.3	3500	4350	3925
5	96.3	3500	4328	4117
6	59.2	3501	4275	4028
8	72.6	3500	4266	3609
10	75	3500	4365	3727
11	52.8	3525	4375	4200
12	37.2	3500	4268	4127
15	45.1	3500	4345	4150
16	39.3	3500	4385	3915
20	28.4	3500	4509	4020
22	82.2	3775	4637	4357
23	61.8	3805	4689	4000
24	51.4	3600	4789	4550
25	62.1	3500	4935	4300
26	49.1	3500	5085	4517

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Blackgram arrival in various markets has begun. Arrival trend shows lower crop size. Rains during harvesting stages have affected quality of the crop. Stockiest are active at lower level. It has pushed up blackgram price in cash market. Market is aware of import and trade associations have requested government to ban import completely. Besides, lower crop size in India has encouraged exporters in Burma to increase quotes. Burma is offering blackgram at \$390 and standard quality at \$535 per MT. Blackgram in domestic market is being traded at Rs. 3600-3700, while standard quality at Rs 4900-5000. This means limited import window is still open for millers as Burma offers at Rs. 3035 and Rs. 4035 (standard quality) per quintal at Indian ports.

Demand in major markets like Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh too has improved and it pushed blackgram market by Rs. 300-400 per quintal. Blackgram prices in Karnataka too improved by Rs. 400 i.e., ranging between Rs. 4200-4600 per q, as prices continued to move up in other markets. Millers have restricted selling of dal so prices are bound to move up further. NAFED was still left with 165836.44 MT of blackgram stock. It has potential to cap uptrend when auction starts. Maximum stock (96049.44MT) is available in Rajasthan, Maharashtra (36143MT) and Uttar Pradesh (15179 MT). There is no stock in Karnataka.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that blackgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4300 - 4500 per quintal in the month of November 2018.