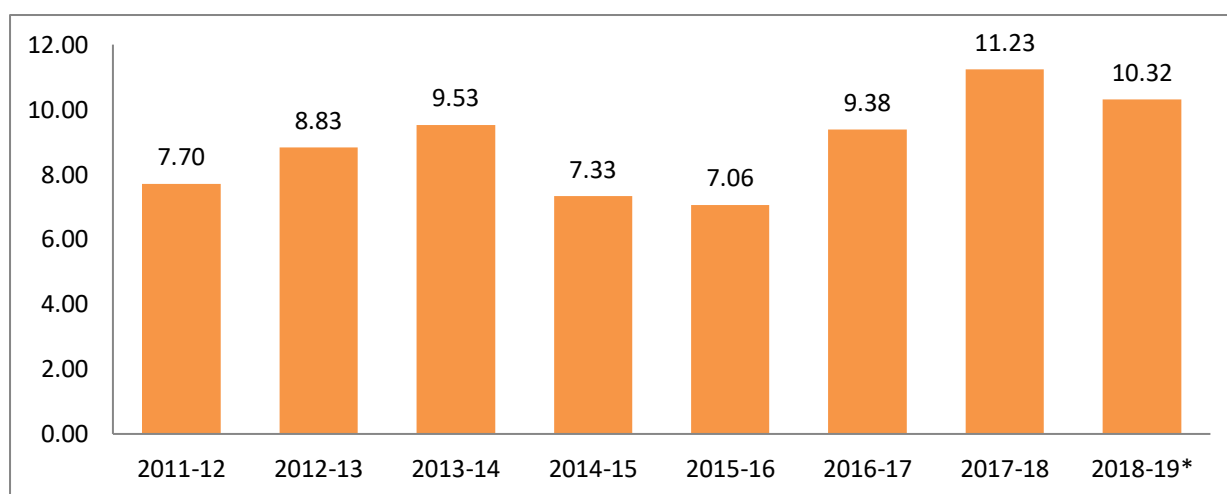


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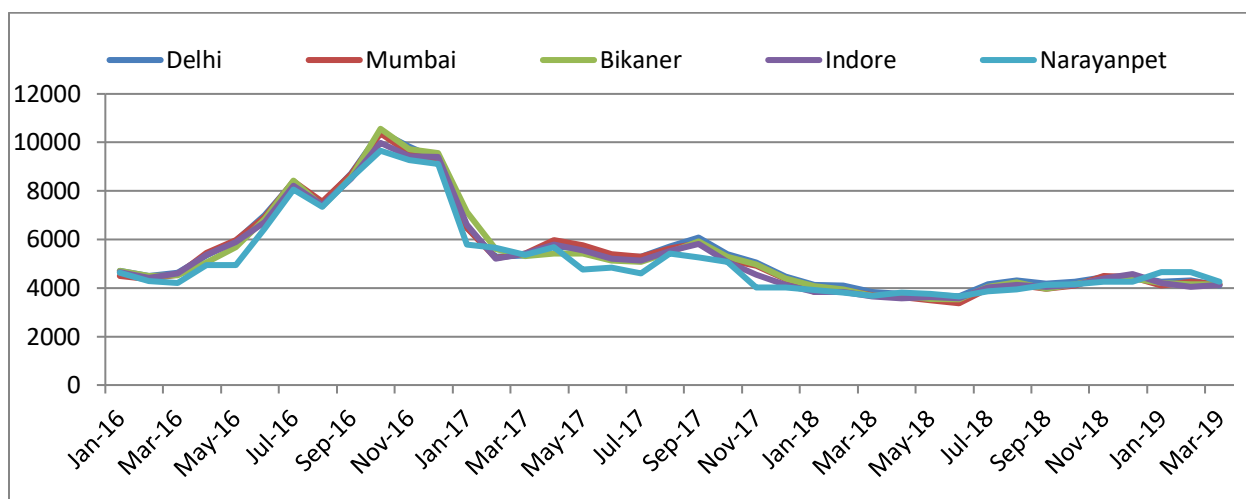
India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India imports around 8-9 lakh tonnes of bengalgram annually from Canada, Australia, Iran, and Myanmar.

In India about 95.59 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2018-19. The states of Madhya Pradesh (34.32 lakh ha), Maharashtra (15.02 lakh ha), Rajasthan (13.14 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.38 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.83 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.70 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 2nd advance estimate, bengalgram production in 2018-19 is at 10.32 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *2nd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Bengalgram in India (in million tonnes)



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

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

All major markets of Bengalgram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 2. The prices which were about Rs. 5000 per quintal during April 2016 have risen to more than Rs. 9000 per quintal in October 2016 and then started declining. Currently, Bengalgram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 4100 - 4300 per quintal.

In Telangana state, acreage covered under Bengalgram during rabi 2018-19 was about 1.11 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad (21,360 ha), Kama Reddy (17,709 ha), Gadwal (17,452 ha), Nirmal (15,936 ha) and Nizamabad (10,504 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

Global Bengalgram market traded weak due to higher supply against current export demand. Bulk buyers are unwilling to buy as prices are still under pressure. Area coverage in major growing countries has decreased, but older stock continues to weigh on cash market. Pressure is likely to continue in global Bengalgram market. Bengalgram in cash market is being traded lower by Rs. 500-600 per quintal from MSP. New arrivals in states like Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have started. New Bengalgram in Madhya Pradesh is being sold at Rs. 4000-4050. However, under prevailing market condition amid weak demand Bengalgram price may move down by Rs. 100-150 from current level.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of bengalgram in Bhainsa market during March 2019

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	212.81	3781	3892	3865
8	501.88	1801	4062	4051
9	270.4	2150	4075	4061
11	283.16	2175	4086	4059
12	414.12	3788	4171	4122
13	249.62	3869	4205	4189
14	346.04	3991	4165	4165
15	365.81	2216	4156	4125
16	451.85	2710	4208	4111
18	261.9	3975	4982	4073
19	351.12	3992	4121	4101
23	250.06	2119	4067	4041
25	257.8	3511	4077	4033
27	299.72	3914	4057	4033
28	194.48	3975	4063	4045
29	155.77	3408	4188	4121

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4000 - 4200 per quintal in the month of April 2019.