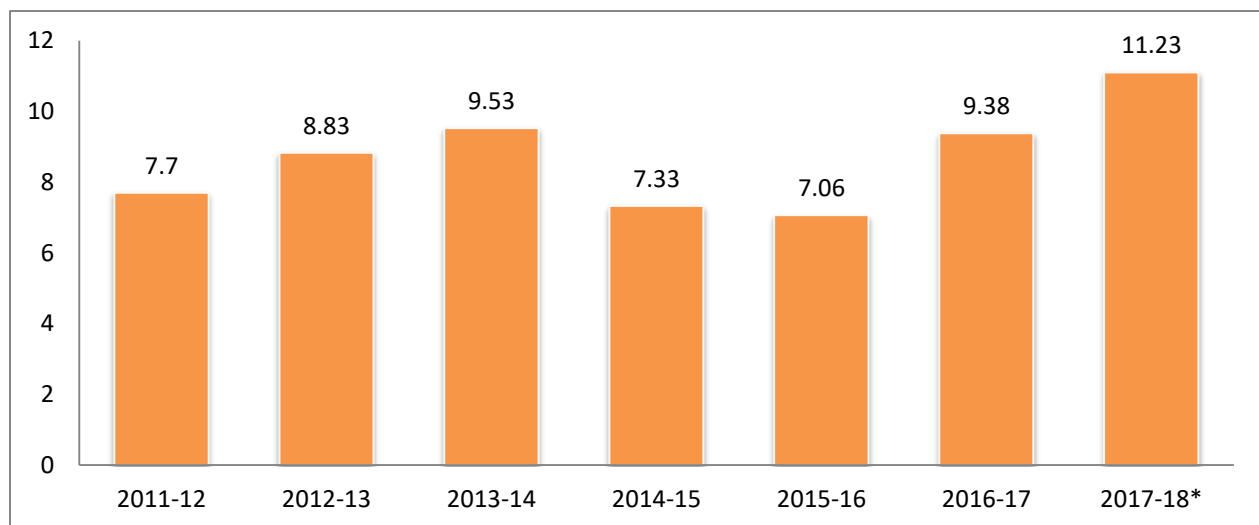


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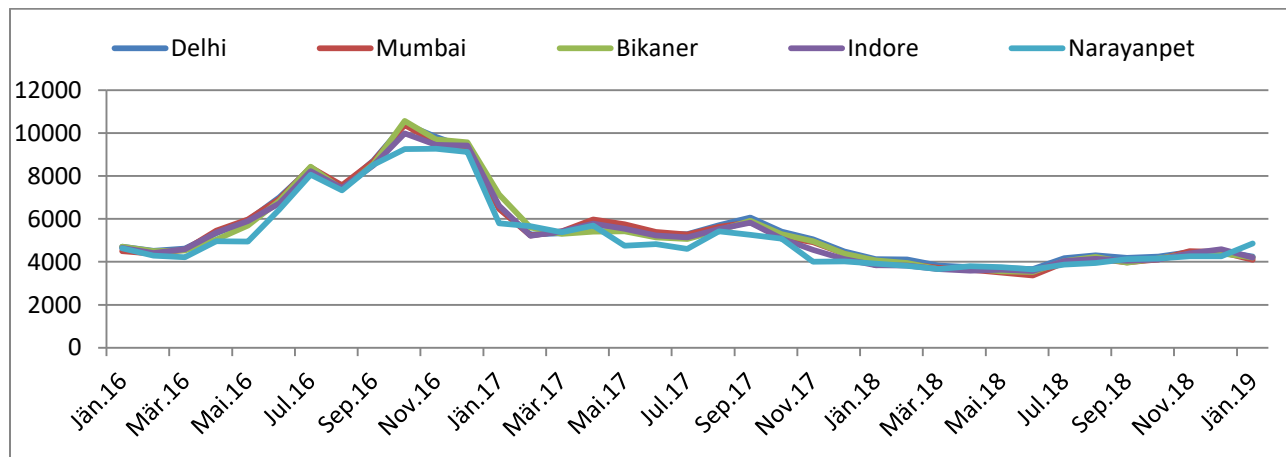
India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse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

In India about 95.91 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2018-19. The states of Madhya Pradesh (34.32 lakh ha), Maharashtra (15.87 lakh ha), Rajasthan (15.16 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.18 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.63 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.49 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 4<sup>th</sup> advance estimate, bengalgram production in 2017-18 is at 11.23 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimates

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



Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com), [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://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. 4200 - 5000 per quintal.

In Telangana state, rabi 2018-19 acreage covered under bengalgram was about 1.04 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad (21,366 ha), Gadwal (17,452 ha), Nirmal (15,936 ha), Kama Reddy (14,782 ha) and Nizamabad (9,137 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

Global bengalgram market traded almost steady and is expected to move slightly up on increasing buyers need and unwillingness to sell by stockiest. Quality issues with Argentina's crops are still there and worries about the pending size of the crop in Mexico remain supportive to the cash market fundamental. Bengalgram production in Canada is expected to increase from 1.02 lakh tonnes to 3.11 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 due to higher yield and area. Area too is expected to reach from 68 to 179 thousand ha with expected yield of 1.77 tonnes per ha. Export is expected to come down from 48 to 25 thousand MT in 2018-19.

In India rabi pulses area decreased by 6.13% i.e., to 151.10 lakh ha from 160.97 lakh ha during last year as on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan-2019. Bengalgram area is lagging by 9.91 % i.e., at 95.99 lakh ha against 106.54 last year.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of bengalgram in different markets during January 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Arrival (Quintals)</b>	<b>Minimum price (Rs/quintal)</b>	<b>Maximum price (Rs/quintal)</b>	<b>Model price (Rs/quintal)</b>
3	29	5112	5105	5112
4	17	5056	5121	5056
7	79	5011	5031	4961
8	135	4942	4980	4851
9	37	4929	4952	4820
10	32	4956	4956	4955
11	25	4972	4986	4970
12	4	4651	4651	4651
17	28	5075	5100	5050
18	63	5120	5120	5006
19	27	5125	5161	5125
22	18	5175	5175	5105
23	29	5181	5185	4666
24	38	5200	5200	5125
26	15	5196	5196	5196
28	94	5225	5225	4950
29	22	4935	5218	4935

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4700 - 5000 per quintal in the month of February 2019.