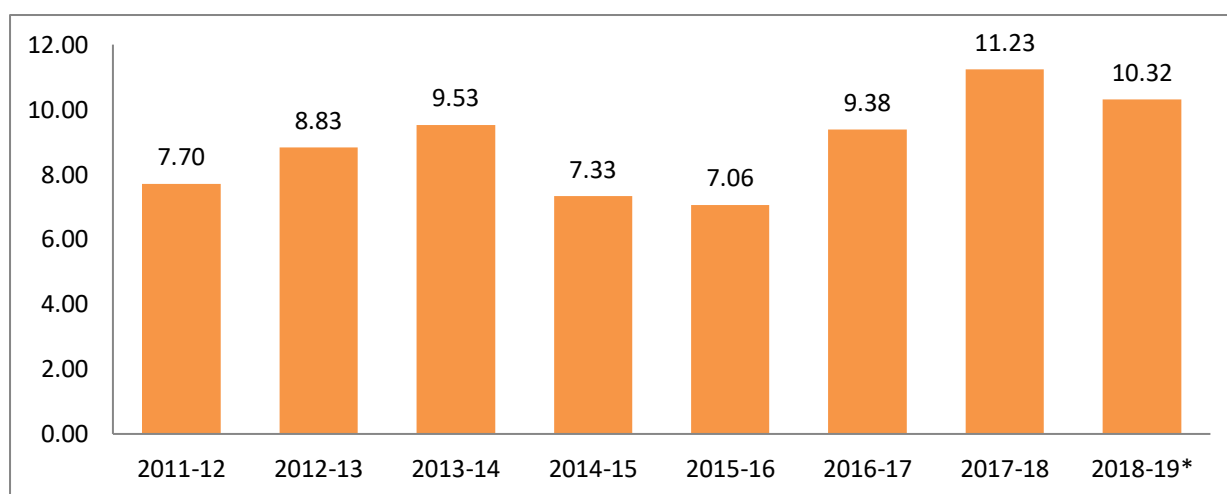


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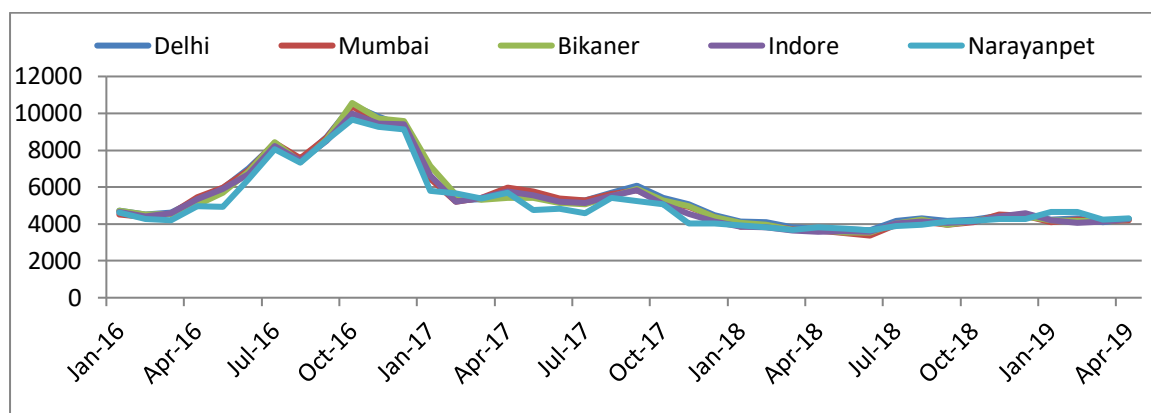
India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse 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 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimate, bengalgram production in 2018-19 is at 10.32 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*2<sup>nd</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 - 4350 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.

India exported total 254685.19 MT of bengalgram in 2018-19. Against this India imported 192850.1 MT bengalgram in the year 2018-19. India imported bengalgram dal at an average price of \$637.92 per MT. Higher import duty has impacted import volume considerably in 2018-19. Lower production size and procurement drive have lent some support to cash bengalgram market. Arrivals in major markets remain restricted and stockists started to hold stock. It may help market to recover in coming days. Any spike is unlikely in the near term as there is ample old stock with NAFED.

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

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	232.9	4011	5037	4410
4	389.96	3200	4398	4346
8	313.1	4000	4867	4289
9	251.4	4019	4326	4321
10	190.27	4040	4289	4276
12	164.08	3872	4267	4265
17	62.5	4016	4349	4347
18	136.93	3890	4353	4336
20	55.76	4221	4333	4288
23	102.76	4101	4275	4259
24	53.33	3915	4272	4272
25	102.9	4220	4306	4306
26	95.43	3861	4296	4296
27	35.26	4222	4293	4293
29	39.5	4226	4293	4226

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4200 - 4400 per quintal in the month of May 2019.