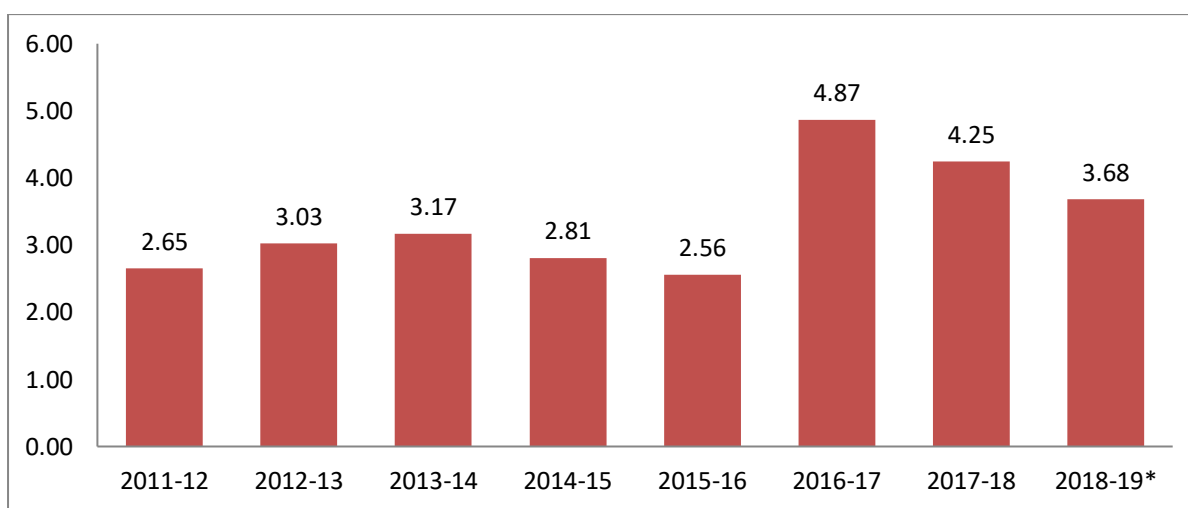


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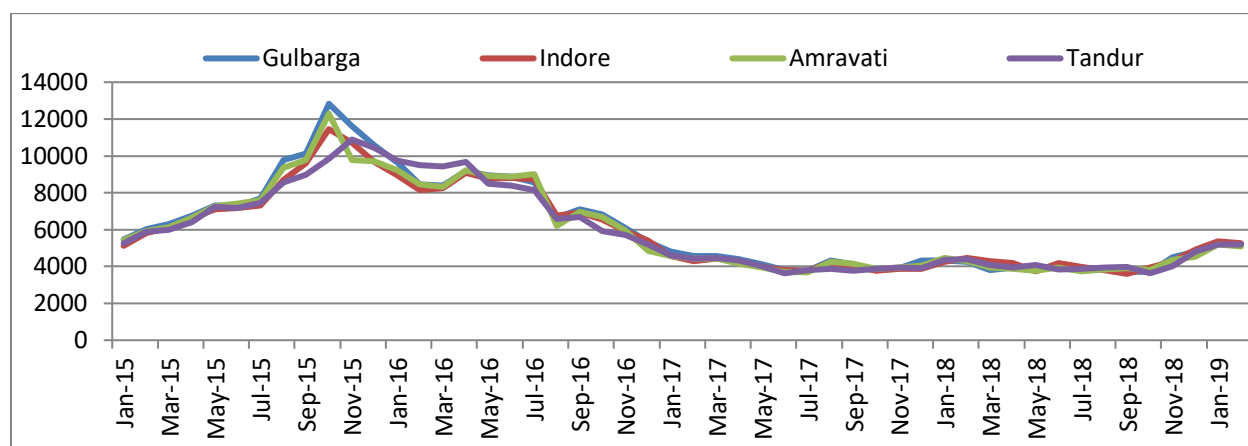
Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dryland agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as against 139.49 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.11 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.34 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.92 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.35 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.77 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.52 lakh ha). According to Government 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimate, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.68 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of Redgram 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 redgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

It is evident from Figure 1 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Currently redgram in major markets is being traded at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 4700 - 5200 per quintal.

The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Badepalli, Devarakadra, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Suryapet, Tandur and Warangal. The major markets in neighboring states are Kadiri, Narsaraopet, Tiruvuru, Kurnool, Yeminiganur and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, Gulbarga, Sedam, Yadgiri, Bidhar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Redgram traded weak with increasing arrivals in major markets in the course of slower pace of procurement by various agencies. Total procurement so far has reached at 1.44 lakh tonnes by NAFED. Redgram procurement has started in Telangana. Telangana has contributed around 62482.56 MT so far. Procurement in other states is yet to begin.

As prices of redgram is getting firmer, private buying is likely to increase. As crop size is lower this year, prices may move further up from current level. Burma is offering redgram at \$600 per MT basis Indian port. However, till March import is unlikely to occur due to new incoming crop.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Suryapet market during February 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	2610	4826	5503	5387
5	2770	4700	5531	5387
6	2334	4800	5500	5301
7	1453	4826	5480	5202
8	1825	4725	5461	5283
9	1520	4850	5461	5315
11	1734	4829	5441	5202
12	1734	4829	5441	5202
13	1538	4700	5452	5125
14	884	4809	5425	5076
15	989	4851	5411	5175
18	1390	4700	5400	5076
19	1056	4356	5355	5121
21	637	4451	5314	4901
22	667	4501	5317	4900
23	539	4500	5311	5166
25	550	4500	5160	4959
26	402	4101	5211	4941
28	676	4609	5221	5000

Source: [www.tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx](http://www.tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx)

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5000 - 5300 per quintal in the month of March 2019.