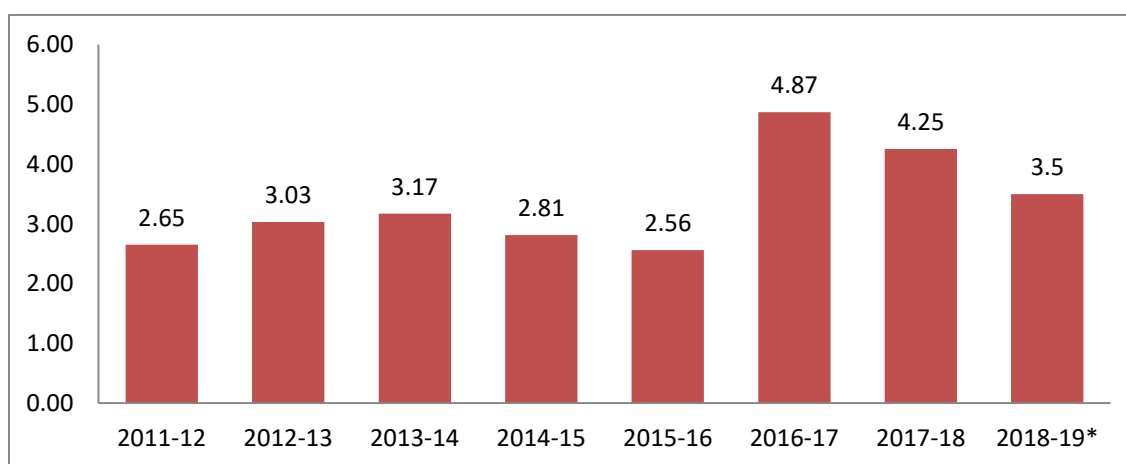


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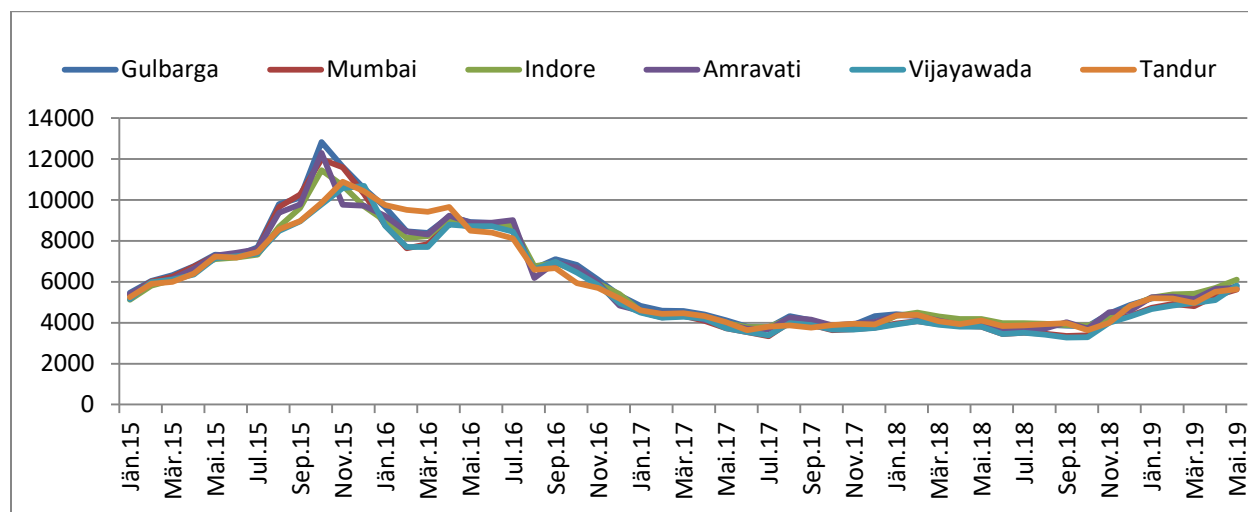
Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dry land agriculture. India contributes for nearly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

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha in 2018-19 as against 139.49 lakh ha in kharif 2017-18. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimate, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.5 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*3<sup>rd</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 red gram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

It is evident from Figure 1 that all major markets of red gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Redgram price which was ranging below Rs. 4000 till October 2018 started picking up and currently in major markets is being traded at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 5800-6000 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, Bidar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

As domestic crop size is lower, prices of redgram is bound to move up further amid lower crop size report in Myanmar too this year. Forward deal in Myanmar has been struck at \$700-705 per MT basis Indian port. Government may increase pulses import quota for millers due to tightening supply of redgram in domestic market and lower production in other origins too. Redgram price in domestic market has crossed MSP level and is ruling at Rs. 5800-6100 per quintal depending on quality of the crop.

NAFED still has 5.63 lakh MT old stocks and 2.75 lakh MT new crop harvest. Thus total stock comes to 8.38 lakh MT. It may help market to restrict upward momentum beyond a certain

level. Government's plan to rebuild pulses buffer stock of 16 lakh MT would also be a price limiting factor. Overall sentiment in redgram market remains firm.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during May 2019**

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	142	3309	5701	5684
3	279	3225	5754	5440
7	276	2459	5761	5673
9	121	3875	5905	5805
10	96	5022	5839	5771
11	106	4896	5805	5805
13	194	4417	5818	5639
14	169	3549	5823	5271
15	233	4419	5805	5429
16	86	4266	5832	5442
17	211	4793	5841	5562
18	56	3969	5873	5463
20	223	3909	6060	6059
21	186	3459	6112	6071
22	56	4469	6075	5809
24	109	3879	6092	5823
27	213	3906	5769	5164
28	154	3663	5849	5721
29	168	4698	5873	5749
30	69	3869	5841	5684

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

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5700 - 5900 per quintal in the month of June 2019.