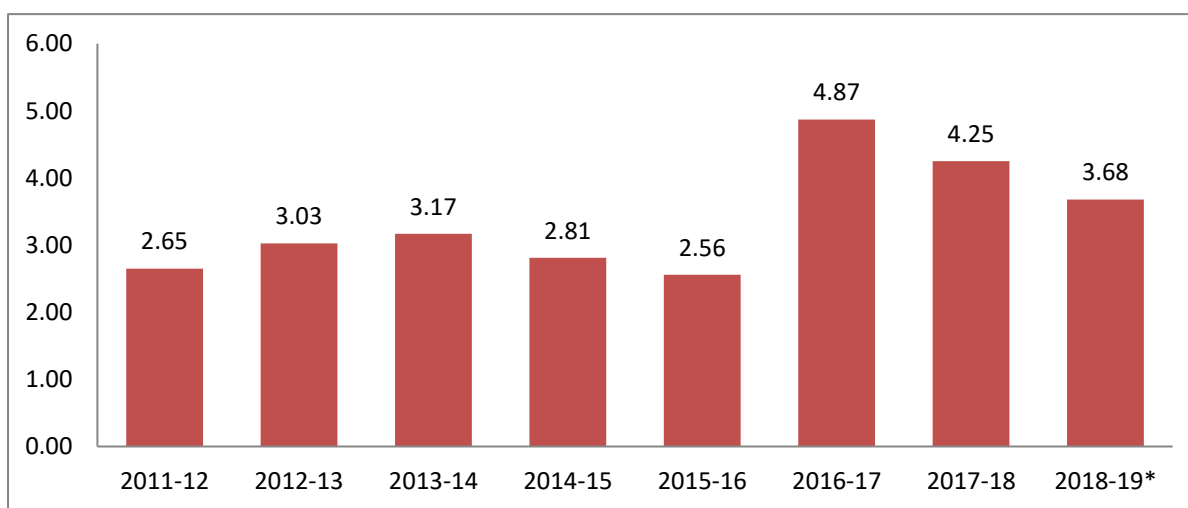


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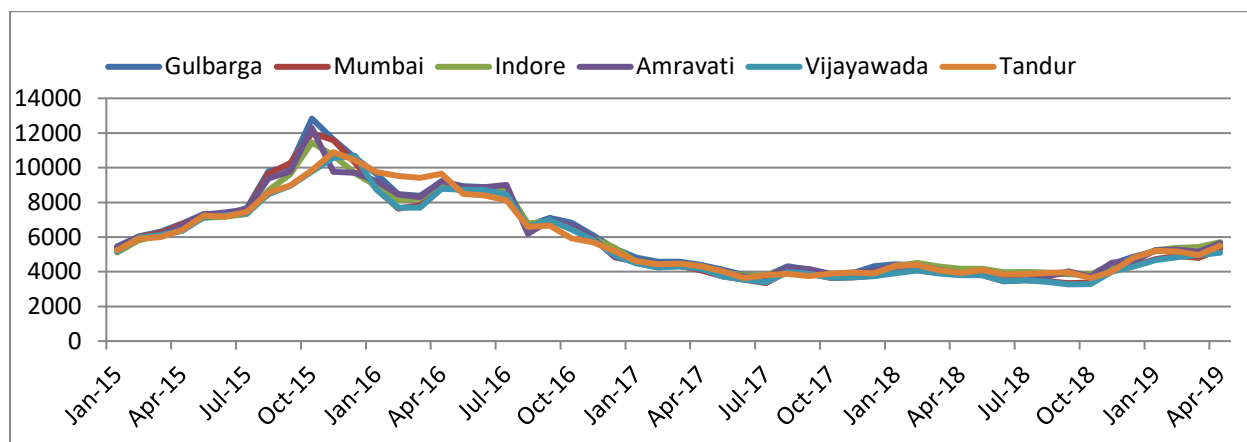
Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dry land agriculture. India contributes for nearly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

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20th 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 2nd advance estimate, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.68 million tonnes.



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

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



Source: www.agriwatch.com, 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. 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. 5300-5500 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.

Lower arrivals in market and improved buying by mills have helped redgram market to move up from current level. New crop in Myanmar is almost one and a half month away from now. Government will import 1.75 lakh MT redgram from African countries. And 2 lakh MT is allowed for private traders/millers in this financial year starting from 1st April-2019. This means total import would be 3.75 lakh MT this year. Millers in India are now active as arrivals in markets have decreased considerably. With lower crop size, redgram may trade further up in coming weeks.

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

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	1235	4800	5422	5275
3	823	4158	5355	5085
4	248	4750	5311	5031
12	629	5031	5419	5417
13	385	4821	5512	5200
15	1194	4821	5535	5454
20	416	5502	5535	5216
22	850	4680	5589	5310
23	66	5031	5589	5391
24	372	5166	5590	5409
25	624	5098	5670	5521
26	133	5400	5571	5508
29	125	5502	5712	5711

Source: www.tsmarketing.in

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5500 - 5700 per quintal in the month of May 2019.