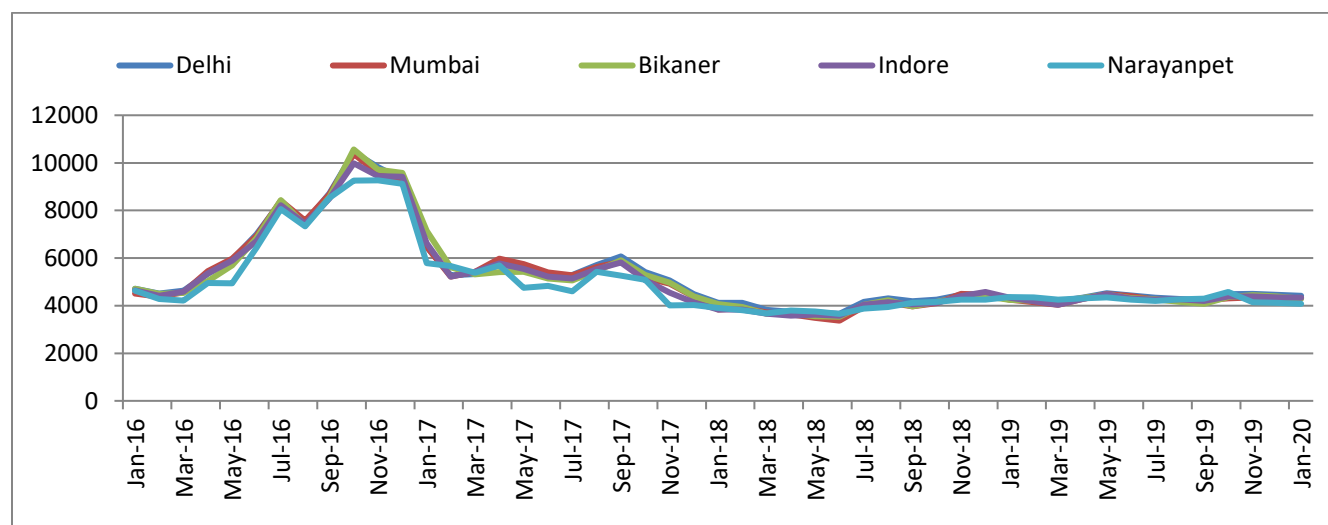


## Bengalgram Outlook – March 2020

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 107.21lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20. The states of Madhya Pradesh (27.38 lakh ha), Rajasthan (21.38 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.56 lakh ha), Maharashtra (21.78 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.87 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.56 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India.



Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com), [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

**Figure 1: 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. 3900 - 4300 per quintal.

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20 was about 1.48 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Nirmal (52,564ha), Adilabad (32,107ha), Kama Reddy (18,635 ha), Nizamabad (12, 751 ha) and Gadwal (7,621 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of bengalgram in Sadasivpet market during February 2020**

<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>
<b>7</b>	31	3875	3875	3875
<b>13</b>	5	4065	4065	4065
<b>15</b>	22	4116	4109	4109
<b>20</b>	22	4080	4005	4029
<b>24</b>	30	3955	3605	3850
<b>26</b>	42	3975	3805	3975
<b>29</b>	4	3839	3947	3939

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

The biggest rabi pulse crop is bengalgram and this year production is likely to cross 110 lakh MT given the weather and crop conditions so far. New arrival has started in various markets of south India, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, and is expected to start in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar from third week of March. As crop size is large, supply would be ample in coming weeks. Price might be seen under pressure despite procurement drive. Government may buy around 2 to 2.5 MMT this year on MSP. Out of total procurement around 9.25 lakh MT would be procured in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, while the rest would be procured in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Supply side would be ample throughout the year. Besides, Bengalgram selling by NAFED at Rs 3950 in Rajasthan and Rs 3900 per qtl in Madhya Pradesh have increased pressure further on cash market.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3700 - 3900 per quintal in the month of March 2020.