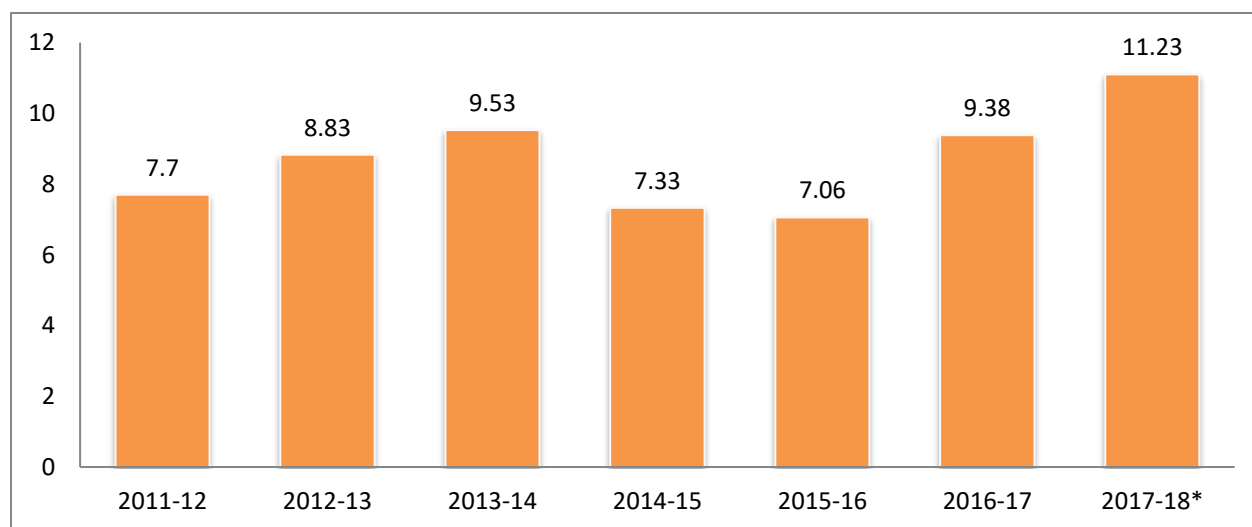


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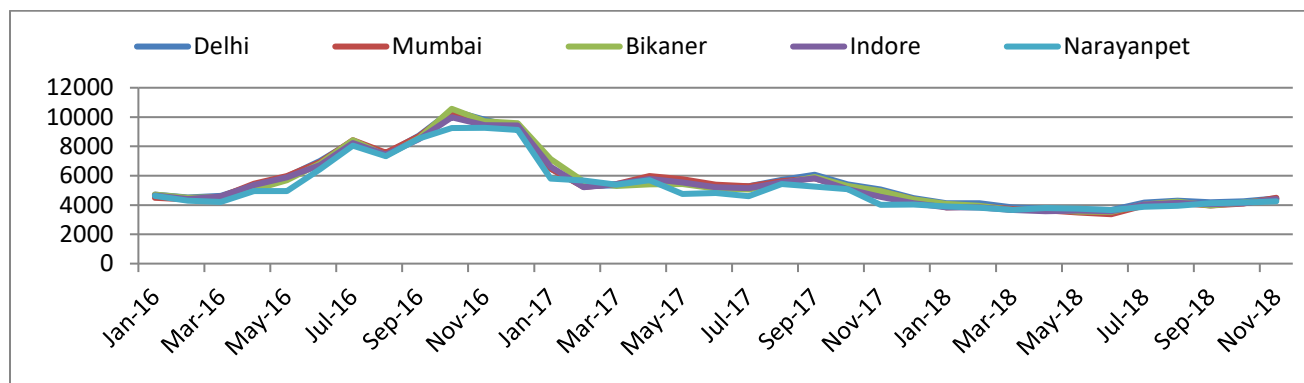
India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production. India imports around 8-9 lakh tonnes of bengalgram annually from Canada, Australia, Iran, and Myanmar.

In India about 70.46 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2018-19. The states of Madhya Pradesh (28.25 lakh ha), Maharashtra (8.33 lakh ha), Rajasthan (13.14 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.91 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (4.65 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (2.27 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 4<sup>th</sup> advance estimate, bengalgram production in 2017-18 is at 11.23 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*4<sup>th</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 - 4400 per quintal.

In Telangana state, rabi 2018-19 acreage covered under Bengalgram was about 0.92 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy (19,724 ha), Adilabad (16,210 ha) Nirmal (15,936 ha), Gadwal (13,853 ha) and Nizamabad (8,990 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 different markets during November 2018**

<b>Market Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Arrival (Tonnes)</b>	<b>Modal price Rs/quintal</b>
<b>Jogipet</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>4600</b>
<b>Sadasivpet</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>4511</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4701</b>
<b>Tandur</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>4005</b>
<b>Zaheerabad</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>3953</b>

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

India imported total 19707.72 MT of bengalgram at an average CIF of \$ 519.03 per MT in Oct-2018. It is slightly higher than 18329.3 MT imported in Sep-2018 at an average price of \$597.45 MT. Average imported price declined in October from \$597.45 to \$519.03 per MT. Total bengalgram dal import from March to Oct- 2018 was registered as 67209 MT.

Pulses cash market is continue to move up getting support from miller's buying, higher quotes in Burma and emerging lower crop size in Australia. Bengalgram prices moved up by Rs. 500 - 600 in last two to three days to Rs 4500 - 4550 in Delhi market. Dry conditions in growing belt have increased fear of lower rabi crop size.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4300 - 4500 per quintal in the month of December 2018.