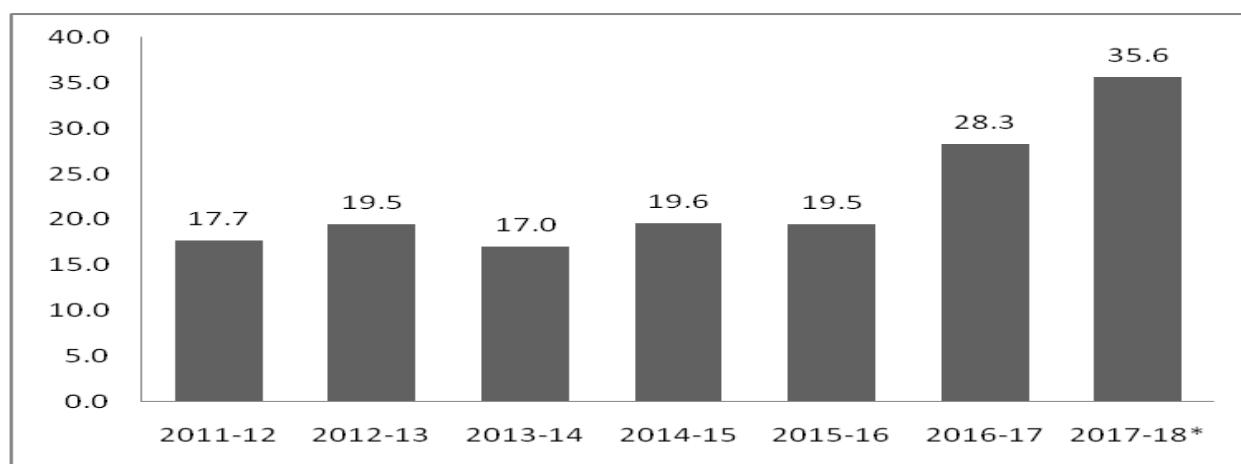


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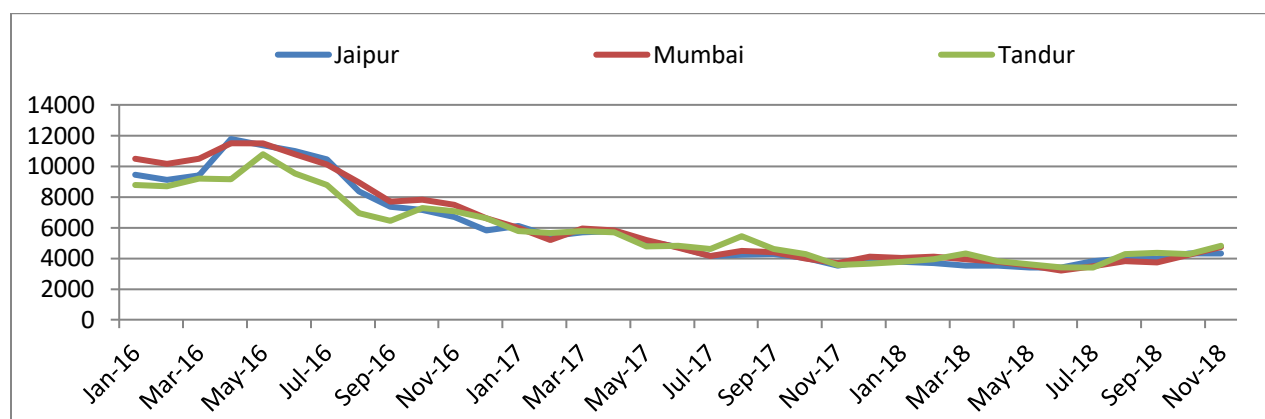
Blackgram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of blackgram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

In India about 1.78 lakh ha area was covered under blackgram during rabi (2018-19). The states of Tamil Nadu (1.05 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (0.41 lakh ha), and Odisha (0.27 lakh ha) are the major producers of rabi blackgram in India. In Telangana area coverage under blackgram during 2018-19 rabi was 1629 ha and major growing districts are Wanaparthi (425 ha), Gadwal (301 ha), Mahabubabad (259 ha) and Jayashankar (201 ha).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *4th Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of blackgram in India (in lakh tonnes)



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of blackgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of blackgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The blackgram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous fall and fluctuating around Rs. 4000 since last one year. Currently blackgram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 4300-4800 per quintal.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of blackgram in Tandur market during November 2018

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Modal price Rs/quintal
1	450	3733	5217	4475
2	340	3750	5317	4534
4	275	4200	5785	4993
12	249	5119	5456	5288
13	488	3800	5575	4688
14	389	3900	5637	4769
15	544	3900	5652	4776

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Arrivals in markets have decreased in major producing regions. Besides, stockiest remain active in blackgram buying sensing lower crop size and restricted import. It has helped blackgram market to move up further. Demand is expected to improve in coming weeks. Lower crop size could not pressurize cash market as arrival has been lower. Arrival pressure is unlikely to build up in the near to medium term.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that blackgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 5100 per quintal in the month of December 2018.