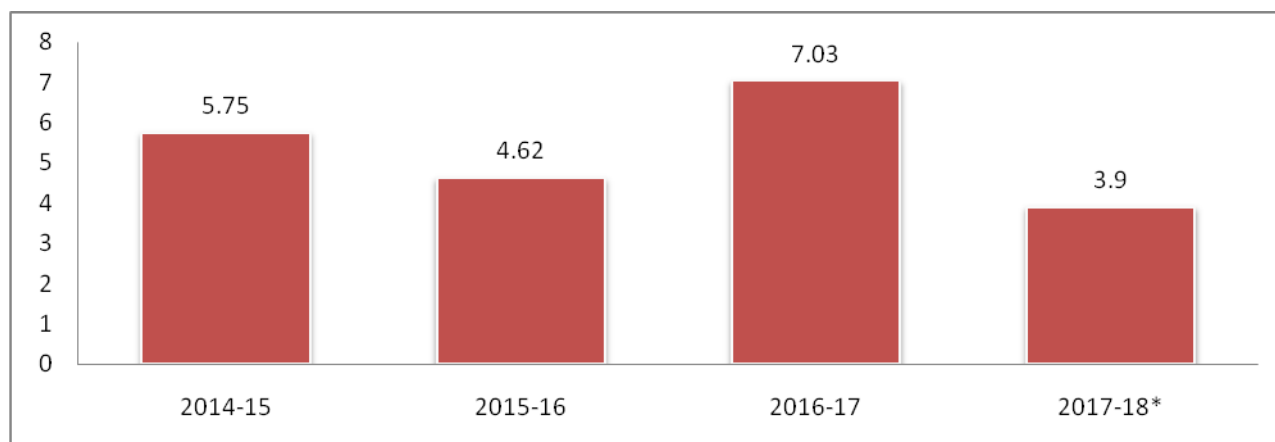


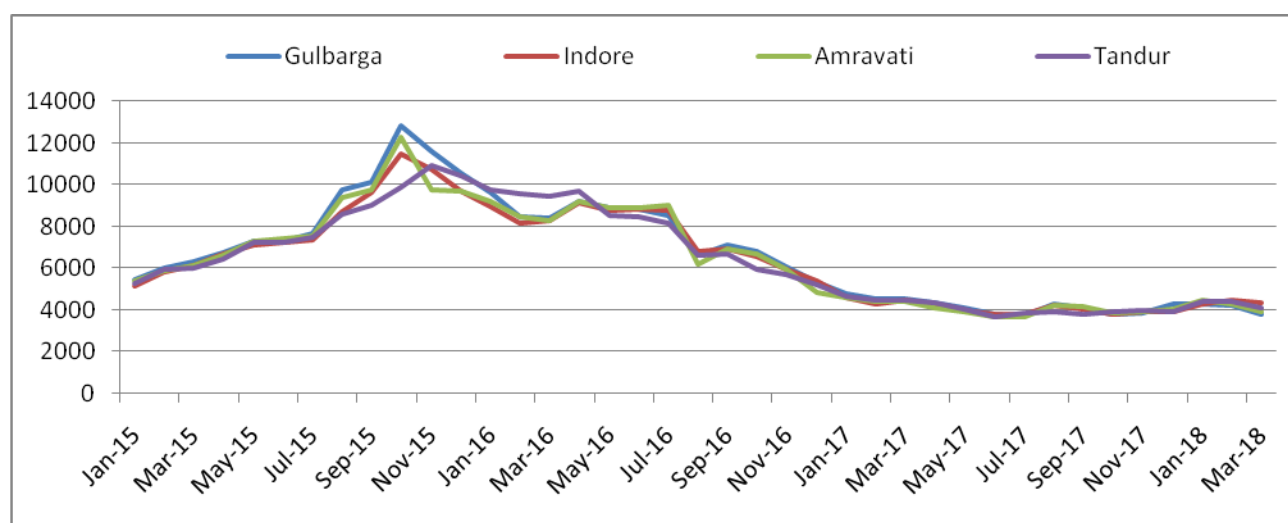
## Redgram Outlook – April 2018

The country is expected to produce a record 23.95 million tonnes in the current 2017-18 crop year (July-June), as against 23.13 million tonnes last year mainly because of good rains. Government is willing to ban import of all pulses. This is likely to support domestic prices of all pulses. Presently, redgram market is facing demand problem from bulk buyers. Market traded under pressure despite procurement activities. Actually, whenever market gets firmer, old stock starts coming into markets and it pressurizes market. However, more downward trend is unlikely as demand from dal mills is expected. Redgram is being traded presently at Rs 3800 to Rs 4200 in various markets. Steady tone may prevail this month.



Source: Department of Commerce, \*Till January'18

**Figure 1: India's imports of redgram (in lakh tonnes)**



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

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

It is evident from Figure 2 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement, currently trading at around Rs. 4000 per quintal while, MSP is Rs. 5450.

In Telangana State redgram was cultivated in an area of 2.84 lakh hectares in 2017-18 as against 4.85 lakh hectares in 2016-17. The major redgram growing districts in Telangana are Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda and Warangal. Even under normal rainfall the area under the crop has decreased in kharif 2017-18, because of sharp fall in its price during previous season.

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, Bidhar, Bijapura, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during March 2018**

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Model price Rs/quintal
5	126.5	3628	4279	4122
6	88.3	3001	4279	4005
7	105.7	3701	4281	4131
8	73.7	3636	4271	4068
9	61.7	3212	4281	4075
10	37.1	3759	4263	4075
12	57.8	3636	4262	4005
13	49.1	3711	4161	3978
14	53.3	3627	4231	4086
15	42.3	3500	4261	4125
16	34.7	3600	4261	3925
19	2.5	3850	4203	4158
20	47.8	3620	4250	4090
21	48.8	3303	4221	4200
22	37.6	3500	4256	3951
23	35.2	3713	4271	4068
24	20.9	3900	4259	4184
27	68.9	3711	4275	4203
28	32.6	3701	4230	4005
29	19.1	3700	4236	4100

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Redgram continues to reel under pressure and the processing units across the country are facing difficult phase. Actually lower price for redgram remain unfavorable as demand is weak and

processing (operational) costs have gone up. It has forced millers to operate either at lower capacity or stopped it completely. Higher stock in government custody and the fear of intervention by the government too is affecting trade sentiment. Lack of interest by stockiest in a bearish market has also added to the woes of the millers.

However, NAFED is engaged in procuring redgram in various states. It has purchased around 564183 metric tonnes of redgram in various states so far. As on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 redgram procurement in Andhra Pradesh was registered at 39293 MT, while the same in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Gujarat was 322560 MT, 126357 MT, 75300 MT and 672 MT respectively. Procurement is likely to continue till the end of April 2018.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3800 - 4100 per quintal in the month of April 2018.