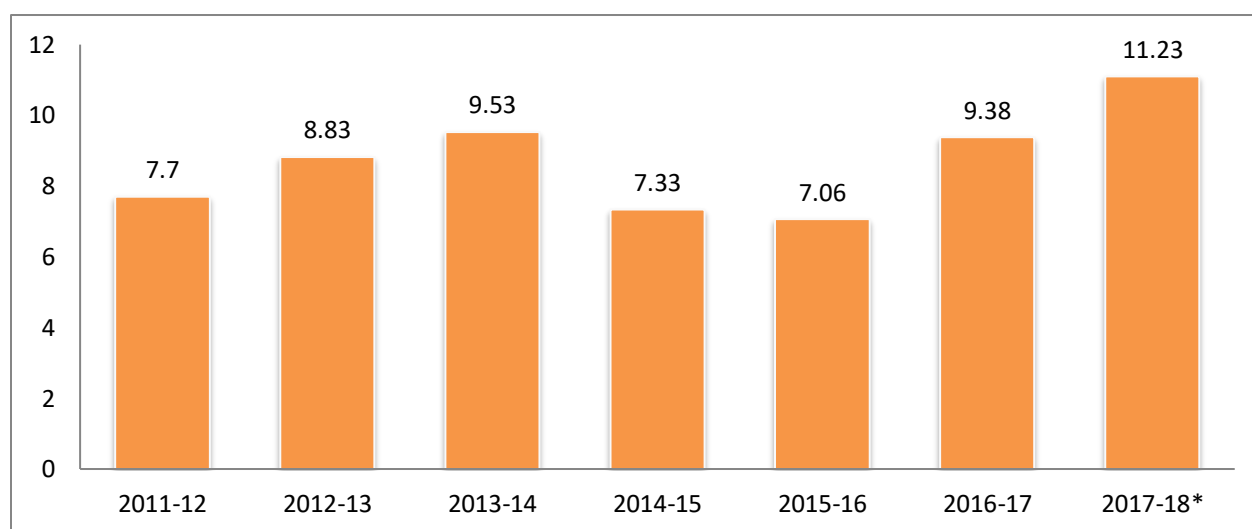


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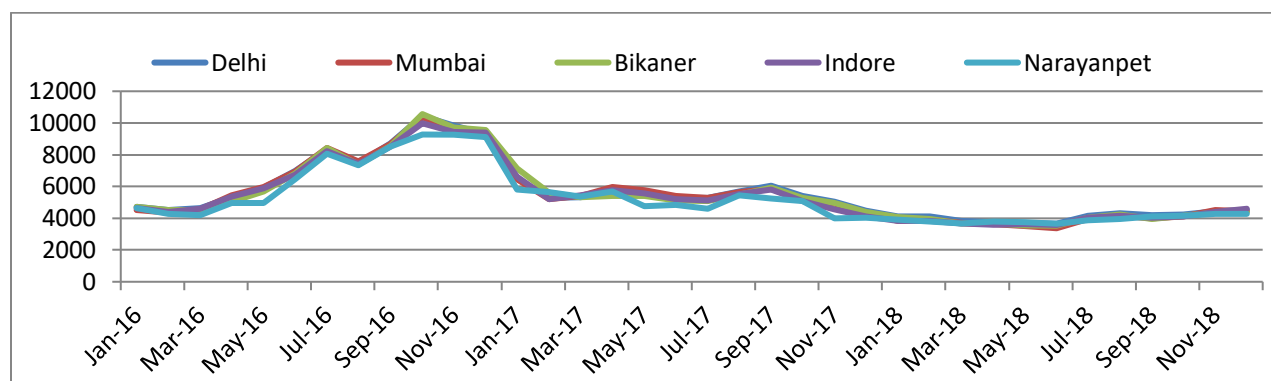
India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse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

In India about 91.63 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2018-19. The states of Madhya Pradesh (34.32 lakh ha), Rajasthan (15.02 lakh ha), Karnataka (11.75 lakh ha), Maharashtra (11.34 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.74 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.02 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India. According to Government 4th advance estimate, bengalgram production in 2017-18 is at 11.23 million tonnes.



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

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



Source: www.agriwatch.com, 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 - 4500 per quintal.

In Telangana state, rabi 2018-19 acreage covered under Bengalgram was about 1.03 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy (19,724 ha), Adilabad (19,029 ha), Nirmal (15,936 ha), Gadwal (17,452 ha) and Nizamabad (9,125 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 December 2018

Market Name	Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Modal price Rs/quintal
Choppadandi	5	1	4211
	8	1	3021
Karimnagar	21	5	4013
Nizamabad	12	3	3510

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Rabi pulses area decreased by 4.99% to 136.25 lakh ha against 143.40 lakh ha last year. Bengalgram area is running behind by 10.63% to 91.63 lakh ha against 102.53 lakh ha last year. Bengalgram sales by NAFED remains slow and ample availability in central pool stock is still capping the uptrend momentum despite likely lower crop size this year. Out of total procured quantity of 2724051.17 MT, NAFED has sold 337440.01 MT and is left with massive stock of 2386611.16 MT.

Buyers remain reluctant to buy at current price sensing weak inner tone in bengalgram cash market. New crop is hardly one month away. In Delhi market bengalgram is being traded at Rs. 4575 - 4600, while Australian bengalgram is being quoted at Rs. 4750 - 4800. However, there was no trade reported at this price.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4300 - 4400 per quintal in the month of January 2019.