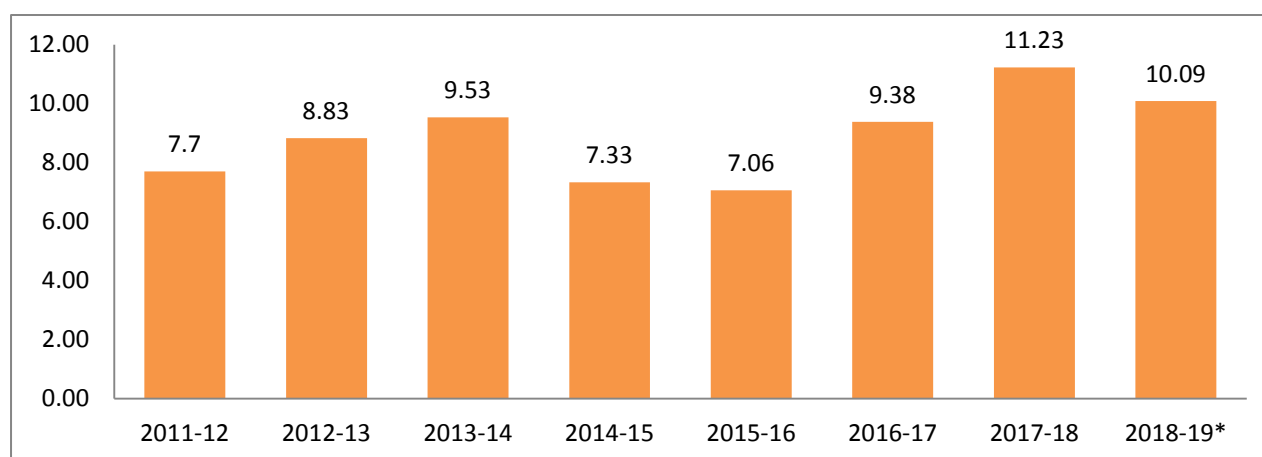


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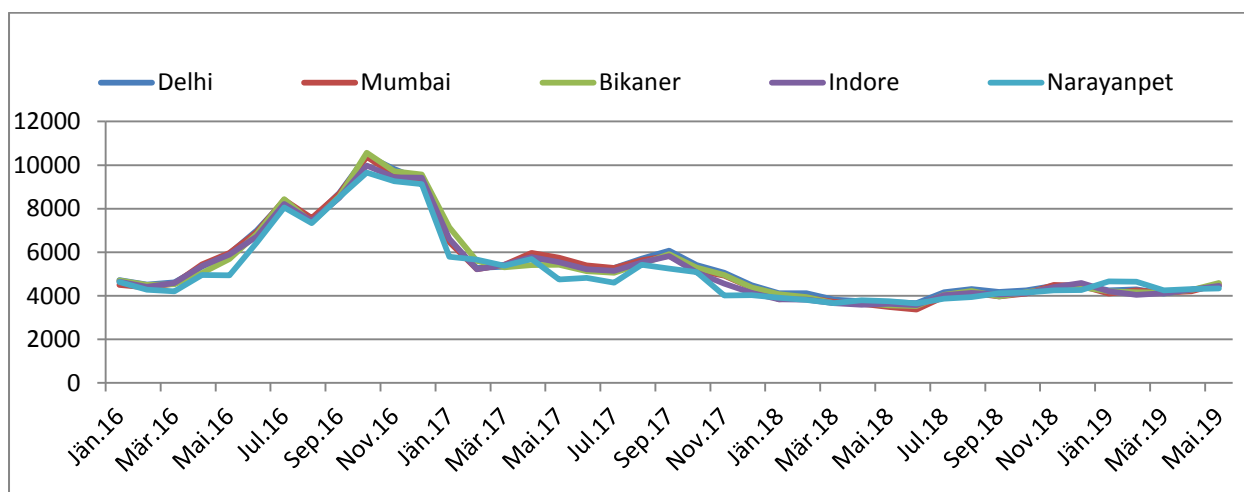
India is the largest producer of Bengal gram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 10 to 11 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengal gram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse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

In India about 95.59 lakh ha area coverage was reported under Bengal gram during rabi 2018-19. The states of Madhya Pradesh (34.32 lakh ha), Maharashtra (15.02 lakh ha), Rajasthan (13.14 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.38 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.83 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.70 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengal gram in India. According to Government 3rd advance estimates, bengal gram production in 2018-19 is at 10.09 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of Bengal gram in India (in million tonnes)



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

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

All major markets of bengal gram 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, bengal gram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 4200 - 4500 per quintal.

In Telangana state, acreage covered under bengal gram during rabi 2018-19 was about 1.11 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad (21,360 ha), Kama Reddy (17,709 ha), Gadwal (17,452 ha), Nirmal (15,936 ha) and Nizamabad (10,504 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Kuber, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

MSP operations are on in various states, however, arrivals have decreased. Demand from besan industry increased amid higher demand for whole bengal gram. Bengal gram price in Delhi market has already crossed MSP. Myanmar is offering bengal gram at \$680-690 per MT basis Indian port. Higher stock with NAFED would restrict bengal gram cash market to a certain extent. In the current rabi season, the government has purchased 10.9 lakh MT of pulses and oilseeds so far against the sanctioned quantity of 45.5 lakh MT as per data released by NAFED.

Table 1: Prices and arrivals of bengal gram in Bhainsa market during May 2019

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	70.2	3777	4323	4263
3	21.86	4155	4266	4266
7	95.2	4015	4270	4260
8	36.37	3671	4263	4262
10	64.56	4088	4266	4237
11	16.32	3551	4359	4301
13	12.33	4155	4290	4290
15	21.82	4255	4337	4286
17	9.54	4287	4351	4345
18	39.99	4256	4369	4369
21	19.77	2201	4489	4456
22	36.77	2206	4473	4473
25	25.51	2201	4496	4496
27	17.65	4119	4494	4488
29	5.23	4359	4489	4455
30	26.47	2139	4546	4546
31	14.03	4178	4511	4461

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengal gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4300 - 4500 per quintal in the month of June 2019.