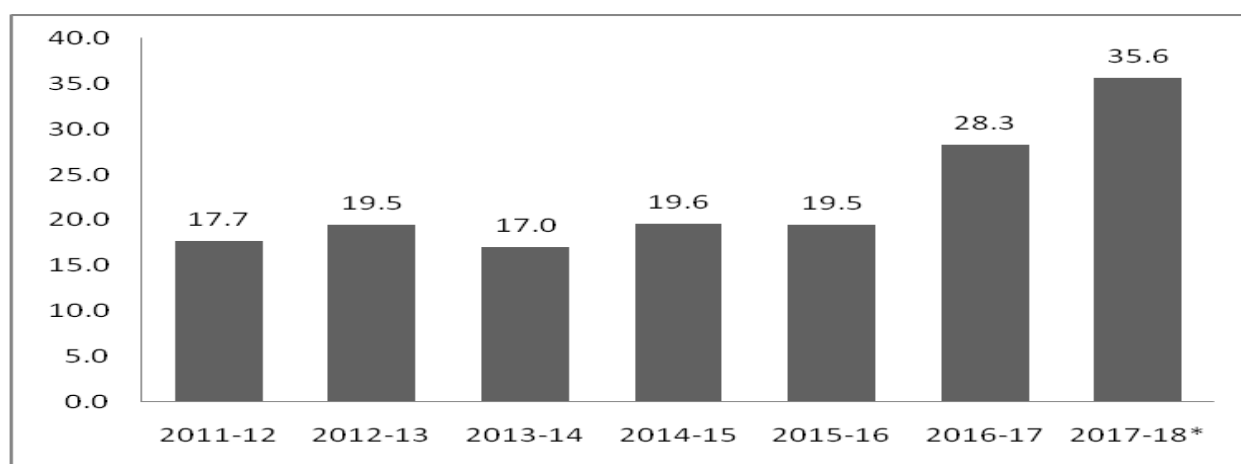


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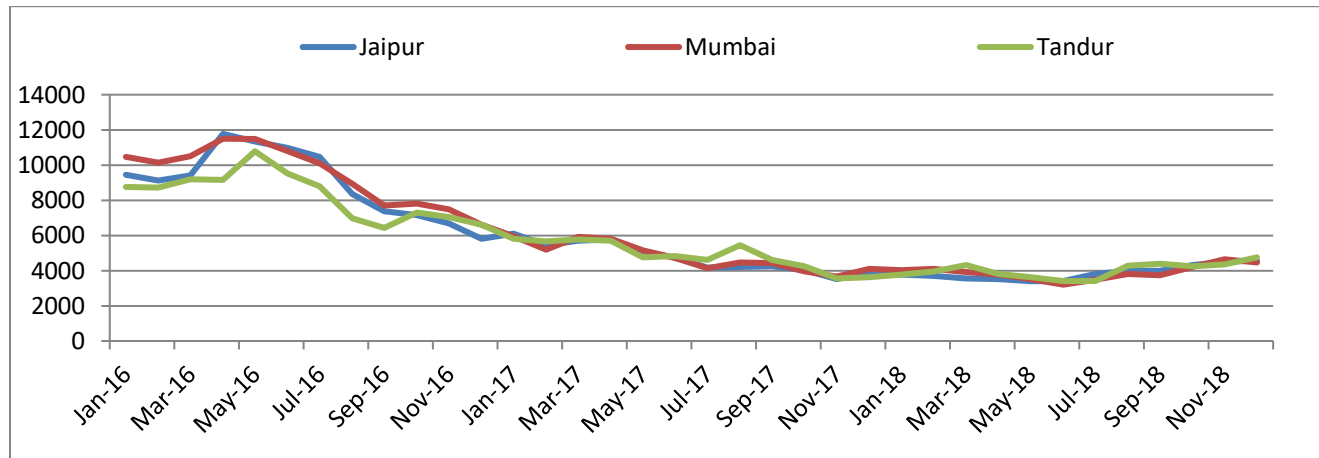
Blackgram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of blackgram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

In India about 5.87 lakh ha area was covered under blackgram during rabi (2018-19). The states of Tamil Nadu (2.26 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (1.94 lakh ha), and Odisha (1.45 lakh ha) are the major producers of rabi blackgram in India. In Telangana area coverage under blackgram during 2018-19 rabi was 4649 ha and major growing districts are Jagtiyal (1728 ha), Wanaparthy (1426 ha), Mahabubabad (579 ha), Gadwal (233 ha), and Jayashankar (233 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 December 2018

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price Rs/quintal	Maximum price Rs/quintal	Modal price Rs/quintal
1	105	3800	5169	4100
3	34	4200	5020	4800
10	69	4627	5150	5150
12	30	3800	4857	4475
15	86	4200	5107	5101
17	43	4600	5160	5000
18	5	4400	4400	4400
19	39	4000	5000	4901
20	28	4000	5000	4500
22	54	4885	4885	4885
24	107	3800	4900	4850
27	11	3800	4900	4500
31	12	3500	4789	4000

Source: tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx

Blackgram production is likely to decline by 3.49 % from 25.47 to 24.58 lakh tonnes due to lower crop area by 8.97% to 40.37 lakh ha. Import is expected to increase by one lakh tonnes to 2.5 lakh tonnes. Total supply would increase slightly from 35.67 to 36.05 lakh tonnes in 2018-19. Export would increase to 0.3 lakh tonnes due to export incentive. Consumption would increase from 26.7 to 27.8 lakh tonnes in 2018-19. So, carryout out would decrease slightly from 8.97 to 8.25 lakh tonnes. As carryout is higher, supply side is expected to be at comfortable level this year too. Arrivals in markets have decreased in major producing regions. Besides, stockists remain active in blackgram buying sensing lower crop size and restricted import. It has helped blackgram market to move up further.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that blackgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4700 - 5000 per quintal in the month of January 2019.