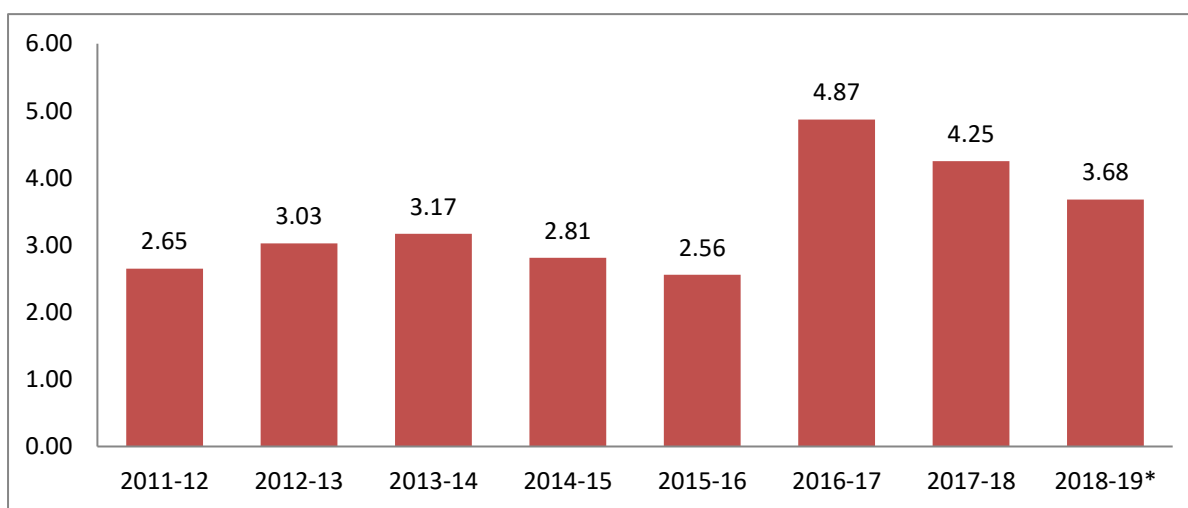


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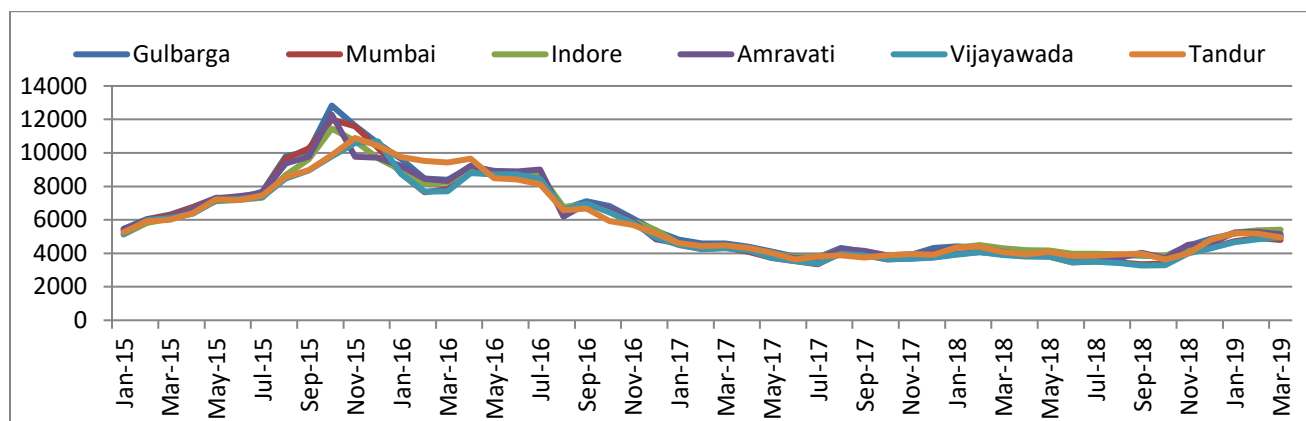
Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rain fed and dry land agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as against 139.49 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.11 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.34 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.92 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.35 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.77 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.52 lakh ha). According to Government 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimate, redgram production in 2018-19 is at 3.68 million tonnes.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates

**Figure 1: Production of Redgram in India (in million 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 1 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Redgram price which was ranging below Rs. 4000 till October 2018 started picking up and currently in major markets is being traded at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 4700-5100 per quintal.

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, Bidar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Restriction on quantity for redgram import at 2.0 lakh MT has been extended for a year, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April-2019. So importers would not be able to import above 2 lakh MT this year. In central pool redgram stock is decreasing and is around 4 lakh MT. So, supply side may turn tight in the second half of the year. It may push redgram price up and cross MSP (Rs. 5675) in coming months.

NAFED has procured 174111.95 MT of redgram in various states so far. It has procured 70,300 MT in Telangana, 89803.66 MT in Karnataka, 3266.90 MT in Gujarat and 10504.52 MT in Maharashtra. In the month of April pressure on redgram prices may continue with increasing arrivals from old and new stock amid weak demand. Despite lower crop size redgram market may extend its loss further by Rs. 100-150 per quintal. Weak demand, slower pace of procurement and availability of old stock remains unsupportive to cash market. Myanmar is offering redgram at \$600

per MT basis Indian port. Crop damage in Myanmar would help market to move up in the second half of the year as supply side would be tight in Myanmar this year.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Tandur market during March 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
2	446	4600	5211	4925
7	735	4509	5251	4905
9	1169	4552	5291	4905
11	1134	4221	5326	5175
12	1327	4608	5341	4959
13	782	4650	5301	4905
14	533	4100	5300	5121
15	617	4550	5200	5000
16	499	4400	5201	5101
25	1146	4566	5165	4915
27	960	4650	5166	5058
28	705	4754	5211	5148
29	455	4750	5238	5175
30	474	4850	5357	5100

Source: [www.tsmarketing.in](http://www.tsmarketing.in)

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 4800 - 5200 per quintal in the month of April 2019.