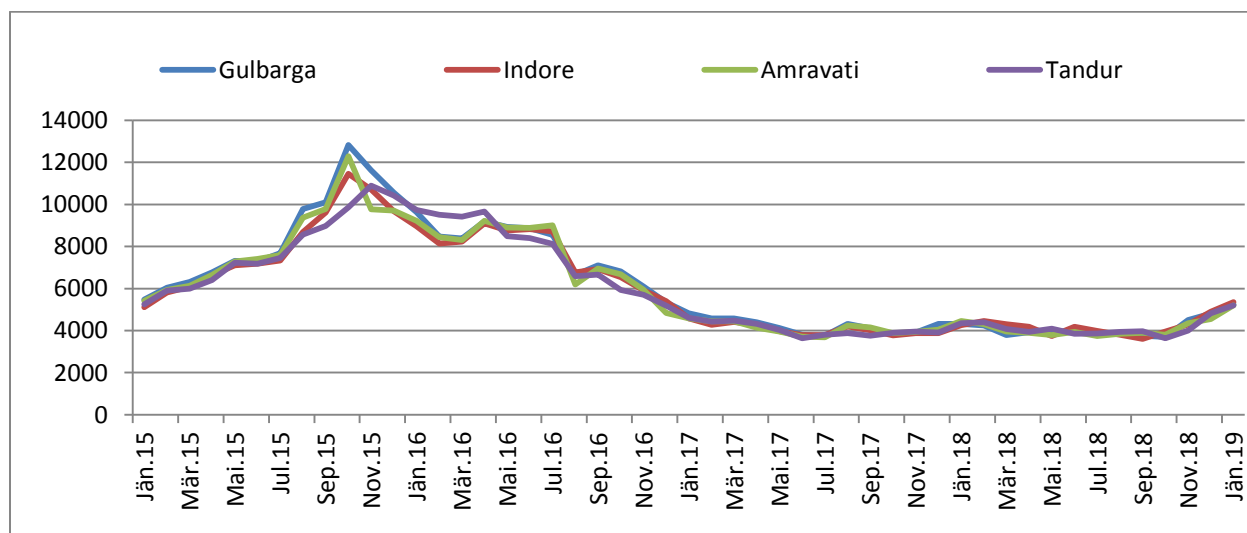


## Redgram Outlook – February 2019

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 rainfed and dryland 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).



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

**Figure 1: 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. Currently redgram in major markets is being traded at a higher price compared to previous month i.e., around Rs. 4700-5200 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, Bidhar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Suryapet market during January 2019**

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
3	1730	4401	5201	4905
4	1356	4500	5291	5159
7	2059	4011	5308	5189
8	1322	4666	5231	4959
9	858	4212	5200	5004
10	1447	4608	5190	5079
12	1439	4608	5264	5029
17	1985	4500	5607	5219
18	2346	4675	5571	5479
19	1994	4950	5615	5479
21	122	5377	5539	5500
22	1501	4726	5511	5350
23	2135	4526	5576	5359
24	2087	4766	5451	5269
28	4150	4469	5475	5300
29	3662	3250	5462	5161
30	3166	4651	5472	5327
31	3106	4700	5502	5337

Source: [tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx](http://tsmarketing.in/DailyArrivalsnPricesCommodityMonth.aspx)

Redgram cash market is likely to trade up and it may continue to move up further by Rs. 200 - 300 per quintal from current level. Arrival in major markets is comparatively lower and private buyers are active. Only Telangana government is procuring redgram right now and procured around 29974.50 tonnes so far. Procurement in other states is likely to start by the mid-February. Crop size is lower so we expect price to touch MSP level soon. Government is also restricting import, hence any major downfall is unlikely.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5000 - 5400 per quintal in the month of February 2019.