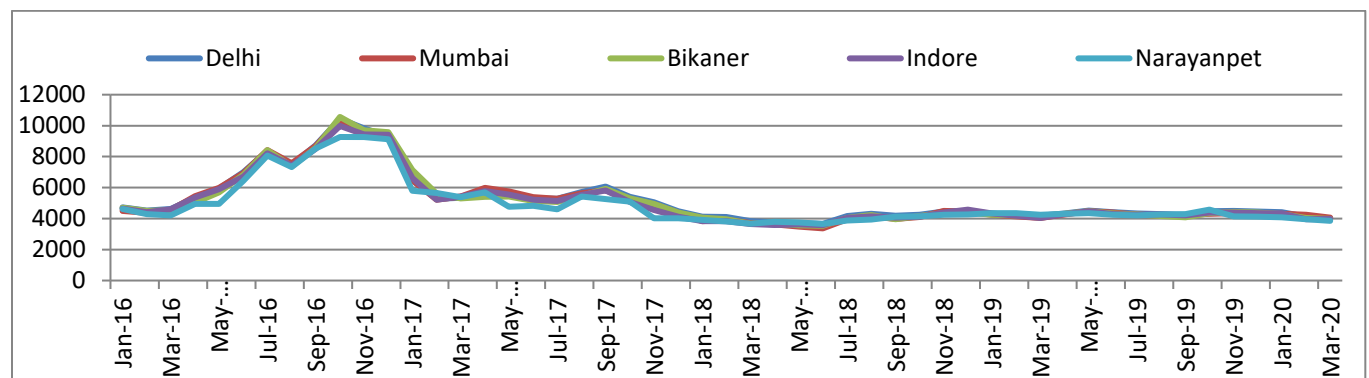


Bengalgram Outlook – April 2020

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 107.21 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20. The states of Madhya Pradesh (27.38 lakh ha), Rajasthan (21.38 lakh ha), Karnataka (12.56 lakh ha), Maharashtra (21.78 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.87 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.56 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India.



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

Figure 1: 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. 3800 - 4000 per quintal.

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20 was about 1.31 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Adilabad (34,171ha), Kama Reddy (29,833 ha), Nirmal (24,504 ha), Nizamabad (12,189 ha) and Gadwal (6,870 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 Sadasivpet markets during March 2020

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
2	20	3869	3860	3865
4	29	3805	3804	3805
11	36	3806	3804	3806
13	15	3880	3870	3872
16	11	3842	3752	3830
18	3	3881	3804	3850
21	7	3911	3889	3901

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Trading activities remain halted due to Covid-19 and normal trading activities are expected not before mid-April-2020. All India average price for bengalgram increased by 5.21 percent from Rs. 4085 to 4298 per qtl as compared to last week. Even Australian bengalgram (imported) price increased by 2.95 percent from Rs. 4729 to 4920 per 100 Kg due to halted harvesting activities.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3700 - 3800 per quintal in the month of April 2020.