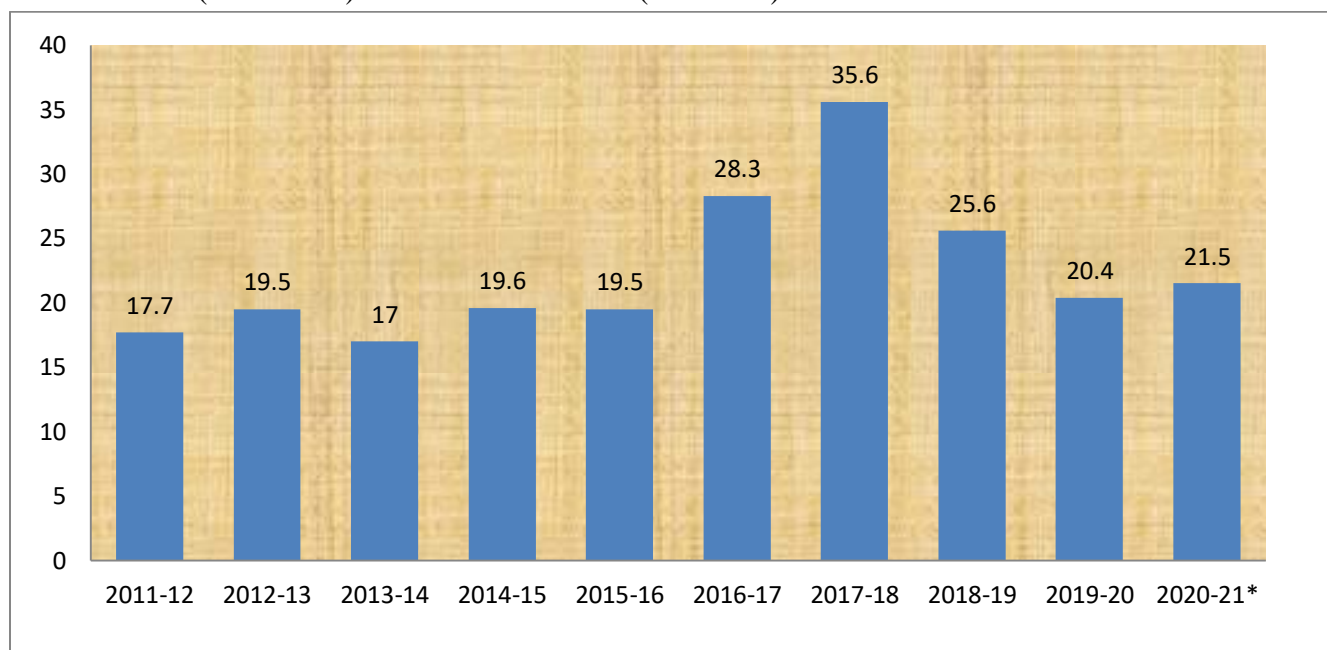


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Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan in black gram production.

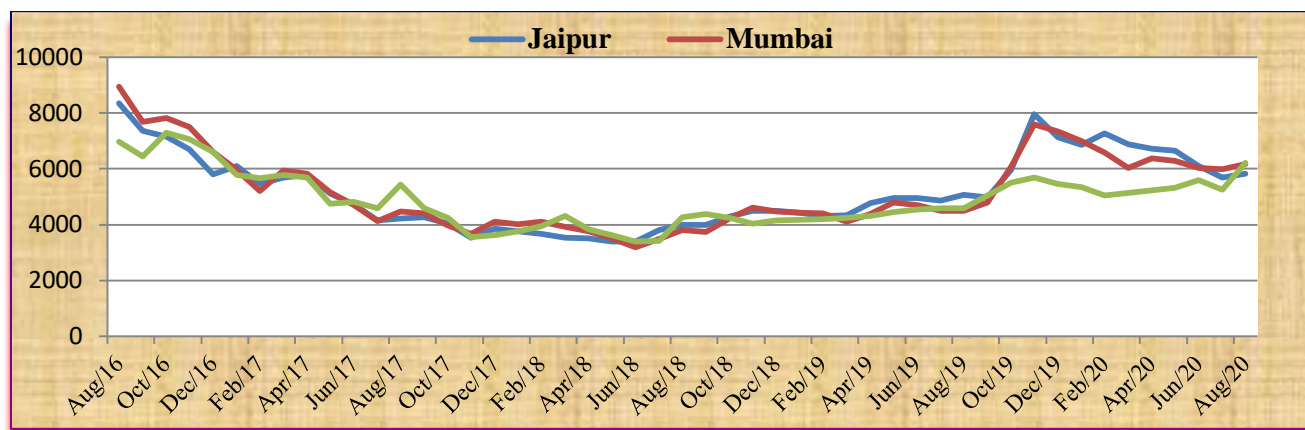
In India during kharif 2020-21, black gram area is up by 1.5% at 38.62 lakh ha (95.43 lakh acres) as against 38.03 lakh ha (97.97 lakh acres) last year. The major kharif growing states are Madhya Pradesh 16.01 lakh ha (39.56 lakh acres), Uttar Pradesh 6.92 lakh ha (17.10 lakh acres), Maharashtra 3.88 lakh ha (9.59 lakh acres), Rajasthan 3.76 lakh ha (9.29 lakh acres), Karnataka 1.09 lakh ha (2.69 lakh acres), Telangana 0.18 lakh ha (0.44 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 0.18 lakh ha (0.44 lakh acres). In Telangana area coverage under black gram during kharif 2020-21 was 19005 ha (46963 acres) and major growing districts are Kamareddy 4243 ha (10485 acres), Sangareddy 5455 ha (13481 acres), Vikarabad 4413 ha (10905 acres), Nirmal 1804 ha (4459 acres), Medak 564 ha (1395 acres) and Adilabad 383 ha (947 acres).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *1st Advance Estimates

Figure 1: Production of black gram in India (in lakh tonnes)

It is clear from Figure 2 that all major markets of black gram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. The black gram prices which were above Rs. 11000 per quintal in April 2016 observed continuous decline and fluctuating around Rs. 4000-5000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a normal price of around Rs. 5900-7050 per quintal.



Source: www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

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

Table 1: Average Price of Black gram at Major States in India

State	Prices November, 2020	Prices October, 2020	Prices November, 2019	% Change(Over Previous Month)	% Change(Over Previous Year)
Assam			5643.81	—	—
Chattisgarh	4686.47	5258.71	4052.26	-10.88	15.65
Gujarat	6453.51	6651.76	6803.36	-2.98	-5.14
Karnataka	6095.8	6208.77	6865.84	-1.82	-11.22
Kerala	6829.92	8501.99	10726.34	-19.67	-36.33
Madhya Pradesh	5630.61	6152.37	4475.78	-8.48	25.8
Maharashtra	5985.07	6605.7	6568.72	-9.4	-8.89
Odisha	6819.48	6607.89	6455.61	3.2	5.64
Pondicherry		7650.5	6114.31	—	—
Rajasthan	6301.32	6898.24	5891.44	-8.65	6.96
Tamil Nadu	6972.33	7052.55	6191.69	-1.14	12.61
Telangana	6917.45	6929.53	6503.49	-0.17	6.37
Tripura			6593.83	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	6726.29	6624.69	5086.74	1.53	32.23
Uttarakhand			8379.86	—	—
West Bengal			8781.36	—	—
Average	6310.75	6761.89	6570.9		

Source: <https://agmarknet.gov.in>

Table 2: Arrivals and Prices of Black gram in Tandur Market during November 2020

Date	Arrivals	Minimum price	Maximum price	Modal Price
2	396	3,006	7,869	7,559
3	159	3,000	7,676	7,576
4	170	2,511	7,666	7,100
5	143	2,800	7,600	3,500
6	204	3,000	7,659	7,500
7	129	3,000	7,709	7,050
9	12.5	5,000	7,500	7,000
17	144	2,025	7,600	3,240
18	105	3,000	7,319	7,019
19	83	6,200	7,335	6,729
20	12.5	4,359	7,150	7,059
24	126	4,806	6,859	6,001
25	205	2,900	7,219	6,859
26	64	3,000	7,100	6,519
27	57	3,500	7,100	6,950

<http://tsmarketing.in/>

Import volume may increase as Government has permitted 1.5 lakh MT black gram import. As kharif arrivals are low and rabi arrival is expected by end of December any major dip is unlikely at this point of time. DGFT has not allowed release of old stocks lying at ports as these stocks have been imported without proper documents or presenting wrong information about mills/ capacity.

Slight recovery was seen in Black gram cash market on fresh demand, fear of crop loss in Andhra Pradesh and restricted sale by private traders. Crop is in maturity stage in Kurnool and Nellore and is likely to be harvested within a fortnight from now. There is a chance of weather disturbance again and if rains occur, quality of Black gram may be affected. Stock is weak and the south Indian markets/Mills may depend on imported Black gram from Myanmar. Overall, sentiment seems firm at this point of time. FAQ Black gram is being traded at Rs. 7350 - 7400 in Mumbai, while Rs. 7525 - 7550 in Chennai. Burma is offering FAQ Black gram at \$ 870 and SQ at \$975 per MT basis Indian port.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Black gram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 6300 - 6600 per quintal in the month of December 2020.