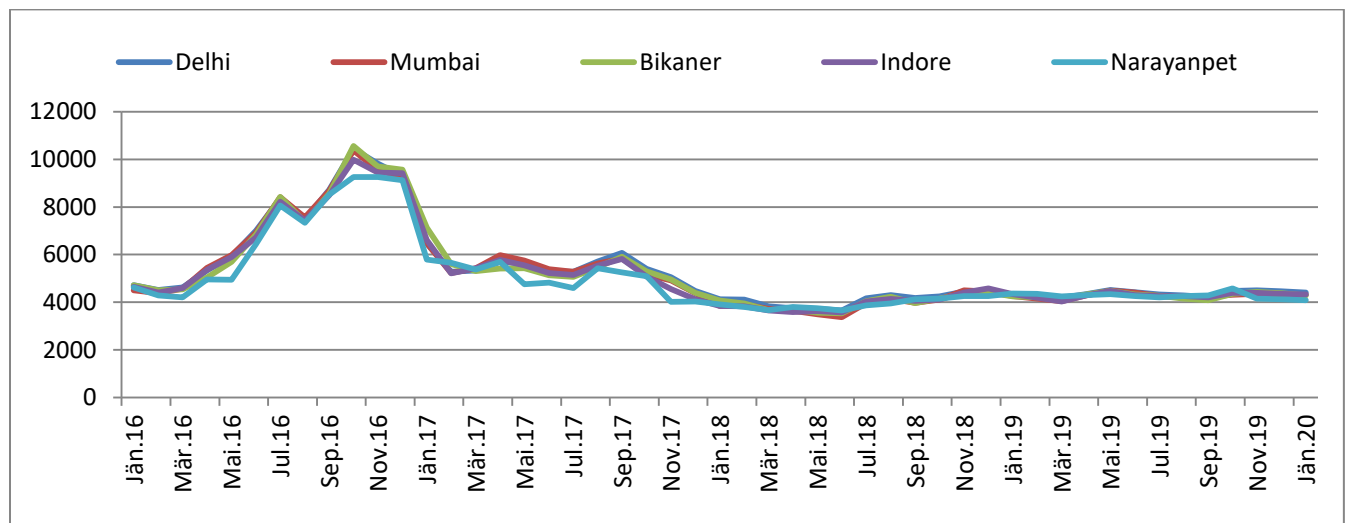


## Bengalgram Outlook – February 2020

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 106.40 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 (12.26 lakh ha), Maharashtra (21.13 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.55 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.56 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India.



Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com), [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://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. 3900 - 4300 per quintal.

In Telangana state, area covered under bengalgram during rabi 2019-20 was about 1.04 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Nirmal (52,564 ha), Adilabad (30,911 ha), Kama Reddy (18,635 ha), Gadwal (7,621 ha) and Nizamabad (12, 743 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 January 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Arrival (Quintals)</b>	<b>Minimum price (Rs/quintal)</b>	<b>Maximum price (Rs/quintal)</b>	<b>Model price (Rs/quintal)</b>
<b>6</b>	2	4311	4211	4211
<b>21</b>	1	4151	4051	4051
<b>23</b>	15	4211	3852	4111
<b>25</b>	10	3919	3807	3807
<b>27</b>	15	3989	3889	3889
<b>31</b>	5	3925	3825	3700

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Bengalgram crop in major growing regions is in good condition and weather also remains favorable so far. Bumper production seems on the card. Weak demand, uncertainty over procurement quantity and ample availability of old crop continue to weigh on market fundamentally. Futures too trade weak. Bulk buyers have limited their buying under weak inner tone. Even NAFED has to offload its stock. If it gets permission to sell around Rs. 4000, it may pressurize cash market further. This weak tone may prevail until procurement starts.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3800 - 4000 per quintal in the month of February 2020.