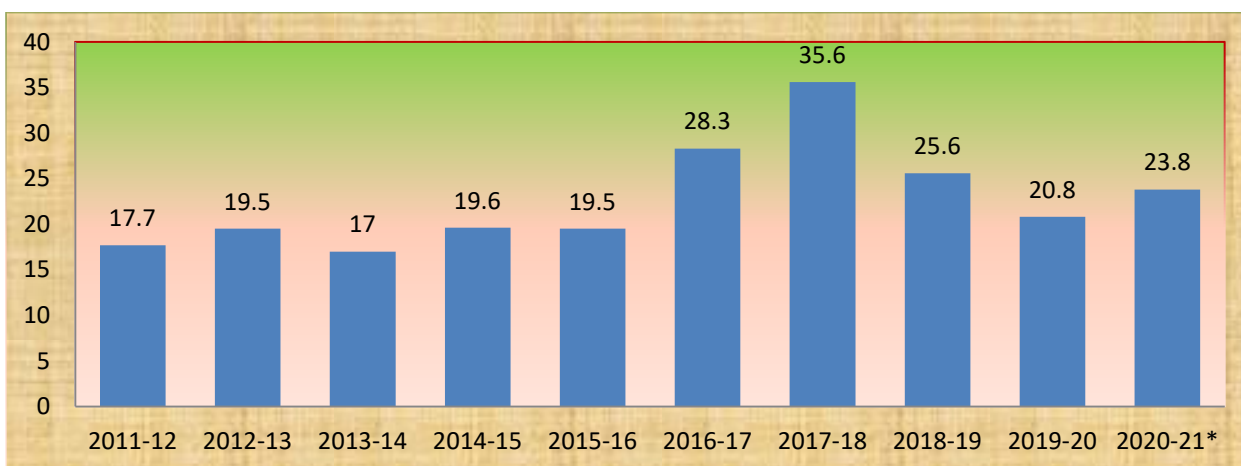


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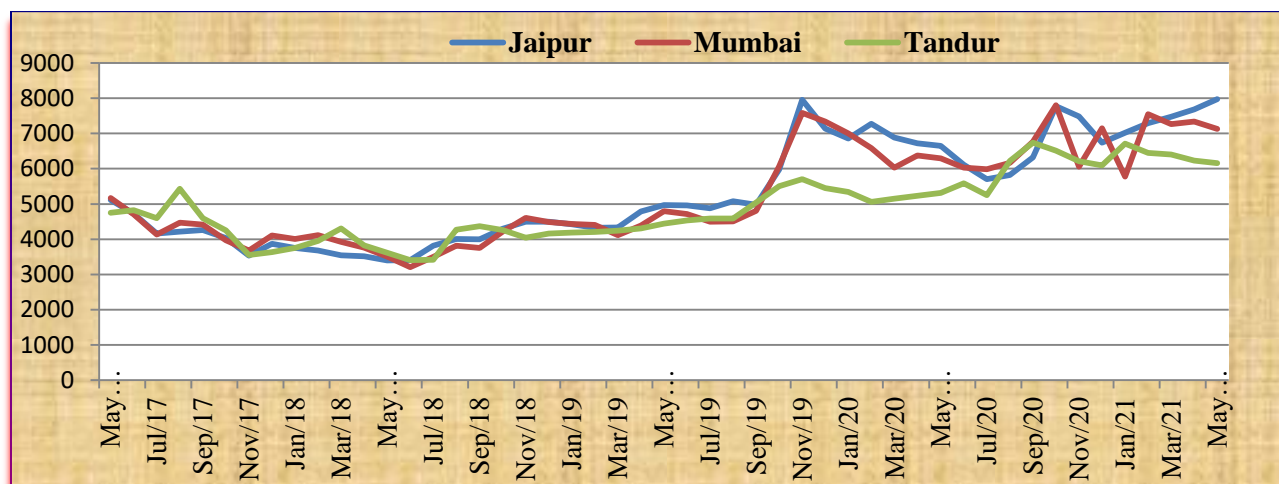
Black gram is a highly priced pulse, very rich in phosphoric acid. India currently represents the largest producer of black gram accounting for more than 70% of the global production. India is followed by Myanmar and Pakistan.

In India during kharif 2020-21, black gram area is up by 387% to 8.77 lakh ha (21.67 lakh acres) as against 1.88 lakh ha (4.65 lakh acres) last year. The major kharif growing states are Madhya Pradesh 4.45 lakh ha (11.00 lakh acres), Maharashtra 1.79 lakh ha (4.43 lakh acres), Rajasthan 0.71 lakh ha (1.74 lakh acres), Karnataka 0.58 lakh ha (1.43 lakh acres), Telangana 0.11 lakh ha (0.26 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh 0.04 lakh ha (0.10 lakh acres). In Telangana area coverage under black gram during Vanakalam (kharif) 2021-22 was 11455 ha (28308 acres) and major growing districts are Sangareddy 4447 ha (10991 acres), Kamareddy 2996 ha (7404 acres), Vikarabad 3060 ha (7563 acres), Nirmal 205 ha (508 acres), Medak 123 ha (306 acres) and Adilabad 115 ha (285 acres).



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), *3rd Advance Estimates

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



Source: www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

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

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. 5000-7000 since last one year. Currently black gram in major markets is being traded at a normal price of around Rs. 5400-6000 per quintal.

Table 1: Average Price of Black gram at Major States in India June, 2021

State	Prices June, 2021	Prices May, 2021	Prices June, 2020	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Chhattisgarh	3675.53	4951.98	3857.05	-25.78	-4.71
Gujarat	6123.51	6459.47	6330.48	-5.2	-3.27
Karnataka	8631.48	9478.46	6499.04	-8.94	32.81
Kerala	10707.16	10961.05	10668.04	-2.32	0.37
Madhya Pradesh	5987.76	6374.14	5889.7	-6.06	1.66
Maharashtra	6009.29	6073.36	4723.29	-1.05	27.23
Odisha	8051.75	7731.72	6033.33	4.14	33.45
Pondicherry			5832.53	—	—
Rajasthan	6006.58	6118.27	4621.8	-1.83	29.96
Tamil Nadu	4737.26	5365.9	6669.66	-11.72	-28.97
Telangana			6285.8	—	—
Tripura			5800	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	7006.34	7205.19	6650.05	-2.76	5.36
West Bengal			9406.39	—	—
Average	6693.67	7071.95	6376.23	—	—

Source: www.agmarknet.gov.in

Table 7: Arrivals and Prices of Black gram for the Month of June 2021 in Khammam Market

Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
9	14	5,400	5,900	5,400
11	7	5,800	6,100	6,000
14	6	5,900	6,100	5,900
15	3	5,950	6,000	5,950
16	3	5,850	5,900	5,900
17	3	5,850	5,900	5,900
21	9	5,900	6,000	5,900
22	6	4,100	5,000	4,100
27	5	5,775	5,775	5,775
29	10	5,900	6,000	6,000
30	11	5,850	5,850	5,850

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in/>

Major Black gram crop comes in kharif season. Farmers have covered only 2.17 lakh hectares so far, down by 0.91 percent from last year till date. As availability in Myanmar too is low and so any big decline is not expected before the new crop hits the market. India imported around 31573 MT black gram in March-2021. From April to March-21 India imported only 3.29 lakh MT black gram out of allocated 4 lakh MT quota. Import is free now, so when parity turns in favour of India, the volume of import may increase.

There was no impact on the Black gram cash market. Prices of imported Black gram continue to rule at Rs. 6350-6400 in Mumbai market. Stockiest have already reduced their stock after the declaration of free import order. Demand is weak, while supply side is almost balanced with increasing flow of import. Kharif area is expected to be at last year's level or slightly increase. New arrivals from kharif crop are expected from August onward. So supply side might be balanced in the coming weeks. Black gram price in Chennai decreased from Rs.6200 to 6100.

Myanmar decreased SQ quote from \$935 to \$910 while FAQ quotes stayed steady at \$850 per MT basis Indian ports. Fundamental remains weak for black gram cash market in July.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expects that Black gram may trade in price range between Rs. 6200 - 6500 per quintal in the month of July 2021.