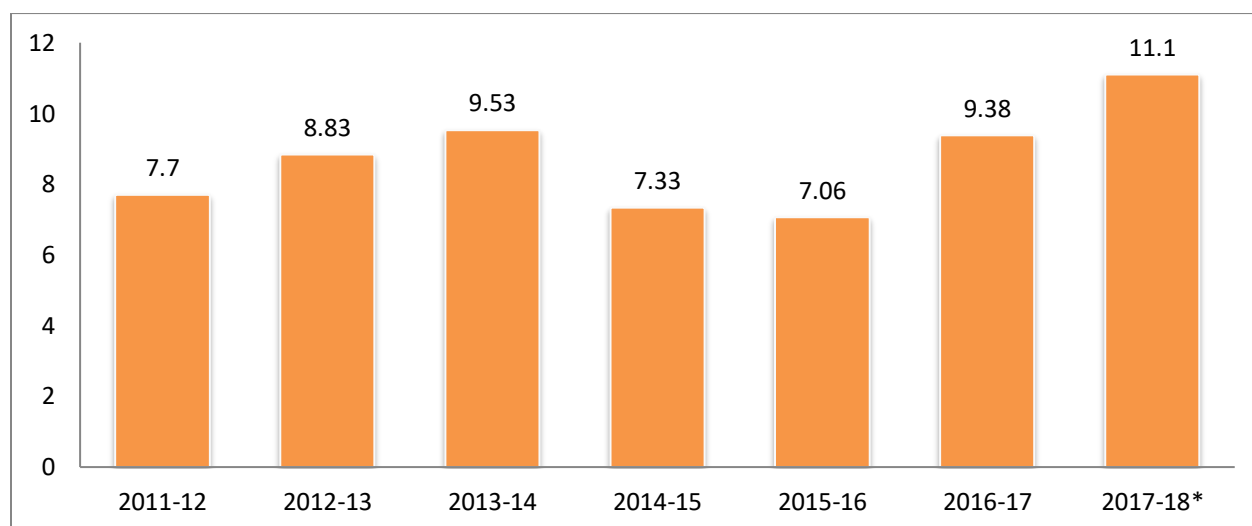


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India is the largest producer of bengalgram followed by Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. India produces around 6 to 8 million tonnes and contributes around 70 percent of the total world production. Bengalgram is the most largely produced pulse crop in India accounting for a share of 40% of the total pulse production.

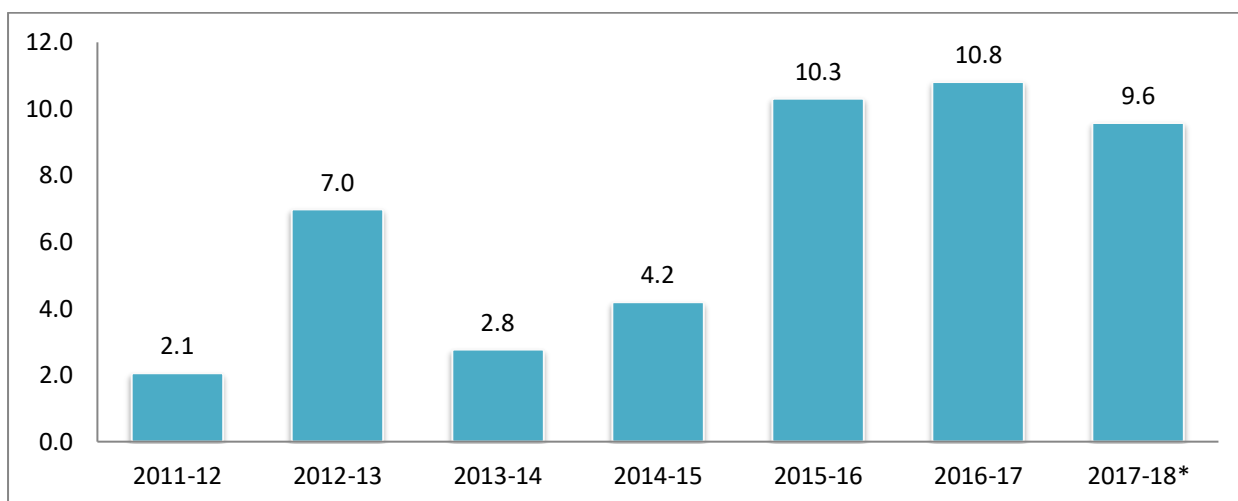
About 89.58 lakh ha area coverage was reported under bengalgram during rabi 2017-18. The states of Madhya Pradesh (31.24 lakh ha), Maharashtra (14.22 lakh ha), Rajasthan (13.95 lakh ha), Karnataka (13.25 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (5.20 lakh ha) and Andhra Pradesh (4.3 lakh ha) are the major producers of bengalgram in India.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), \*2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates

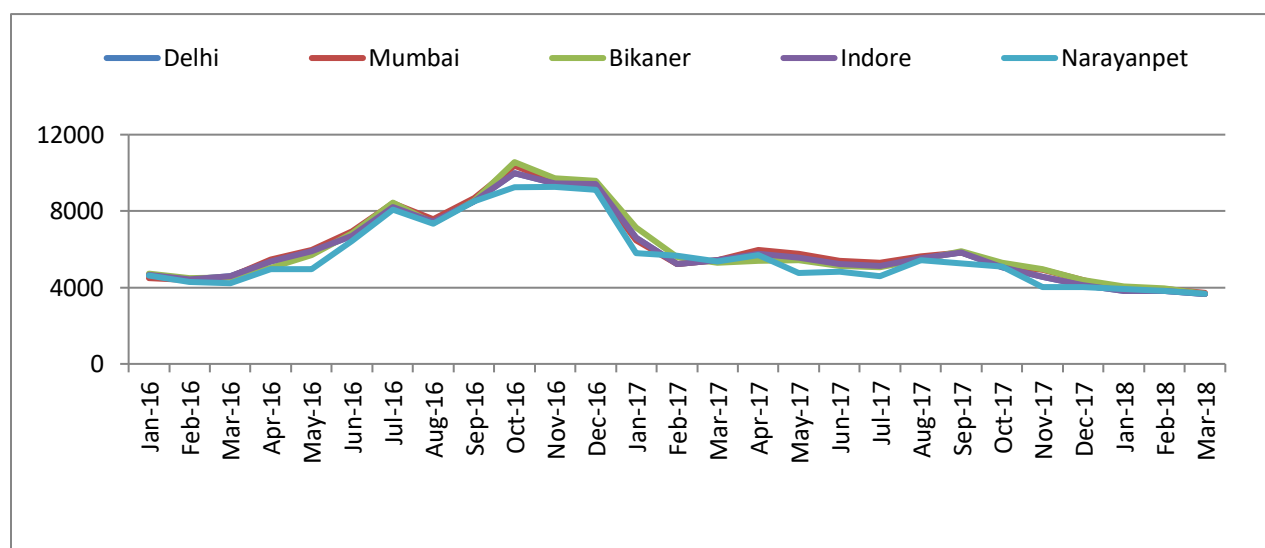
**Figure 1: Production of Bengalgram in India (in million tonnes)**

Bengalgram production in 2017-18 is expected to increase to 11.10 million tonnes from 9.38 lakh tonnes last year. India has imported about 9.8 lakh tonnes of bengalgram till January 2018 (Figure 2). The Government has decided to ban import of all pulses to support domestic prices. However, the higher production in the current season has led to sharp fall in its price.



Source: Department of Commerce, \*Till January'18

**Figure 2: India's imports of Bengalgram in lakh tonnes**



**Figure 3: 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 3. 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 the country at around Rs. 3700 per quintal while, the MSP is Rs. 4400.

**Table 1: Average monthly prices of Bengalgram in major markets of India (Rs/q)**

	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>	<b>Bikaner</b>	<b>Indore</b>	<b>Narayanpet</b>
<b>Jan-16</b>	4648	4502	4712	4648	4626
<b>Feb-16</b>	4409	4375	4500	4409	4285
<b>Mar-16</b>	4589	4562	4535	4589	4210
<b>Apr-16</b>	5361	5446	5038	5361	4953
<b>May-16</b>	5897	5975	5695	5897	4945
<b>Jun-16</b>	6715	6923	6834	6715	6437
<b>Jul-16</b>	8223	8411	8430	8223	8061
<b>Aug-16</b>	7437	7569	7370	7437	7334
<b>Sep-16</b>	8495	8681	8558	8495	8524
<b>Oct-16</b>	9982	10374	10563	9982	9258
<b>Nov-16</b>	9442	9558	9708	9442	9265
<b>Dec-16</b>	9415	9248	9573	9415	9125
<b>Jan-17</b>	6617	6470	7138	6617	5792
<b>Feb-17</b>	5218	5223	5605	5218	5660
<b>Mar-17</b>	5427	5421	5310	5427	5376
<b>Apr-17</b>	5779	5973	5408	5779	5691
<b>May-17</b>	5546	5750	5422	5546	4755
<b>Jun-17</b>	5222	5390	5135	5222	4827
<b>Jul-17</b>	5142	5280	5065	5142	4596
<b>Aug-17</b>	5532	5629	5468	5532	5428
<b>Sep-17</b>	5819	5834	5913	5819	5255
<b>Oct-17</b>	5075	5161	5293	5075	5085
<b>Nov-17</b>	4555	4920	4960	4555	4010
<b>Dec-17</b>	4129	4374	4386	4129	4026
<b>Jan-18</b>	3836	3842	4068	3836	3909
<b>Feb-18</b>	3831	3908	3948	3831	3805
<b>Mar-18</b>	3657	3718	3667	3657	3669

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

In Telangana state, rabi 2017-18 acreage covered under bengalgram was about 0.95 lakh ha. The major districts producing this crop in Telangana are Kama Reddy (19,653 ha), Nirmal (18,364 ha), Gadwal (12,434 ha), Adilabad (10,842 ha) and Nizamabad (9,812 ha). The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Narayanpet, Adilabad, Bainsa, Nizamabad, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Parigi and Tandur.

**Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Bengalgram in Narayanpet market during March 2018**

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Model price (Rs/quintal)
3	6.6	3566	3760	3663
5	9.9	3739	3831	3785
8	14.7	3688	3781	3734
9	3.3	3669	3733	3701
10	0.1	3767	3767	3767
12	4.3	3480	3670	3575
13	0.2	3611	3611	3611
14	3.5	3651	3675	3663
15	4.2	3609	3739	3674
16	2	3769	3769	3769
19	8.6	3636	3702	3669
20	3.2	3576	3612	3594
21	14.1	3565	3667	3616
22	5.9	3573	3689	3631
23	2.9	3449	3649	3549
24	6.9	3553	3660	3606
27	2.4	3651	3769	3710
28	4.8	3621	3739	3680
29	3.8	3681	3751	3716

Source: agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

So far, NAFED has procured 157320 MT of bengalgram at MSP during the current season. Of total procurement, maximum quantity was from Karnataka (73399 MT) followed by Telangana (39779 MT), Andhra Pradesh (24482 MT), Rajasthan (11465 MT) and Maharashtra (8193 MT).

All India average price of bengalgram has increased by 1.38% to Rs 3770 per quintal. Market is expected to move further up. In Delhi market, it is being traded at Rs 3800-3850 per quintal. In Mumbai, Australian bengalgram is being offered at Rs 3800 per quintal. Chana prices are likely to witness steady to slightly firm tone on increasing arrivals. Higher duty of 60% on import would continue to restrict import and its impact might be seen when arrivals start declining.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Bengalgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3700 - 3900 per quintal in the month of April 2018.