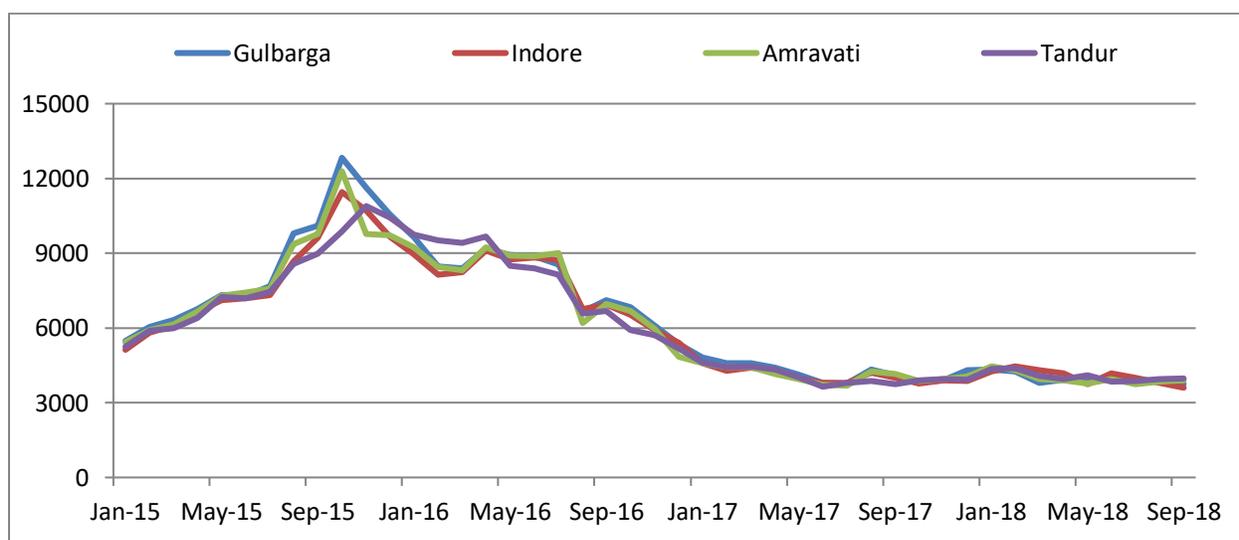


## Redgram Outlook – October 2018

Redgram is commonly known as Tur or Arhar in India and is the second important pulse crop in the country after gram (chana). The ability of redgram to produce high economic yields under soil moisture deficit makes it an important crop in rainfed and dryland agriculture. India contributes for nearly 90% of world's total redgram production.

All India kharif pulses sown area was reported as 137.93 lakh ha on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as against 139.49 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Redgram area was reported as 45.82 lakh ha as against 45.11 lakh ha during the same period of last year. In India, major redgram producing states are Maharashtra (12.34 lakh ha), Karnataka (9.92 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.35 lakh ha), Uttar Pradesh (3.46 lakh ha), Telangana (2.77 lakh ha) and Gujarat (2.52 lakh ha).



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

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

It is evident from Figure 1 that all major markets of redgram in the country were found to be highly integrated with regard to price movement. Currently redgram in major markets is being traded at a lower price i.e., around Rs. 3600-3900 per quintal.

The higher acreage in all states and good rainfall may lead for increase yield. So there is a good hope for bumper crop once again. More downward trend in redgram is unlikely and steady to slightly firm trend might be seen.

The major markets for this crop in Telangana are Badepalli, Devarakadra, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad, Suryapet, Tandur and Warangal. The major markets in neighboring states are Kadiri, Narsaraopet, Tiruvuru, Kurnool, Yeminiganur and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, Gulbarga, Sedam, Yadgiri, Bidhar, Bijapur, Bellary and Bagalkote in Karnataka, and Akola, Latur, Jalgaon and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

**Table 1: Prices and arrivals of redgram in Suryapet market during August 2018**

Date	Arrival (Tonnes)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	4.2	3309	3573	3469
2	4.2	3309	3573	3469
4	10.2	2259	3573	3523
5	6.4	3213	3561	3451
6	10.2	2259	3573	3523
7	9.1	3069	3575	3549
8	5.2	2291	3573	3551
10	3.1	3259	3563	3259
11	15.0	2691	3591	3439
12	9.1	3235	3563	3563
14	9.1	3029	3589	3563
15	4.3	2601	3606	3389
17	7.1	3167	3636	3629
18	5.9	3009	3619	3222
19	5.0	2702	3591	3469
20	8.8	3096	3609	3559
24	24.2	2849	3596	3573
25	10.4	2351	3900	3569
26	5.9	2894	3596	3521
27	11.4	3129	3596	3589
28	9.2	2853	3596	3549

Source: [agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in](http://agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in)

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana had procured 55600 and 75300 tonnes respectively from kharif season 2017-18. Out of total procured quantity, NAFED has been able to sell 47009.60 tonnes as on 12 September 2018 in Andhra Pradesh and 45052.30 tonnes in Telangana. It has been auctioned at an average price of Rs. 3564.23 and Rs. 3569.08 per

quintal respectively. As prices are ruling lower, average price received by NAFED was also lower. The rest available quantity in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are 8590.40 MT and 30247.70 MT respectively. Average price is likely to increase in coming weeks as there is a crop damage report in Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra and it may support price. In September 2018, average price of redgram in Suryapet market was decreased.

Normally, Myanmar imports 12 to 15 lakh tonnes pulses and beans annually. This year Myanmar might be able to export 12 lakhs tonne pulses and beans. Pulses prices are lower in Myanmar as major buyers like India is almost out of market. Besides India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal buy beans and pulses from Myanmar. Burma offered lemon redgram new and old at \$360 per ton basis Indian port.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that redgram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3700 - 4000 per quintal in the month of October 2018.