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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

### **Interim Market Advisory for Greengram**

In India, Green gram is one of the most widely cultivated pulse crops. As per the Fourth Advance Estimates by the Ministry of Agriculture, greengram is cultivated in an area of 33.8 lakh hectares with a production of 16 lakhs tonnes in 2015-2016. Rajasthan ranks first in the production of greengram in the country followed by Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Production is also normal in Rajasthan during the current year.

In Tamil Nadu, greengram was cultivated in an area of 2.3 lakhs hectare with production of 1.83 lakh tonnes during 2014-15. Major Greengram cultivating districts are Thiruvarur, Nagapatinam, Thoothukudi, Cuddalore, Thiruvallur, Salem and Thanjavur in our state.

India has imported greengram worth of Rs.15.34 crores in 2015-16. Tanzania is the largest supplier of greengram accounting for import value and quantity of 40.9 per cent and 71.2 per cent respectively of the total greengram imports followed by Mozambique.

Currently, there is no greengram arrival to the local markets but large amount is kept under stock in anticipation of better price. Major varieties cultivated under delta regions are KM2, ADT3 and local variety.

The Price Forecasting scheme of Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the last 15 years of greengram prices prevailed in Villupuram Regulated market.

The result of the econometric analysis revealed that the farm gate price of the good quality greengram would revolve around Rs. 47-50 per kg during October – December, 2016.

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