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## Technical Analysis

### Price Outlook for Gujarat-ICS-105, 29mm and ICE Cotton Futures for the Period 7th May 2024 to 3rd June 2024

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#### Domestic Markets

- The domestic prices were steady as cotton arrival was limited, and international prices staying broadly stable ahead of the important WASDE report on Friday. The global market had seen short covering after a declining trend during several trading sessions. Cotton markets has received limited demand from spinning mills despite weak arrivals. Cotton arrival is decreasing day by day. As per CAI data, daily arrivals on

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#### EXPERT'S Column



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May 6 were at 37500 bales and cumulative arrivals were at 279.86 lakh bales.

- In India, cotton stocks are expected to decline by nearly 31% in 2023/24, reaching their lowest level in over three decades due to lower production and rising consumption. This decrease in stockpiles is anticipated to constrain exports from India, supporting global prices while potentially impacting the margins of local textile companies.

- For the marketing year 2024/25, India's cotton production is estimated to decrease slightly to 25.4 million 480 lb. bales, driven by the possibility of farmers shifting acreage to higher-return crops. Conversely, mill consumption is forecasted to increase, driven by improving demand for yarn and textiles in major international markets. Moreover, with the recent removal of import duties on extra-long staple (ELS) cotton, imports are expected to rise by 20%.

## International Markets

- ICE cotton futures rose on Tuesday aided by a technical correction, while gains in the wider financial markets also extended support to the natural fibre. The market fell around 1.3% in the previous session, pressured by funds switch to net short positions. Investors currently look ahead to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) monthly World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report on Friday, along with the weekly export sales data on Thursday.

- Traders USDA's weekly export sales report showed net sales of 97,400 running bales (RB) for 2023/2024, down 45% from the previous week and down 20% from the prior four-week average. The export sales data was a little bit weaker than market expectations. Both the sales and shipments were lower than the previous weeks and it's not highlighting really good demand out there at the moment. USDA weekly net Upland exports as on Apr 25 slipped to 97400 rbs down 45%/week and down 20%/four-week average. Vietnam was the largest buyer and China the third largest.

- Fundamentals drove cotton prices down to the mid-70s before selling ran out of steam and a small bit of demand brought prices back to the high 70s for old crop and the mid-70s for new crop. July found its support at 77 cents but slipped lower before recapturing the 78-cent mark, settling the week at 78.06. Likewise, December searched out its support at the 74-cent mark and settled the week at 75.97.

- Since cost of production is close to 70c, it looks unlikely that prices could drop below that anytime soon till the July contract gets over. The consumers will lead the economy out of the current economic doldrums. Once they do, there will be a price explosion, as pent-up demand has grown to a near unrepresented level, and apparel goods – cotton rich goods – will fly off the shelf. But there is no sign of that presently as two simultaneous wars play on amid poor risk appetite.

- USDA weekly crop planting progress report as of May 5 2024, showed that in US 24% of cotton planting was complete compared to 20% in 2023 this time last year and 15% last week. Weekly planting has progressed well in the back of marginal improvement in moisture bought on by recent light rains in key cotton states in US.

## Shankar 6 GUJ ICS PRICE TREND

As expected, strong resistance was seen around 17,000-17,500 levels now. Indicators are showing extreme oversold conditions warning a possible pullback higher in the coming sessions. However, any



upticks could be short-lived and further falls expected in the coming weeks. Only an unexpected decline below 16,500 levels could cause some doubts on this bearish view.

MCX Cotton Candy May: As mentioned in the previous update, any unexpected fall below 57700 may turn the outlook neutral. Price continues to struggle and indicates further weakness ahead for 56,500 or even lower to 56,000 levels. A rise above 58,250 could be the first sign of strength returning to domestic prices. However, strong resistances are noted in the 59,000-59200 levels in the coming weeks.



### ICE Jul 24 Cotton Futures

As mentioned in the earlier update, the chart picture has turned decisively bearish now. Though, some pullback is expected to 83-85c on the upside, the negative momentum is so strong that most positive factors have been priced in. Mil fixation of close to 2 million bales for July has led to no panic which it did in May. Funds have turned bearish and building short positions ahead of the monthly WASDE report.

Most likely prices are going to inch lower to 70c or more precisely towards 65c where strong buying could kick in again.

As mentioned before, using ICE futures and Options for mitigating prices risk especially when prices are at elevated levels helps cushion the fall and manage high priced inventory of cotton and yarn is ideal for the industry, but to take that leap of faith is a humungous task for this industry where raw material price moves make or break the profit margins.

Hedging high priced inventories in a falling market could help offset some losses from the recent fall in cotton prices. A good opportunity to protect the inventory value of purchases, is now to Buy PUT options (Out of the money) around peaks at 88-90c in ICE futures. This will help in mitigating any expectations of further declines. However, if the market does rise, it is only the premium for PUT's that has to be borne which is very meagre.

A container of yarn roughly uses 150 bales of raw material cotton. That much of raw material price risk is what one is exposed to till the yarn is sold. The OPTION Is ICE futures, USA helps in inventory management. MCX Candy contracts recently launched should be a good testing ground for mills and exporters desirous of hedging their price risk in ICE futures and options.

### Conclusion:

Prices could pull back towards 59,00-500 levels again. Demand picture remains unclear but domestic prices are well supported by poor arrivals. Strong resistance is presently noticed in the 59,000 zone per candy levels presently and may find it tough to cross that in the near-term. Any bright spots appearing on the demand horizon in the form of pause in interest rates and are not likely to last long as



inflationary pressures persist. Presently tensions in Middle East could further weaken any hopes of resurgence in demand.

Important support in ICE is at \$73-74c range followed by \$70c on the downside. Prices could find a lot of buying interest again at the lower end. We expect prices to test 73c with a chance of even extending to 70c briefly before rising higher. The international price indicates that a bearish H&S pattern has materialized. Also, the on-call sales in December month continues to fuel expectations of a sharp fall post July that could see mills holding high priced and unhedged inventories.

For Shankar 6 Guj ICS supports are seen at 56,000 per candy and for ICE Mar cotton futures at \$73-74c now. The domestic technical picture looks neutral, but any upticks could find strong selling interest. Therefore, we can expect prices to retrace higher initially followed by a resumption of downside in the international prices and the domestic prices remaining flat to mildly weak going forward.

*(The views expressed in this column are of the author and not that of Cotton Association of India)*

## USDINR Monthly Report: May 2024

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### EXPERT'S Column



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USDINR is expected to trade within the range of 83.0-83.75 for May 2024. Strong US dollar and rise in US bond yields amid delay in Fed's pivot due to sticky inflation, continuous depreciation in Japanese yen is predicted to support upside in USDINR. However, with RBI protecting the upper band to avoid sharp depreciation in Rupee, stabilised oil prices amid easing unrest in Middle east and expected inflows may put a cap on upward move in the pair. Key support lies at 83.15 below which doors will be open for 83.0-82.80. While sustenance above crucial resistance of 83.55 will lead upside move towards 83.75+ levels.

### Key Triggers

**FOMC Policy:** Fed is expected to keep rates unchanged in its next meeting due on 1st May 2024. Rate cut is likely to be in September with at least two 25 bps rate cuts by the end of the year. US dollar is expected to strengthen due to delayed Fed's pivot.

**Brent Oil:** Easing geo-political tensions may lead to prices easing by another \$5 to \$10 a barrel in the coming months. Market looks somewhat bearish at the moment with global oil inventories rising as crude that was stuck on the water due to Red Sea disruptions is now getting unloaded.

**Japanese Yen:** Yen plummeted to a new multi-decades low of 160.21 on lack of earlier decisive

action by Japanese authorities to support the domestic currency. However, at 160 levels authorities have been speculated to having intervened to help the currency for the first time since late 2022, as Yen swung back to 154.48 levels.

**India's Trade Deficit:** As expected, India's trade deficit narrowed to 11-month low of \$15.6 bn in March. Monthly trade deficit is expected between \$12-\$16 bn in the coming months. However, we would have to keep a check on oil as well as gold prices, because any hype in geo-political tensions will shoot up the oil as well as gold prices leading to widening deficit.

**FII Flows:** India is the fastest growing economy in the world, and this makes India a key favoured investment destination. India's global bond inclusion perspective will also pull FPIs flows into the country.

**Foreign Exchange Reserves:** India's foreign exchange reserves touched a fresh record high of \$648.56 bn in the week ended April 5th driven by surge in gold prices. The uncertainty over geo-political concern has resulted in central banks increasing their gold buying, helping mitigate the impacts of currency volatility and elevated interest rates in US.

The data of 19th April showed the reserves dropped to \$640.33 bn as the RBI was actively present at 83.50 and beyond levels to curb depreciation in the Rupee from an all-time low. The current level of foreign reserves is enough for around 11-12 months of imports.

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**UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES**

**April 2024**  
2023-24 Crop

| Growth            | P/H/R       | P/H/R (SG)  | GUJ     | KAR     | M/AMF   | P/H/R (O) | M/AMF/ SA/TL | ICS-202 | P/H/R (K) | M/AMF/ SA/TL | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | M/AMF   | SA/ TL/ K/ TN/O | ICS-106 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 |         |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Grade Standard    | ICS-101     | ICS-201     | ICS-102 | ICS-103 | ICS-104 | ICS-202   | ICS-105      | ICS-105 | ICS-105   | ICS-105      | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105 | ICS-105         | ICS-106 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 | ICS-107 |         |
| Grade             | Fine        | Fine        | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine      | Fine         | Fine    | Fine      | Fine         | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine            | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    | Fine    |
| Staple            | Below 22 mm | Below 22 mm | 22 mm   | 22 mm   | 23 mm   | 27 mm     | 27 mm        | 27 mm   | 27 mm     | 27 mm        | 28 mm   | 28 mm   | 28 mm   | 28 mm   | 28 mm   | 29 mm   | 29 mm   | 29 mm   | 29 mm   | 30 mm   | 31 mm           | 32 mm   | 34 mm   | 34 mm   | 34 mm   | 34 mm   | 35 mm   | 35 mm   | 35 mm   |
| Microaire         | 50-70       | 50-70       | 4.0-6.0 | 4.5-6.0 | 4.5-7.0 | 3.5-4.9   | 3.0-3.4      | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9   | 3.5-4.9      | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9 | 3.5-4.9         | 3.5-4.2 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 | 2.8-3.7 |
| Gravimetric Trash | 4%          | 4.5%        | 13%     | 6%      | 4%      | 4%        | 4%           | 3.5%    | 3.5%      | 3.5%         | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3.5%    | 3%              | 3%      | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      |
| Strength/GPT      | 15          | 15          | 20      | 21      | 22      | 26        | 25           | 26      | 27        | 27           | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 27      | 29      | 30              | 31      | 33      | 34      | 34      | 35      | 35      | 35      | 35      |
| 1                 | 12654       | 12823       | 11557   | -       | 15635   | 15860     | N.A.         | 16028   | 14679     | 15607        | 16253   | 16563   | 16619   | 16788   | 16647   | 16956   | 16984   | 17069   | 17294   | 17322   | 17575           | 17603   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 2                 | 12766       | 12935       | 11642   | -       | 15719   | 15888     | N.A.         | 16056   | 14763     | 15691        | 16366   | 16647   | 16703   | 16872   | 16731   | 17041   | 17069   | 17153   | 17378   | 17406   | 17631           | 17659   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 3                 | 12766       | 12935       | 11473   | -       | 15607   | 15888     | N.A.         | 16028   | 14763     | 15691        | 16253   | 16647   | 16703   | 16816   | 16647   | 17041   | 17069   | 17097   | 17378   | 17406   | 17716           | 17744   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 4                 | 12598       | 12766       | 11304   | 13666   | 15550   | 15775     | N.A.         | 15916   | 14763     | 15607        | 16113   | 16647   | 16703   | 16731   | 16619   | 16984   | 17013   | 17013   | 17434   | 17462   | 17716           | 17744   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 5                 | 12513       | 12682       | 11135   | 13582   | 15466   | 15719     | N.A.         | 15860   | 14763     | 15607        | 16056   | 16647   | 16703   | 16703   | 16591   | 16984   | 17013   | 16984   | 17434   | 17462   | 17716           | 17744   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 6                 | 12513       | 12682       | 11107   | 13554   | 15466   | 15719     | N.A.         | 15860   | 14763     | 15607        | 16056   | 16647   | 16703   | 16703   | 16591   | 16984   | 17013   | 16984   | 17434   | 17462   | 17716           | 17744   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 8                 | 12513       | 12682       | 11164   | 13582   | 15466   | 15747     | N.A.         | 15888   | 14679     | 15607        | 16085   | 16647   | 16703   | 16731   | 16619   | 16984   | 17013   | 17013   | 17378   | 17406   | 17659           | 17687   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22777   | 22777   | 22777   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 9                 | H           | H           |         |         | O       | L         |              |         |           |              | I       | D       | D       |         | A       | Y       |         |         |         |         |                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 10                | 12513       | 12682       | 10911   | 13498   | 15466   | 15747     | N.A.         | 15888   | 14679     | 15607        | 16085   | 16591   | 16647   | 16675   | 16591   | 16928   | 16956   | 16956   | 17322   | 17350   | 17659           | 17687   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 11                | 12513       | 12682       | 10798   | 13441   | 15410   | 15663     | N.A.         | 15803   | 14566     | 15494        | 16000   | 16478   | 16535   | 16591   | 16506   | 16816   | 16844   | 16872   | 17238   | 17266   | 17575           | 17603   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 12                | 12513       | 12682       | 10629   | 13357   | 15410   | 15522     | N.A.         | 15663   | 14482     | 15353        | 15860   | 16338   | 16394   | 16422   | 16450   | 16675   | 16703   | 16703   | 17013   | 17041   | 17434           | 17462   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 13                | 12513       | 12682       | 10545   | 12935   | 15410   | 15410     | N.A.         | 15550   | 14397     | 15269        | 15747   | 16253   | 16310   | 16338   | 16366   | 16591   | 16619   | 16619   | 16928   | 16956   | 17350           | 17378   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 15                | 12429       | 12598       | 10545   | 12795   | 15353   | 15325     | N.A.         | 15466   | 14341     | 15213        | 15663   | 16197   | 16253   | 16310   | 16310   | 16535   | 16563   | 16591   | 16928   | 16956   | 17294           | 17322   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 16                | 12429       | 12598       | 10686   | 12795   | 15353   | 15325     | N.A.         | 15466   | 14341     | 15213        | 15663   | 16225   | 16281   | 16366   | 16310   | 16563   | 16591   | 16647   | 16956   | 16984   | 17294           | 17322   | N.A.    | 22355   | 22918   | 22777   | 22777   | 23340   | 23340   |
| 17                | H           | H           |         |         | O       | L         |              |         |           |              | I       | D       | D       |         | A       | Y       |         |         |         |         |                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 18                | 12373       | 12541       | 10545   | 12654   | 15269   | 15241     | N.A.         | 15382   | 14201     | 15044        | 15550   | 16085   | 16141   | 16141   | 16197   | 16366   | 16394   | 16394   | 16759   | 16816   | 17097           | 17125   | N.A.    | 22215   | 22777   | 22777   | 22637   | 23199   | 23199   |
| 19                | 12232       | 12401       | 10404   | 12570   | 15185   | 15185     | N.A.         | 15325   | 14116     | 14960        | 15522   | 16000   | 16056   | 16028   | 16141   | 16281   | 16310   | 16281   | 16675   | 16731   | 17013           | 17041   | N.A.    | 22130   | 22693   | 22552   | 23115   | 23115   |         |
| 20                | 12232       | 12401       | 10348   | 12541   | 15185   | 15185     | N.A.         | 15325   | 14116     | 14960        | 15522   | 16028   | 16085   | 16000   | 16141   | 16310   | 16338   | 16281   | 16675   | 16731   | 16984           | 17013   | N.A.    | 21934   | 22496   | 22355   | 22918   | 22918   |         |
| 22                | 12485       | 12654       | 10404   | 12598   | 15241   | 15325     | N.A.         | 15466   | 14144     | 14988        | 15663   | 16056   | 16113   | 16056   | 16281   | 16338   | 16366   | 16338   | 16703   | 16759   | 17013           | 17041   | N.A.    | 22215   | 23058   | 22777   | 23480   | 23480   |         |
| 23                | 13020       | 13188       | 10545   | 12682   | 15325   | 15325     | N.A.         | 15466   | 14172     | 15016        | 15663   | 16085   | 16141   | 16085   | 16281   | 16366   | 16394   | 16366   | 16731   | 16788   | 17041           | 17069   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 24                | 12963       | 13132       | 10545   | 12682   | 15325   | 15269     | N.A.         | 15410   | 14172     | 15016        | 15607   | 16085   | 16141   | 16085   | 16281   | 16366   | 16394   | 16366   | 16731   | 16788   | 17041           | 17069   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 25                | 12963       | 13132       | 10517   | 12654   | 15297   | 15269     | N.A.         | 15410   | 14172     | 15016        | 15607   | 16085   | 16141   | 16056   | 16281   | 16366   | 16394   | 16338   | 16731   | 16788   | 17041           | 17069   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 26                | 12963       | 13132       | 10489   | 12654   | 15297   | 15269     | N.A.         | 15410   | 14172     | 15297        | 15944   | 16000   | 16028   | 16253   | 16366   | 16394   | 16310   | 16647   | 16703   | 16984   | 17013           | 17069   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 27                | 12963       | 13132       | 10489   | 12654   | 15016   | 15269     | N.A.         | 15410   | 14172     | 15466        | 15607   | 15944   | 16000   | 16028   | 16253   | 16366   | 16394   | 16310   | 16647   | 16703   | 16984           | 17013   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 29                | 12963       | 13132       | 10545   | 12654   | 14735   | 15353     | N.A.         | 15494   | 14172     | 15466        | 15691   | 15944   | 16000   | 16085   | 16310   | 16366   | 16394   | 16366   | 16647   | 16703   | 16984           | 17013   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| 30                | 12879       | 13048       | 10404   | 12513   | 14594   | 15269     | N.A.         | 15410   | 14172     | 15382        | 15607   | 15860   | 15916   | 15944   | 16225   | 16281   | 16310   | 16225   | 16563   | 16619   | 16900           | 16928   | N.A.    | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| H                 | 13020       | 13188       | 11642   | 13666   | 15719   | 15888     | -            | 16056   | 14763     | 15691        | 16366   | 16647   | 16703   | 16872   | 16731   | 17041   | 17069   | 17153   | 17434   | 17462   | 17716           | 17744   | -       | 22355   | 23199   | 22918   | 23621   | 23621   |         |
| L                 | 12232       | 12401       | 10348   | 12513   | 14594   | 15185     | -            | 15325   | 14116     | 14960        | 15522   | 15860   | 15916   | 15944   | 16141   | 16281   | 16310   | 16225   | 16563   | 16619   | 16900           | 16928   | -       | 21934   | 22496   | 22355   | 22918   | 22918   |         |
| A                 | 12636       | 12805       | 10780   | 12955   | 15324   | 15481     | -            | 15624   | 14407     | 15341        | 15827   | 16277   | 16333   | 16358   | 16401   | 16619   | 16647   | 16637   | 16984   | 17025   | 17309           | 17337   | -       | 22316   | 22932   | 22785   | 23354   | 23354   |         |

H = Highest L = Lowest A = Average N.A. = Not Available

| UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES   |                |                |       |            |            |                   |               | (Rs./Qtl)  |                  |     |                  |                  |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|--|------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half Mean Length [ By law 66 (A) (a) (4) ] |                |                |       |            |            |                   |               | Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2023-24 Crop<br>April - May 2024 |                  |     |                  |                  |                  |
| Sr. No.  | Growth         | Grade Standard | Grade | Staple     | Micronaire | Gravimetric Trash | Strength /GPT | 29th   | 30th             | 1st | 2nd              | 3rd              | 4th              |
| 1  | P/H/R          | ICS-101        | Fine  | Below 22mm | 5.0 – 7.0  | 4%                | 15            | 12963<br>(46100)                                       | 12879<br>(45800) |     | 12879<br>(45800) | 12513<br>(44500) | 12513<br>(44500) |
| 2  | P/H/R (SG)     | ICS-201        | Fine  | Below 22mm | 5.0 – 7.0  | 4.5%              | 15            | 13132<br>(46700)                                       | 13048<br>(46400) |     | 13048<br>(46400) | 12682<br>(45100) | 12682<br>(45100) |
| 3  | GUJ            | ICS-102        | Fine  | 22mm       | 4.0 – 6.0  | 13%               | 20            | 10545<br>(37500)                                       | 10404<br>(37000) | H   | 10264<br>(36500) | 10264<br>(36500) | 10264<br>(36500) |
| 4  | KAR            | ICS-103        | Fine  | 22mm       | 4.5 – 6.0  | 6%                | 21            | 12654<br>(45000)                                       | 12513<br>(44500) |     | 12429<br>(44200) | 12345<br>(43900) | 12345<br>(43900) |
| 5  | M/M (P)        | ICS-104        | Fine  | 23mm       | 4.5 – 7.0  | 4%                | 22            | 14735<br>(52400)                                       | 14594<br>(51900) |     | 14454<br>(51400) | 14369<br>(51100) | 14369<br>(51100) |
| 6  | P/H/R (U) (SG) | ICS-202        | Fine  | 27mm       | 3.5 – 4.9  | 4.5%              | 26            | 15353<br>(54600)                                       | 15269<br>(54300) | O   | 15072<br>(53600) | 15072<br>(53600) | 15157<br>(53900) |
| 7  | M/M(P)/SA/TL   | ICS-105        | Fine  | 26mm       | 3.0 – 3.4  | 4%                | 25            | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |     | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |
| 8  | P/H/R(U)       | ICS-105        | Fine  | 27mm       | 3.5 – 4.9  | 4%                | 26            | 15494<br>(55100)                                       | 15410<br>(54800) |     | 15213<br>(54100) | 15213<br>(54100) | 15297<br>(54400) |
| 9  | M/M(P)/SA/TL/G | ICS-105        | Fine  | 27mm       | 3.0 – 3.4  | 4%                | 25            | 14172<br>(50400)                                       | 14172<br>(50400) | L   | 14172<br>(50400) | 14172<br>(50400) | 14426<br>(51300) |
| 10   | M/M(P)/SA/TL   | ICS-105        | Fine  | 27mm       | 3.5 – 4.9  | 3.5%              | 26            | 15466<br>(55000)                                       | 15382<br>(54700) |     | 15185<br>(54000) | 15100<br>(53700) | 15185<br>(54000) |
| 11   | P/H/R(U)       | ICS-105        | Fine  | 28mm       | 3.5 – 4.9  | 4%                | 27            | 15691<br>(55800)                                       | 15607<br>(55500) |     | 15410<br>(54800) | 15410<br>(54800) | 15494<br>(55100) |
| 12   | M/M(P)         | ICS-105        | Fine  | 28mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3.5%              | 27            | 15944<br>(56700)                                       | 15860<br>(56400) | I   | 15663<br>(55700) | 15578<br>(55400) | 15663<br>(55700) |
| 13   | SA/TL/K        | ICS-105        | Fine  | 28mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3.5%              | 27            | 16000<br>(56900)                                       | 15916<br>(56600) |     | 15719<br>(55900) | 15635<br>(55600) | 15719<br>(55900) |
| 14   | GUJ            | ICS-105        | Fine  | 28mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 27            | 16085<br>(57200)                                       | 15944<br>(56700) |     | 15803<br>(56200) | 15719<br>(55900) | 15803<br>(56200) |
| 15   | R(L)           | ICS-105        | Fine  | 29mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3.5%              | 28            | 16310<br>(58000)                                       | 16225<br>(57700) | D   | 16028<br>(57000) | 15972<br>(56800) | 16028<br>(57000) |
| 16   | M/M(P)         | ICS-105        | Fine  | 29mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3.5%              | 28            | 16366<br>(58200)                                       | 16281<br>(57900) |     | 16085<br>(57200) | 16000<br>(56900) | 16085<br>(57200) |
| 17   | SA/TL/K        | ICS-105        | Fine  | 29mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 28            | 16394<br>(58300)                                       | 16310<br>(58000) |     | 16113<br>(57300) | 16028<br>(57000) | 16113<br>(57300) |
| 18   | GUJ            | ICS-105        | Fine  | 29mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 28            | 16366<br>(58200)                                       | 16225<br>(57700) | A   | 16085<br>(57200) | 16000<br>(56900) | 16085<br>(57200) |
| 19   | M/M(P)         | ICS-105        | Fine  | 30mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3.5%              | 29            | 16647<br>(59200)                                       | 16563<br>(58900) |     | 16366<br>(58200) | 16281<br>(57900) | 16366<br>(58200) |
| 20   | SA/TL/K/O      | ICS-105        | Fine  | 30mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 29            | 16703<br>(59400)                                       | 16619<br>(59100) |     | 16422<br>(58400) | 16338<br>(58100) | 16422<br>(58400) |
| 21   | M/M(P)         | ICS-105        | Fine  | 31mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 30            | 16984<br>(60400)                                       | 16900<br>(60100) | Y   | 16788<br>(59700) | 16703<br>(59400) | 16788<br>(59700) |
| 22   | SA/TL/K/TN/O   | ICS-105        | Fine  | 31mm       | 3.7 – 4.5  | 3%                | 30            | 17013<br>(60500)                                       | 16928<br>(60200) |     | 16816<br>(59800) | 16731<br>(59500) | 16816<br>(59800) |
| 23   | SA/TL/K/TN/O   | ICS-106        | Fine  | 32mm       | 3.5 – 4.2  | 3%                | 31            | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |     | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |
| 24   | M/M(P)         | ICS-107        | Fine  | 34mm       | 2.8 - 3.7  | 4%                | 33            | 22355<br>(79500)                                       | 22355<br>(79500) |     | 22355<br>(79500) | 22355<br>(79500) | 22355<br>(79500) |
| 25   | K/TN           | ICS-107        | Fine  | 34mm       | 2.8 - 3.7  | 3.5%              | 34            | 23199<br>(82500)                                       | 23199<br>(82500) |     | 23199<br>(82500) | 23199<br>(82500) | 23199<br>(82500) |
| 26   | M/M(P)         | ICS-107        | Fine  | 35mm       | 2.8 - 3.7  | 4%                | 35            | 22918<br>(81500)                                       | 22918<br>(81500) |     | 22918<br>(81500) | 22918<br>(81500) | 22918<br>(81500) |
| 27   | K/TN           | ICS-107        | Fine  | 35mm       | 2.8 - 3.7  | 3.5%              | 35            | 23621<br>(84000)                                       | 23621<br>(84000) |     | 23621<br>(84000) | 23621<br>(84000) | 23621<br>(84000) |

(Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy)