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**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CROP WEATHER WATCH GROUP HELD ON  
05.08.2011.**

*Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Item*

- *In the Monsoon season, cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole during the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011 was 450.0 mm which is 6% less than the L.P.A. Rainfall received (% departure from normal ) in the four broad divisions of the country during the above period is (-5%) in North-West India, (-1%) in Central India, (-2%) in South Peninsula and (-18%) in East & North-East India.*
- *Out of 36 met sub-divisions 26 met sub-divisions received excess/normal rainfall and 10 received deficient rainfall.*
- *In 81 major reservoirs monitored by CWC in different parts of the country, total live storage has increased from 66.13 BCM on 28.07.2011 to 74.17 BCM on 04.08.2011.*
- *As per latest information available on sowing of crops, around 80% of the normal area under kharif crops have been sown upto 05.08.2011. Area sown under all kharif crops taken together has been reported to be 832.65 lakh hectares at All India level as compared to 830.53 lakh hectares in the corresponding period of 2010.*
- *Area reported was higher by 15.6 lakh ha. under Rice, 1.3 lakh ha. under Urad, 10.4 lakh ha. under Soyabean, 2.3 lakh ha. under Sesamum, 1.4 lakh ha. under Castor, 5.6 lakh ha. under Cotton and 2.9 lakh ha. under Sugarcane. Area coverage was lower by 2.6 lakh ha. under Jowar, 13.0 lakh ha. under Bajra, 1.2 lakh ha. under Maize, 5.2 lakh ha. under Tur, 2.5 lakh ha. under Moong and 8.7 lakh ha. under Groundnut.*
- *The incidence of pests & diseases generally remained below Economic Threshold Level (ETL) for all crops.*
- *The Primary Articles inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on a point to point basis for the week ending 23.07.2011 increased to 10.99% from the previous week's level of 10.49%. The inflation rate was 17.41% during the corresponding period of last year.*

- *Among the foodgrains, inflation for Rice has increased to 2.35% from the previous week's level of 1.80%, Wheat to 2.03% from the previous week's level of 1.84%, Cereals to 5.13% from the previous week's level of 4.82% and Pulses to -7.01% from the previous week's level of -8.01%.*
- *The inflation for non-food items has decreased to 15.60% from the previous week's level of 16.05% and for the food items has increased to 8.04% from the previous week's level of 7.33%.*
- *All-India progressive procurement of Wheat as on 01.08.2011 was 281.44 lakh tonnes which is higher than the procurement of 224.62 lakh tonnes upto the corresponding period of last year.*
- *All-India progressive procurement of Rice for the marketing season 2010-11 as on 05.08.2011 was 327.08 lakh tonnes which is higher than the procurement of 302.44 lakh tonnes upto the corresponding period of last year.*

## Salient aspects of discussions / presentations in the meeting

### **Rainfall & Temperature (As reported by India Meteorological Department, (IMD))**

#### Monsoon Rainfall (June - September) during the week ending on 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011

- **Widespread rainfall** occurred over Konkan & Goa and Coastal Karnataka for most days; over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Kerala for many days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, East Rajasthan, Saurashtra & Kutch, Marathawada, Chhattisgarh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, South Interior Karnataka and Lakshadweep for one or two days of the week.
- **Fairly widespread rainfall** occurred over Uttarakhand for many days; over Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat Region, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada, Telangana and North Interior Karnataka for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam & Meghalaya, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Madhya Pradesh, Saurashtra & Kutch, Chhattisgarh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, interior Karnataka and Lakshadweep for one or two days of the week.
- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over East Uttar Pradesh for most days; over Bihar, West Uttar Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat Region, Madhya Maharashtra and Vidarbha for many days; over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Saurashtra & Kutch and interior Karnataka for a few days and over Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal & Sikkim, Orissa, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, West Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Marathawada, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Lakshadweep for one or two days of the week.
- **Isolated rainfall** occurred over Orissa, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, West Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu & Puducherry for most days; over Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh for many days; over Gangetic West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, East Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema for a few days and over northeastern States, Bihar, West Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, East Madhya Pradesh, Marathawada, Telangana, interior Karnataka and Lakshadweep for one or two days of the week.
- Weather was **dry** over the rest region of the country.
- Rainfall during the week was excess / normal in 16 and deficient / scanty in 20 out of 36 met sub-divisions.
- **Cumulative rainfall (1<sup>st</sup> June to 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011)** was excess / normal in 26 met sub-divisions and deficient / scanty in 10 met sub-divisions out of 36 met sub-division.

**Table-1: Weekly and Cumulative Rainfall in four regions of the country <sup>1</sup>**

Region	Week Ending (03.08.2011)				Cumulative (01.06.11 to 03.08.11)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Devia- tion (%)	Cate- gory
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	36.4	54.2	-33	D	296.9	312.2	-5	N
Central India	64.5	77.4	-17	N	516.1	521.4	-1	N
South Peninsular India	50.2	47.2	6	N	390.7	397.7	-2	N
East & North-East India	54.6	86.9	-37	D	678.6	822.9	-18	N
Country as a whole	51.5	65.9	-22	D	450.0	480.8	-6	N

E: Excess, N: Normal, D: Deficient, S: Scanty, NR: No Rain.

Source: India Meteorological Department, New Delhi

### ***Weather Outlook / Forecast for the period 04<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 by IMD***

#### **Outlook for the Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2011**

- *Fairly widespread rainfall would occur Eastern and Northeastern States, West Coast, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.*
- *Scattered rainfall would occur over remaining parts of the country outside Peninsular India.*

#### **Warning:**

- *Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur over Konkan & Goa, Coastal Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh during next 48 hours.*
- *Isolated heavy rainfall would occur Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Assam & Meghalaya and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal during next 24 hours.*

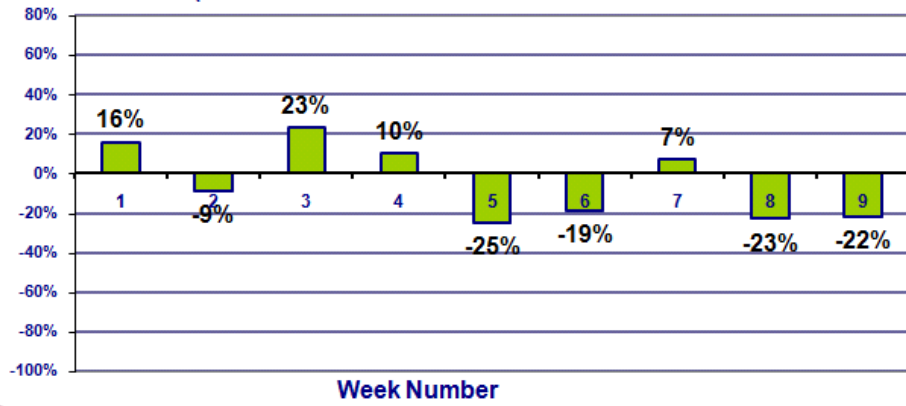
1. North-west India - Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, Punjab, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir.  
Central India - Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Gujarat

South Peninsula - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep.

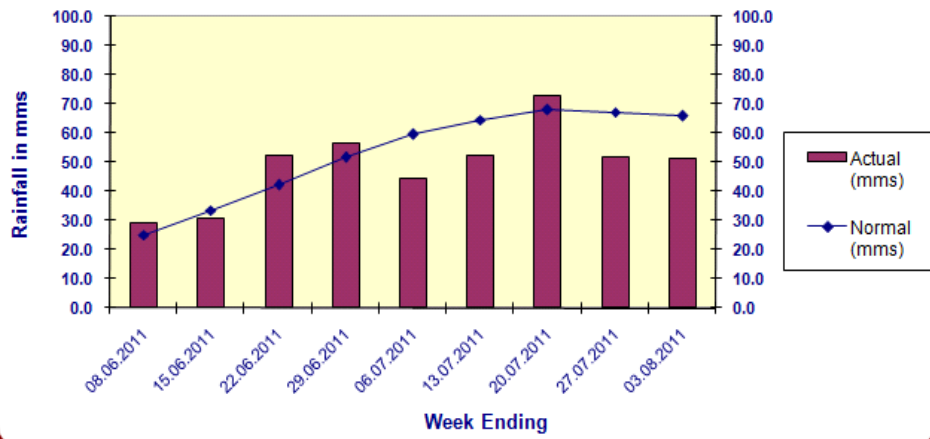
North-east India - Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

### Weekly Percentage Rainfall Deviation from Normal(LPA)-All India

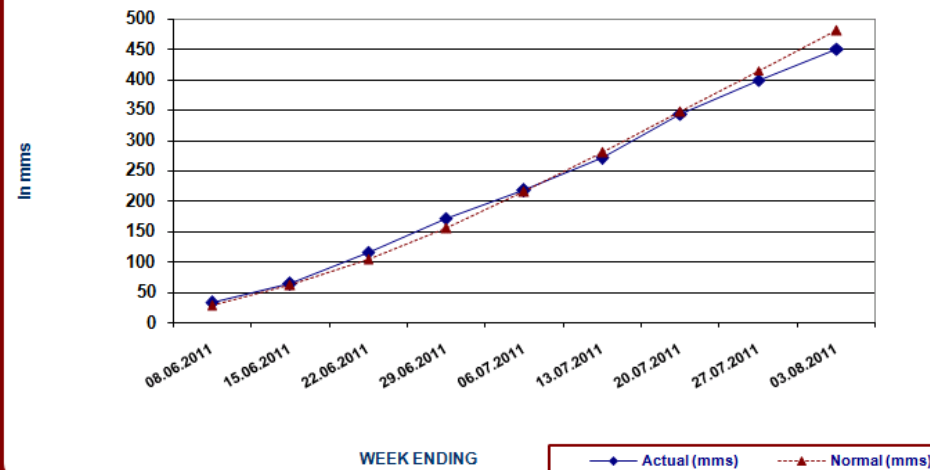
(Monsoon 2011 - from 01.06.2011 to 03.08.2011)



### Weekly Rainfall Distribution in Monsoon 2011 - All India



### Trend of All India Cumulative Rainfall Actual vs Normal in Monsoon 2011



## Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 04.08.2011)

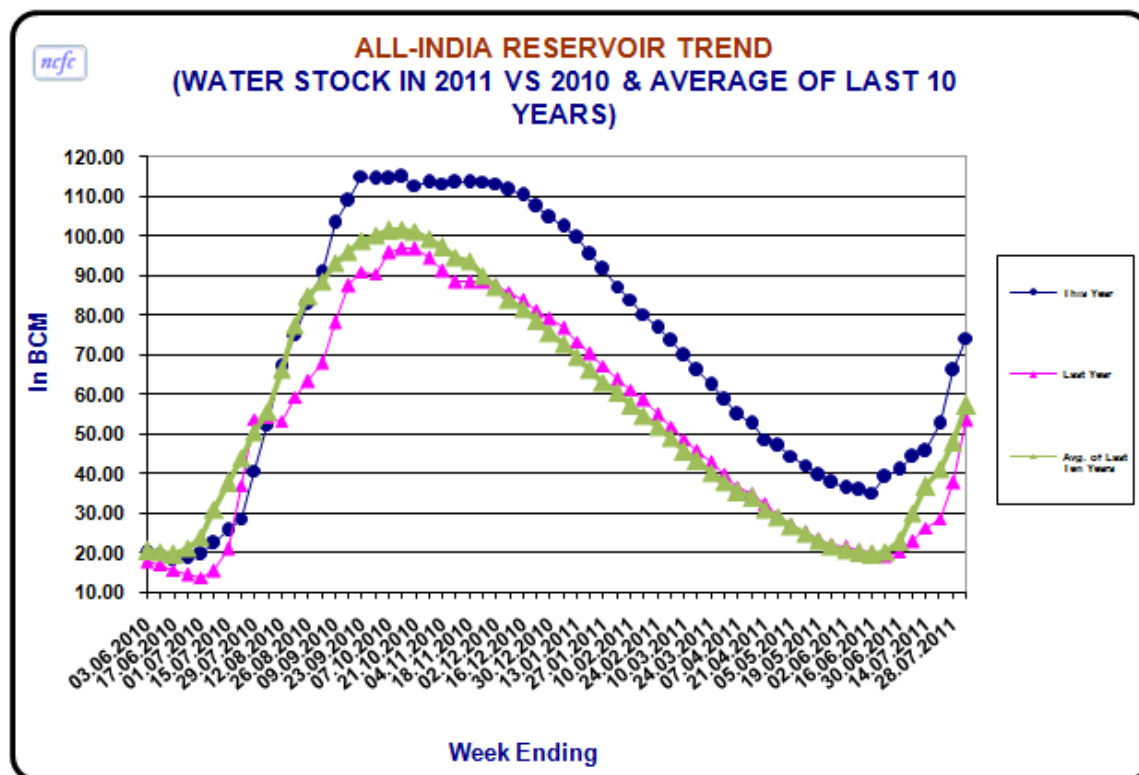
- The **Central Water Commission** monitors the live storage of **81** important/major reservoirs, having capacity at Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of **151.77** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is about 67% of total reservoir capacity in the country.
- Water stock in 81 major reservoirs **increased** to 74.17 BCM from the previous week's level of 66.13 BCM. Current storage is **more** than the last year's position of 53.56 BCM and average of last 10 year's storage of 57.13 BCM.

**Table – 2: For 81 major reservoirs of the country**

Period	Current Year's Storage as % of FRL*	Current Year's storage as % of last year	Current year as a % of 10 years average level
04/08	49	138	130
	44	175	139
The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 35% on 04/08/2010, 37% on 04/08/2009, 32% on 31/07/2008 and 55% on 31/07/2007.			
* Live storage as % to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 151.77 Billion Cub. Mts.(BCM)			

Source: CWC

- There were 64 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 5 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 6 reservoirs having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage and 6 reservoirs having storage 30% or below.



Source: Central Water Commission

## ***Fertilizer Position:***

***Table – 3: Requirement, Availability, Sales and Stock position of Major Fertilizers Urea, DAP and MOP during April to July 2011***

*(in '000 Tonnes)*

<i>Availability / Sale / Closing Stock</i>	<i>Urea</i>	<i>DAP</i>	<i>MOP</i>	<i>Complex</i>
<i>Requirement for 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011</i>	<i>9446</i>	<i>4603</i>	<i>1344</i>	<i>3117</i>
<i>Availability during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011</i>	<i>8887</i>	<i>2738</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>3278</i>
<i>Sales during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011</i>	<i>8285</i>	<i>2482</i>	<i>632</i>	<i>2959</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 31.07.2011</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>318</i>
<i>Requirement for August, 2011</i>	<i>2654</i>	<i>1169</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>1060</i>

**Source: Fertilizer Division (DAC) / Deptt. of Fertilizer**

## **Pest & Diseases:**

- The incidence of pest & diseases generally remained below Threshold Level for most of the crops.
- No shortage of Chemical / Bio-pesticides was reported from any State / UT.

**Table - 4 : Percentage Variations in the Wholesale Price Indices (WPI) of Major items**

Period / commodities	Weight	Point to Point annual Inflation		
		Latest Week	Previous Week	Last Year
		23.07.2011	16.07.2011	24.07.2010
<b>Primary Articles</b>	<b>20.12</b>	<b>10.99</b>	<b>10.49</b>	<b>17.41</b>
<b>(a) Food Articles</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>8.04</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>16.27</b>
<b>Cereals</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>8.61</b>
Rice	1.79	2.35	1.80	9.55
Wheat	1.12	2.03	1.84	6.82
Jowar	0.10	43.76	43.01	5.29
Bajra	0.12	8.04	8.88	12.40
Maize	0.22	21.98	23.09	11.13
Barley	0.02	19.41	19.15	2.89
Ragi	0.02	15.18	11.78	-4.69
<b>Pulses</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>-7.01</b>	<b>-8.01</b>	<b>10.37</b>
Gram	0.33	18.61	17.48	-9.09
Arhar	0.13	-19.25	-22.21	2.06
Moong	0.08	-19.79	-20.14	59.33
Masur	0.05	-25.70	-25.63	-7.92
Urad	0.10	-16.97	-16.05	44.99
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>-8.86</b>
Potatoes	0.20	7.85	10.55	-42.49
Onions	0.18	26.36	22.66	-4.93
Fruits	2.11	15.97	13.90	28.65
Milk	3.24	10.26	9.96	26.71
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	6.66	6.36	26.15
<b>(b) Non-Food Articles</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<b>16.05</b>	<b>14.62</b>
Oilseeds	1.78	16.75	13.72	1.42
<b>Fuel &amp; Power</b>	<b>14.91</b>	<b>12.12</b>	<b>12.12</b>	<b>13.27</b>



**Table:5**

<b>All India Crop Situation - Kharif (2011-12) as on 05.08.2011</b>					
<b>Crop Name</b>	<b>Normal Area for whole Kharif Season</b>	<b>Area sown reported</b>			<b>(In lakh hectares)</b>
					<b>Change vis-à-vis prev. year</b>
		<b>This Year 2011</b>	<b>% of Normal</b>	<b>Last Year 2010</b>	<b>Absolute Change 2010</b>
<b>Rice</b>	<b>393.58</b>	<b>260.36</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>244.79</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Jowar</b>	<b>34.27</b>	<b>23.34</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>25.99</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Bajra</b>	<b>92.63</b>	<b>62.93</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>75.90</b>	<b>-13.0</b>
<b>Maize</b>	<b>69.59</b>	<b>66.75</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>67.97</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Total Coarse Cereals</b>	<b>219.68</b>	<b>163.38</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>181.44</b>	<b>-18.1</b>
<b>Total Cereals</b>	<b>613.26</b>	<b>423.74</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>426.23</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Tur</b>	<b>35.42</b>	<b>29.03</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>34.23</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
<b>Urad</b>	<b>22.36</b>	<b>18.37</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>17.09</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Moong</b>	<b>25.56</b>	<b>19.71</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>22.18</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>23.13</b>	<b>13.89</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>16.81</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
<b>Total Pulses</b>	<b>106.47</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>90.31</b>	<b>-9.3</b>
<b>Total Foodgrains</b>	<b>719.73</b>	<b>504.75</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>516.54</b>	<b>-11.8</b>
<b>Groundnut</b>	<b>51.47</b>	<b>37.09</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>45.83</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
<b>Soyabean</b>	<b>88.33</b>	<b>100.13</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>89.72</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Sunflower</b>	<b>7.54</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Sesamum</b>	<b>17.95</b>	<b>12.78</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>10.51</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Niger</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Castor</b>	<b>7.76</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>4.07</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Total Oilseed</b>	<b>177.17</b>	<b>157.92</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>153.06</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	<b>93.55</b>	<b>109.92</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>104.36</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Sugarcane</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>51.13</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>48.20</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Jute+Mesta</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>8.94</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>8.36</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>All- Crops</b>	<b>1045.64</b>	<b>832.65</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>830.53</b>	<b>2.1</b>

## Procurement:

**Table – 6: Progressive procurement of Wheat as on 01.08.2011 (lakh tonnes)**

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2010-11 (April - March)	Progressive Procurement as on 01.08.2011	
		In Marketing season 2011-2012	In Marketing season 2010-2011
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>102.09</b>	<b>109.57</b>	<b>101.66</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>63.47</b>	<b>68.91</b>	<b>63.47</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>16.45</b>	<b>34.60</b>	<b>16.45</b>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>35.38</b>	<b>48.94</b>	<b>35.38</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>4.76</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>4.76</b>
<b>All-India</b>	<b>225.14</b>	<b>281.44</b>	<b>224.62</b>

**Table – 7: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 05.08.2011 (lakh tonnes)**

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2009-10 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 05.08.2011	
		In Marketing season 2010-2011	In Marketing season 2009-2010
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>75.55</b>	<b>89.63</b>	<b>65.12</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>33.57</b>	<b>36.47</b>	<b>31.43</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>18.19</b>	<b>16.87</b>	<b>18.16</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>2.61</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>2.78</b>	<b>2.11</b>
<b>Orissa</b>	<b>24.96</b>	<b>24.51</b>	<b>24.69</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>92.75</b>	<b>86.35</b>	<b>92.75</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>12.41</b>	<b>14.48</b>	<b>11.50</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>29.01</b>	<b>24.09</b>	<b>26.96</b>
<b>Uttaranchal</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>3.74</b>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>10.60</b>	<b>11.75</b>
<b>All-India</b>	<b>320.34</b>	<b>327.08</b>	<b>302.44</b>