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(CROP FORECAST COORDINATION CENTRE)**

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**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CROP WEATHER WATCH GROUP HELD ON
24.08.2012.**

Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Items

- *Cumulative Monsoon Rainfall for the country as a whole during the period 1st June to 22nd August, 2012 is 14% less than LPA. Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period was (-) 20% in North West India, (-) 10% in Central India, (-) 19% in South Peninsula and (-) 13% in East & North East India.*
- *Out of a total of 36 met sub-divisions, 20 met sub-divisions constituting 55% of the total area of the country have received excess / normal rainfall and the remaining 16 met sub-divisions constituting 45% of the total area of the country have received deficient/scanty rainfall.*
- *Out of 628 districts for which data is available, 52 (8%) received excess, 250 (40%) received normal, 255 (41%) received deficient and 69 (11%) received scanty rainfall.*
- *IMD has forecast good rainfall in the North West, Eastern & Central India next week.*
- *Cumulative deficiency in rainfall of (-)14% on 23rd August, 2012 is lower than (-) 26% and (-)23% deficiency recorded on the corresponding dates in 2009 & 2002. Percentage of districts (11%) receiving scanty rainfall is also lower in 2012 as compared to (13%) in 2009 and (20%) in 2002 on the corresponding dates in those years.*
- *Central Water Commission monitors 84 major reservoirs in the country which have a total live capacity of 154.42 BCM at Full Reservoir Level (FRL). Current live storage in these reservoirs as on 23rd August, 2012 was 87.59 BCM as against 107.11 BCM on 23.08.2011(last year) and 87.25 BCM of normal storage (average storage of the last 10 years). Current year's storage is 82% of the last year's and 100% of the normal storage. Major States reporting lower than normal storage are Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, West Bengal, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.*
- *Basin level reservoir storage (with reference to average storage) was lower by (-) 34% in Krishna, (-) 16% in Godavari, (-) 31% in Cauvery, (-) 29% in West flowing rivers of South, (-) 27% in Indus, (-) 76% in Rivers of Kutch and (-) 19% in Sabarmati basin. Reservoir storage was higher by 72% in Ganga, 63% in Narmada, 20%in Mahanadi, 51% in Mahi and 17% in Tapi basin.*

- *Contingency plans for sowing of alternate crops in rainfall deficit areas have been prepared and shared with the States and are being rolled out in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan.*
- *920.31 lakh ha. area had been sown under various Kharif crops upto 24.08.2012 as compared to average sown area of 937.72 lakh ha. upto the corresponding period of previous years. Area coverage is higher by 10.4 lakh ha. in Rice, 12.9 lakh ha. in Soyabean, 1.5 lakh ha. in Urad, 5.8 lakh ha. in Cotton and 6.2 lakh ha. in Sugarcane. Major decline (compared to average area) has been reported under Bajra (-18.5 lakh ha.), Jowar (-5.6 lakh ha.), Pulses (-11.1 lakh ha.), Groundnut (-9.1 lakh ha.) and Sunflower (-2.3 lakh ha.).*
- *Retail prices of Pulses (per kg) in Delhi during last one month (23th August 2012 to 23rd July 2012) have increased from Rs. 62 to Rs. 70 for Gram dal, Rs. 71 to Rs. 79 for Arhar, Rs. 66 to Rs. 74 for Urad, Rs. 73 to Rs. 75 for Moong and Rs. 58 to Rs. 64 for Masoor dal. Prices of Sugar have also increased from Rs. 37 to Rs. 40 in the last one month. Similar rise in prices is also observed in other Metros.*

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 22nd August), 2012

- **Widespread rainfall** occurred over Uttarakhand and Coastal Karnataka for many days, over Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Konkan & Goa and Vidarbha for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, West Bengal & Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, East Rajasthan, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Kerala for one or two days during the week.
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- **Fairly widespread rainfall** occurred over Konkan & Goa for many days, over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam & Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh for a few days and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha for many days, over Arunachal Pradesh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, West Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, West Madhya Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu & Puducherry for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam & Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, East Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- **Isolated rainfall** occurred over Gujarat state, Madhya Maharashtra and North Interior Karnataka for most days, over Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, East Rajasthan, Marathawada, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema and South Interior Karnataka for many days, over West Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamilnadu & Puducherry and Kerala for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, northeastern states, West Bengal & Sikkim, Jharkhand, West Uttar Pradesh Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha for one or two days during the week.
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- Weather was **dry** over the rest region of the country.
- **Rainfall during the week (01st June - 22nd August, 2012)** was 20 met sub-divisions received excess / normal rainfall and 16 met sub-divisions received deficient / scanty rainfall.
- **Cumulative rainfall (01st June - 22nd August, 2012)** was excess / normal in 20 met sub-divisions rainfall and 16 met sub-divisions received deficient / scanty rainfall out of 36 met sub-divisions.

Table-1: Weekly and Cumulative Rainfall in four regions of the country ¹

Region	Week Ending (22.08.2012)				Cumulative (01.06.12 to 22.08.12)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Devia- tion (%)	Cate- gory
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	58.4	47.0	24	E	361.2	451.0	-20	D
Central India	65.7	67.2	-2	N	645.6	715.9	-10	N
South Peninsular India	29.9	41.7	-28	D	416.8	512.2	-19	N
East & North-East India	67.7	80.0	-15	N	905.1	1043.5	-13	N
Country as a whole	56.7	58.0	-2	N	554.6	646.6	-14	N

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

Source: India Meteorological Department, New Delhi

Weather Outlook / Forecast for the period 23rd - 29th August, 2012 by IMD

Outlook for the Week Ending 29th August, 2012

- *Rainfall would occur at many places over eastern & northeastern states, northwest & central India outside Gujarat state and south peninsular India where it would be isolated.*

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

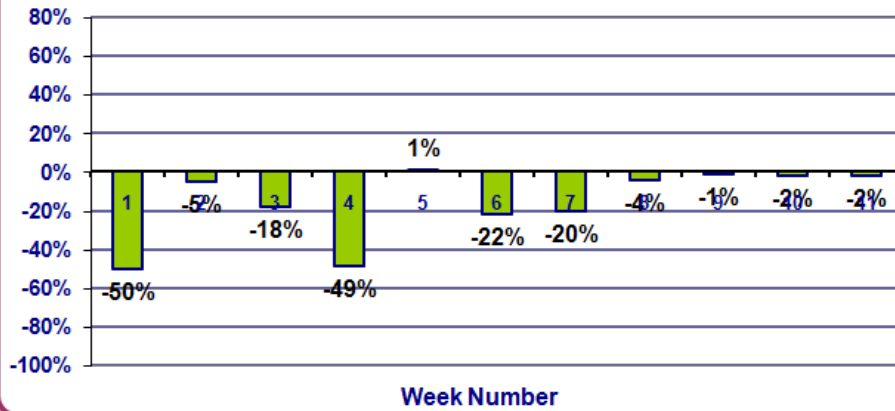
South Peninsula - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep.

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

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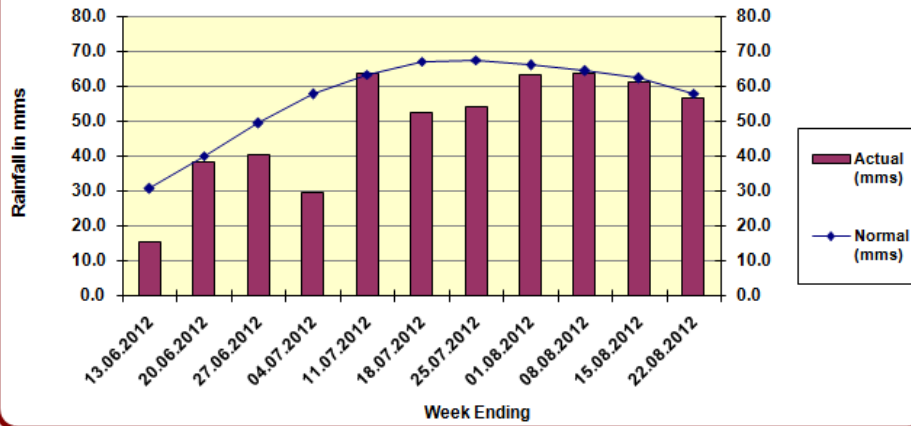
Weekly Percentage Rainfall Deviation from Normal(LPA)- All India

(Monsoon 2012 - from 01.06.2012 to 22.08.2012)



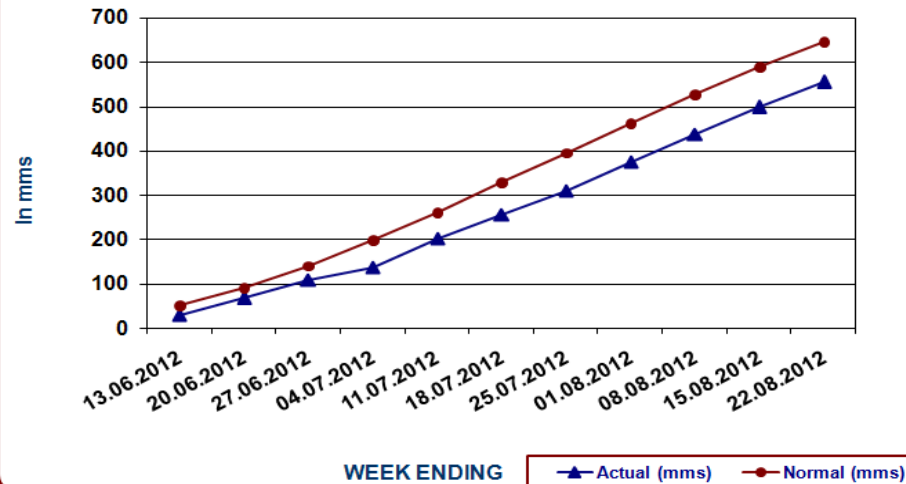
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Weekly Rainfall Distribution in Monsoon 2012 - All India



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Trend of All India Cumulative Rainfall Actual vs Normal in Monsoon 2012



Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 23.08.2012)

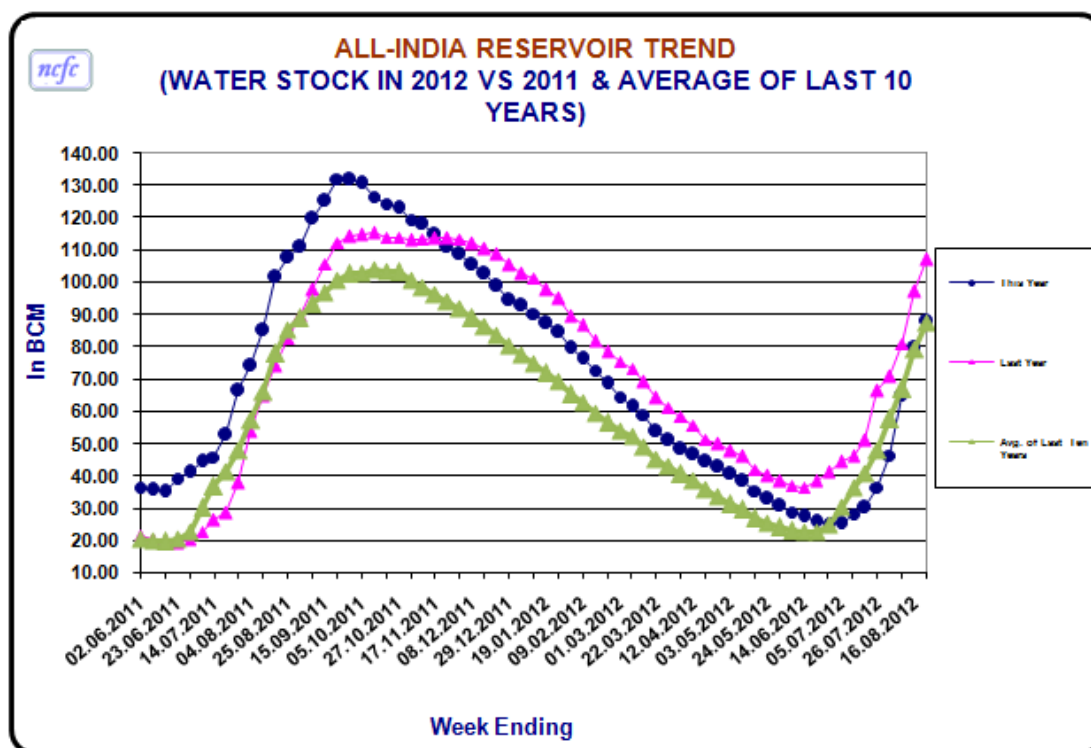
- The **Central Water Commission** monitors the live storage of **84** important/major reservoirs, having capacity at Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of **154.42** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is about 73% of total reservoir capacity in the country.
- Water stock in 84 major reservoirs **increased** to 87.59 BCM from the previous week's level of 79.35 BCM. Current storage is **less** than the last year's position of 107.11 BCM and lower than the average of last 10 year's storage of 87.25 BCM.

Table – 2: For 84 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
Current Week	57	82	100
Last Week	51	82	100
The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 69% on 23/08/2011, 49% on 23/08/2010, 39% on 19/08/2009 and 57% on 21/08/2008.			
* <i>Live storage as % to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 154.42 Billion Cub. Mts.(BCM)</i>			

Source: CWC

- There were 47 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 19 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 10 reservoir having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage, 08 reservoir having storage 30% or below of Normal Storage and 2 reservoirs namely Bhima (Ujjani) (Maha) and Jayakwadi (Maha) having no live storage.



Source: Central Water Commission

Fertilizer Position:

Table – 3: Requirement, Availability, Sales and Stock position of Major Fertilizers Urea, DAP and MOP during April to August 2012

(in '000 Tonnes)

<i>Availability / Sale / Closing Stock</i>	<i>Urea</i>	<i>DAP</i>	<i>MOP</i>	<i>Complex</i>
<i>Opening Stock as on 01.04.2012</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>449</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>1032</i>
<i>Requirement for April to July, 2012</i>	<i>9537</i>	<i>4435</i>	<i>1352</i>	<i>3526</i>
<i>Availability as on 23.08.2012</i>	<i>9768</i>	<i>2577</i>	<i>975</i>	<i>3491</i>
<i>Sales as on 23.08.2012</i>	<i>9264</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>664</i>	<i>2520</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 23.08.2012</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>575</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>971</i>
<i>Requirement for August, 2012</i>	<i>3185</i>	<i>1161</i>	<i>439</i>	<i>1019</i>

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

Pest & Diseases:

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

Table: 4

<i>All India Crop Situation - Kharif (2012-13) as on 24-08-2012</i>							
							(In lakh hectares)
Crop Name	Average Area for whole Kharif Season	Average Area as on date	Area sown reported			Absolute Change over (+/-)	
			This Year 2012	% of Average for whole season	Last Year 2011	Average as on date	Last Year
Rice	391.10	318.83	329.19	319.2	342.00	10.4	-12.8
Jowar	32.88	28.88	23.31	70.9	25.53	-5.6	-2.2
Bajra	92.70	76.79	58.30	62.9	76.57	-18.5	-18.3
Maize	70.64	71.20	71.27	100.9	72.15	0.1	-0.9
Total Coarse Cereals	218.58	194.24	165.34	75.6	189.98	-28.9	-24.6
Total Cereals	609.68	513.07	494.53	81.1	531.98	-18.5	-37.5
Tur	37.00	37.12	34.78	94.0	35.96	-2.3	-1.2
Urad	23.11	20.81	22.30	96.5	20.38	1.5	1.9
Moong	26.29	23.19	17.34	9.2	21.55	-5.8	-4.2
Others	23.36	18.27	13.88	59.4	21.89	-4.4	-8.0
Total Pulses	109.75	99.38	88.30	80.5	99.79	-11.1	-11.5
Total Foodgrains	719.43	612.45	582.83	81.0	631.77	-29.6	-48.9
Groundnut	49.94	45.20	36.09	72.3	41.21	-9.1	-5.1
Soyabean	92.11	93.84	106.78	115.9	102.73	12.9	4.1
Sunflower	6.33	3.85	1.60	25.2	2.12	-2.3	-0.5
Sesamum	18.67	13.49	12.62	67.6	14.03	-0.9	-1.4
Niger	4.03	1.49	1.28	31.8	1.04	-0.2	0.2
Castor	7.79	5.94	5.92	75.9	8.81	0.0	-2.9
Total Oilseed	178.89	163.80	164.29	91.8	169.94	0.5	-5.7
Cotton	98.66	105.75	111.53	113.0	117.67	5.8	-6.1
Sugarcane	47.36	46.72	52.88	111.7	50.63	6.2	2.3
Jute	7.96	9.00	8.78	110.3	9.19	-0.2	-0.4
All- Crops	1052.30	937.72	920.31	87.5	979.19	-17.4	-58.9

Source: Crops & TMOP Divisions, DAC

Table - 5 : Percentage Variations in the Wholesale Price Indices (WPI) of Major items

Period / commodities	Weight	Inflation (year on year)		
		July, 2012	June, 2012	June , 2011
All Commodities	100	6.87	7.25	9.36
Primary Articles	20.12	10.39	10.46	11.47
(a) Food Articles	14.34	10.06	10.81	8.19
Cereals	3.37	8.29	6.70	5.20
Rice	1.79	10.12	7.46	2.41
Wheat	1.12	6.67	6.82	1.79
Pulses	0.72	28.26	20.48	-7.48
Gram	0.33	63.45	59.48	16.46
Arhar	0.13	10.03	0.54	-18.99
Moong	0.08	-0.40	-5.64	-19.71
Masur	0.05	23.43	18.52	-25.05
Urad	0.10	-7.44	-16.72	-16.89
Vegetables	1.74	24.11	48.84	7.79
Potato	0.20	72.96	75.85	7.03
Onions	0.18	-9.81	-9.40	27.15
Fruits	2.11	-0.15	-3.64	14.82
Milk	3.24	8.01	7.30	10.77
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	16.00	16.25	9.56
(b) Non-Food Articles	4.26	13.05	6.85	15.77
Oilseeds	1.78	25.22	18.53	13.93
Fuel & Power	14.91	5.98	10.27	12.04

Procurement:**Table – 6: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 24.08.2012 (lakh tonnes)**

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2010-11 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 24.08.2012	
		In Marketing season 2011-2012	In Marketing season 2010-2011
Andhra Pradesh	96.10	74.97	92.25
Chhattisgarh	37.39	41.15	36.73
Haryana	16.87	20.07	16.87
Kerala	2.63	3.72	2.60
Maharashtra	3.08	1.77	2.08
Orissa	24.76	28.33	24.60
Punjab	86.35	77.31	86.35
Tamil Nadu	15.83	15.96	14.29
Uttar Pradesh	24.66	33.50	24.10
Uttaranchal	4.22	3.78	3.99
West Bengal	13.10	18.74	10.78
All-India	340.94	348.04	329.85