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**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CROP WEATHER WATCH GROUP HELD ON
24.02.2012.**

Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Items

- *In the Winter season, cumulative rainfall received for the country as a whole during the period 1st January to 22nd February, 2012 was 37.4 mm which is 5% above L.P.A. Out of 36 met sub-divisions 13 met sub-divisions received excess/normal rainfall, 20 received deficient/scanty rainfall and 03 met sub-divisions received no rainfall.*
- *In 82 major reservoirs monitored by CWC in different parts of the country, total live storage has decreased from 72.75 BCM on 16.02.2012 to 68.54 BCM on 23.02.2012.*
- *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 month of January 2012, decreased to 2.25% from the level of 3.07% in the month of December, 2011. The inflation rate was 18.44% during the corresponding period of last year.*
- *Among the foodgrains, inflation for Wheat has increased to -3.48% from the previous month's level of -3.81%; Rice has decreased to 1.35% from the previous month's level of 1.58%, Pulses to 11.37% from the previous month's level of 13.62% and Cereals has increased to 2.42% from the previous week's level of 1.91%.*
- *The inflation for non-food items has decreased to 0.55% from the previous month's level of 1.48% and for the food items has decreased to -0.52% from the previous month's level of 0.74%.*
- *All-India progressive procurement of Rice for the marketing season 2011-12 as on 24.02.2012 was 253.67 lakh tonnes which is higher than the procurement of 223.49 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))

Winter Rainfall (January – February) during the week ending on 22nd February)), 2011

- **Widespread rain/snowfall** occurred over Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir for one or two days of the week.
- **Fairly widespread rainfall** occurred over Jammu & Kashmir for a few days and over Arunachal Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal and Jharkhand on one or two days of the week.
- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over northeastern States, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Orissa, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh for one or two days of the week.
- **Isolated rainfall** occurred over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim for many days; over Himachal Pradesh for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, East Madhya Pradesh and Tamilnadu & Puducherry for one or two days of the week.
- Mainly **dry** weather prevailed over the rest part of the country during the week.
- **Rainfall during the week(01st January to 22nd February, 2012)** was excess / normal in 05, deficient / scanty in 15 and no rain in 16 met sub-divisions out of 36 met sub-divisions.
- **Cumulative rainfall (01st January – 22nd February, 2012)** was excess / normal in 13 met sub-divisions, deficient / scanty in 20 met sub-divisions and no rain in 03 met sub-divisions out of 36 met sub-divisions.

Table-1: Weekly and Cumulative Rainfall in four regions of the country¹

Region	Week Ending (22.02.2012)				Cumulative (01.01.12 to 22.02.12)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Devia- tion (%)	Cate- gory
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	5.6	11.6	-51	D	72.9	67.5	8	N
Central India	1.2	1.7	-29	D	22.6	14.0	61	E
South Peninsular India	0.1	2.5	-97	S	11.9	13.4	-11	N
East & North-East India	5.4	10.3	-48	D	31.5	46.9	-33	D
Country as a whole	3.0	6.3	-52	D	37.4	35.6	5	N

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

Source: India Meteorological Department, New Delhi

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.

Temperature

Minimum temperatures

- Below normal over East Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra and North Interior Karnataka for many days; over Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, West Rajasthan, Konkan & Goa, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and South Interior Karnataka for a few days and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, West Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Marathwada, Vidarbha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Tamilnadu & Puducherry and Coastal Karnataka for one or two days of the week.
- Above normal over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Jharkhand for many days; over Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh for a few days and over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Coastal Andhra Pradesh for one or two days of the week.
- They were near normal over rest region of the country.

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

Outlook for the Week Ending 29th February, 2012

- *Rain/snowfall would occur at one or two places over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during second half of the week.*
- *Rain / thundershowers would occur at one or two places over Northeastern States during first half of the week.*
- *Weather would be mainly dry over rest parts of the country.*

Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 23.02.2012)

- The **Central Water Commission** monitors the live storage of **82** important/major reservoirs, having capacity at Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of **153.33** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is about 72% of total reservoir capacity in the country.
- Water stock in 82 major reservoirs **decreased** to 68.54 BCM from the previous week's level of 72.75 BCM. Current storage is **less** than the last year's position of 78.40 BCM and more than the average of last 10 year's storage of 56.25 BCM.

Table – 2: For 82 major reservoirs of the country

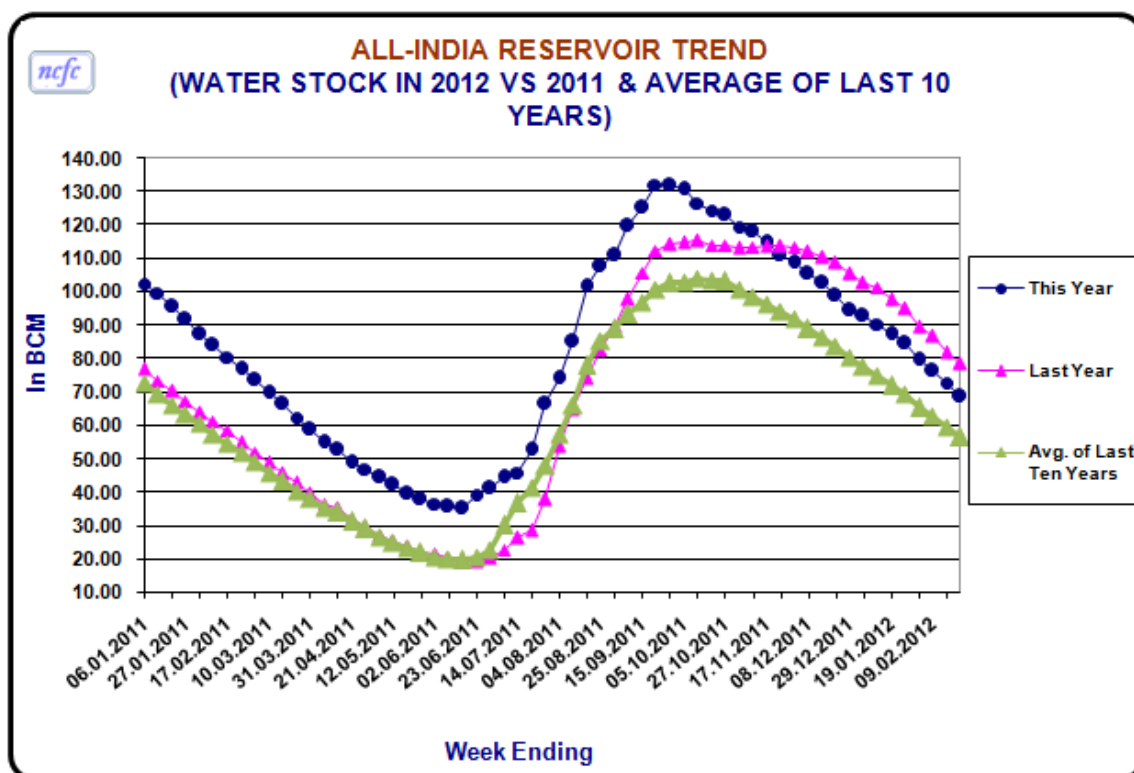
Period	Current Year's Storage as % of FRL*	Current Year's storage as % of last year	Current year as a % of 10 years average level
Current Week	45	87	122
Last Week	47	89	123

The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 51% on 23/02/2011, 37% on 23/02/2010, 38% on 19/02/2009 and 43% on 21/02/2008.

* *Live storage as % to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 153.33 Billion Cub. Mts.(BCM)*

Source: CWC

- There were 67 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 09 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 04 reservoir having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage, 01 reservoir having storage 30% or below of Normal Storage and 01 reservoir namely Gumti(TRP) 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 October, November, December 2011, January & February, 2012

(in '000 Tonnes)

<i>Availability / Sale / Closing Stock</i>	<i>Urea</i>	<i>DAP</i>	<i>MOP</i>	<i>Complex</i>
<i>Requirement for 01st October to 24th February, 2012</i>	<i>12808</i>	<i>4770</i>	<i>1960</i>	<i>4448</i>
<i>Availability during 01st October to 24th February, 2012</i>	<i>12881</i>	<i>5114</i>	<i>1933</i>	<i>5620</i>
<i>Sales during 01st October to 24th February, 2012</i>	<i>12170</i>	<i>3768</i>	<i>1487</i>	<i>3875</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 24.02.2012</i>	<i>711</i>	<i>1346</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>1745</i>
<i>Requirement for February, 2012</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>616</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 : Percentage Variations in the Wholesale Price Indices (WPI) of Major items

Period / commodities	Weight	Inflation (year on year)		
		January, 2012	December, 2011	January, 2011
Primary Articles	20.12	2.25	3.07	18.44
(a) Food Articles	14.34	-0.52	0.74	16.68
Cereals	3.37	2.42	1.91	1.70
Rice	1.79	1.35	1.58	3.58
Wheat	1.12	-3.48	-3.81	-3.79
Jowar	0.10	31.08	28.63	14.00
Bajra	0.12	12.92	7.50	-0.34
Maize	0.22	20.26	16.58	13.37
Barley	0.02	1.90	-1.47	17.42
Ragi	0.02	19.78	21.16	-0.75
Pulses	0.72	11.37	13.62	-13.33
Gram	0.33	41.44	42.93	0.19
Arhar	0.13	-3.78	0.72	-27.52
Moong	0.08	-8.31	-3.30	-14.34
Masur	0.05	-5.67	-7.50	-29.29
Urad	0.10	-10.39	-10.57	-10.95
Vegetables	1.74	-43.13	-34.18	66.52
Potatoes	0.20	-23.15	-35.45	-13.80
Onions	0.18	-75.57	-60.45	129.07
Tomato	0.27	-61.33	-42.38	83.07
Fruits	2.11	6.43	9.09	15.65
Milk	3.24	12.16	11.02	13.77
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	18.63	11.88	15.69
(b) Non-Food Articles	4.26	0.55	1.48	26.60
Fibers	1.78	-14.48	-7.41	56.17
Oilseeds	1.52	12.63	10.64	3.50
Fuel & Power	14.91	14.21	14.91	11.41

Procurement:**Table – 5: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 24.02.2012 (lakh tonnes)**

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2010-11 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 24.02.2012	
		In Marketing season 2011-2012	In Marketing season 2010-2011
Andhra Pradesh	96.10	37.52	30.48
Chhattisgarh	37.39	40.65	34.60
Haryana	16.87	19.74	16.57
Kerala	2.63	1.21	0.80
Maharashtra	3.08	1.28	1.51
Orissa	24.76	15.27	13.17
Punjab	86.35	77.31	86.34
Tamil Nadu	15.83	9.02	6.70
Uttar Pradesh	24.66	25.79	18.00
Uttaranchal	4.22	2.51	2.66
West Bengal	13.10	6.76	5.74
All-India	340.94	253.67	223.49