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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  
23.11.2012.**

*Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Items*

- *Cumulative Post-Monsoon Rainfall for the country as a whole during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 is 17% less than LPA. Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period was (-) 87% in North West India, (-)22% in Central India, 4% in South Peninsula and (-) 16% in East & North East India.*
- *Out of a total of 36 met sub-divisions, 16 met sub-divisions constituting 43% of the total area of the country have received excess / normal rainfall and 20 met sub-divisions constituting 57% of the total area of the country have received deficient/scanty rainfall.*
- *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 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2012 was 105.06 BCM as against 113.92 BCM on 22.11.2011(last year) and 98.78 BCM of normal storage (average storage of the last 10 years). Current year's storage is 92% of the last year's and 106% of the normal storage. Major States reporting lower than normal storage are Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.*
- *As per latest information available on sowing of crops, around 46% of the normal area under Rabi crops have been sown upto 23.11.2012. Area sown under all rabi crops taken together has been reported to be 280.59 lakh hectares at All India level as compared to 285.92 lakh hectares in the corresponding period of 2011-12.*
- *Area reported was higher by 1.6 lakh ha. under Rapeseed & Mustard and 1.0 lakh ha. under Sunflower. Area coverage was lower by 4.8 lakh ha. under Gram and 1.2 lakh ha. under Lathyrus.*
- *The All Commodities inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on a point to point basis for the month of October 2012, decreased to 7.45% from the level of 7.81% in the month of September, 2012. The inflation rate was 9.87% during the corresponding period of last year.*

- *The Primary Articles inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on a point to point basis for the month of October 2012, decreased to 8.21% from the level of 8.77% in the month of September, 2012. The inflation rate was 10.96% during the corresponding period of last year.*
- *The inflation for non-food items has increased to 10.82% from the previous month's level of 10.00% and for the food items has decreased to 6.62% from the previous month's level of 7.86%.*
- *Among the foodgrains, inflation for Wheat has increased to 19.78% from the previous month's level of 18.63%, Cereals to 14.35% from the previous month's level of 14.18%; Rice has decreased to 11.40% from the previous month's level of 12.41% and Pulses to 20.00% from the previous month's level of 29.28%.*
- *All-India progressive procurement of Rice for the marketing season 2012-13 as on 23.11.2012 was 114.68 lakh tonnes against the procurement of 104.12 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))**

#### **Post- Monsoon Rainfall (October - December) during the week ending on 21<sup>st</sup> November)), 2012**

- **Widespread rainfall** occurred over Andaman & Nicobar Islands from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.
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- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over Jammu & Kashmir on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.
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- **Rainfall** occurred at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, South Kerala and South Tamil Nadu during the week.
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- Weather was mainly **dry** over the rest region of the country.
  
- **Rainfall during the week (01<sup>st</sup> October - 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012)** was 01 met sub-divisions received excess / normal rainfall, 10 met sub-divisions received deficient / scanty rainfall and 25 met sub-divisions received no rainfall out of 36 met sub-divisions.
  
- **Cumulative rainfall (01<sup>st</sup> October - 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012)** was excess / normal in 16 met sub-divisions rainfall and 20 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<sup>1</sup>**

Region	Week Ending (21.11.2012)				Cumulative (01.10.12 to 21.11.12)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Deviation (%)	Category
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	0.3	2.7	-89	S	5.1	37.8	-87	S
Central India	0.0	3.1	-99	S	54.3	69.4	-22	D
South Peninsular India	1.5	18.0	-91	S	233.3	225.1	4	N
East & North-East India	0.4	3.7	-90	S	126.8	151.3	-16	N
Country as a whole	0.5	6.0	-92	S	85.9	103.4	-17	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 Temperature**

- They were appreciably to markedly below (3-6°C) in parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, Vidarbha, throughout the week and in Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada and Chhattisgarh on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.
- Below normal to near normal over rest region of the country.

### ***Weather Outlook / Forecast for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 by IMD***

#### ***Outlook for the Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2012***

- *Rain/thundershowers would occur at many places over South Peninsular India.*
- *Rain / snow would occur at one or two places over Western Himalayan Region.*
- *Mainly dry weather would prevail over rest parts of the country.*

## Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 22.11.2012)

- 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 **decreased** to 105.06 BCM from the previous week's level of 108.10 BCM. Current storage is **less** than the last year's position of 113.92 BCM and lower than the average of last 10 year's storage of 98.78 BCM.

**Table – 2: For 84 major reservoirs of the country**

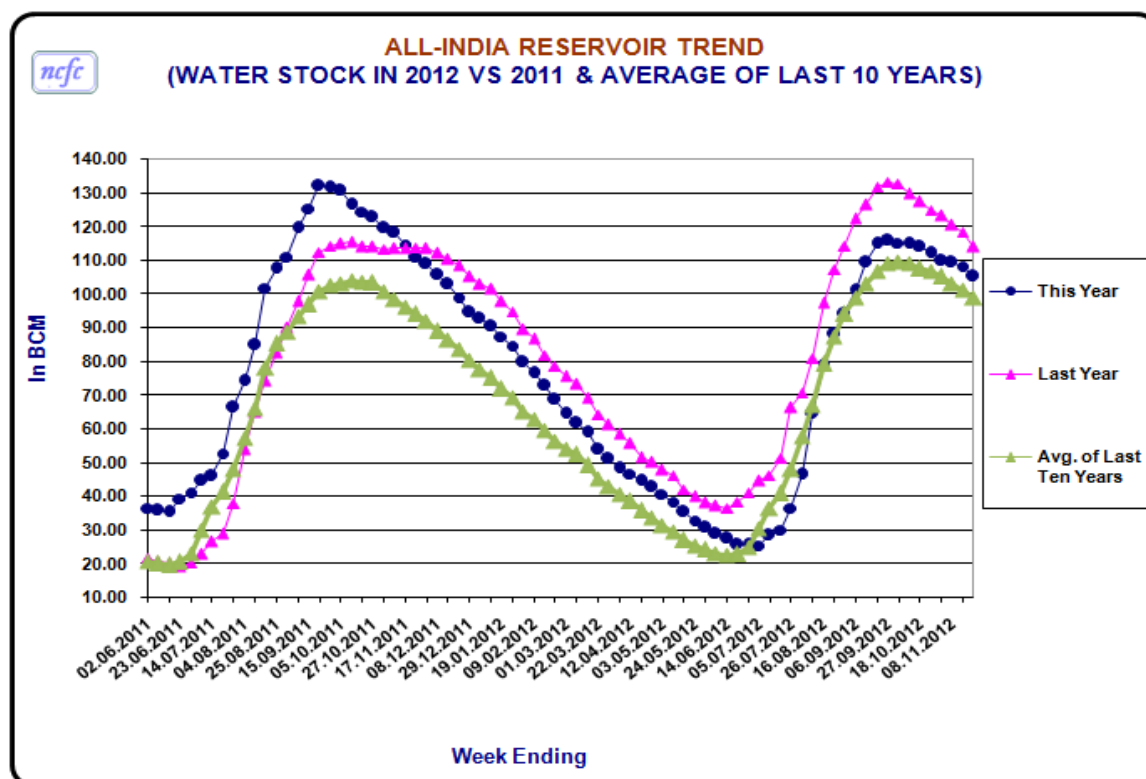
Period	Current Year's Storage as % of FRL*	Current Year's storage as % of last year	Current year as a % of 10 years average level
Current Week	68	92	106
Last Week	70	91	107

The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 74% on 22/11/2011, 62% on 22/11/2010, 58% on 19/11/2009 and 65% on 19/11 /2008.

\* *Live storage as % to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 154.42 Billion Cub. Mts.(BCM)*

Source: CWC

- There were 53 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 16 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 6 reservoir having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage, 9 reservoir having storage 30% or below of Normal Storage and one reservoir namely Kabini (Kar) 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 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 01.10.2012</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>811</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>535</i>
<i>Requirement Total, 2012-13</i>	<i>16461</i>	<i>5418</i>	<i>2584</i>	<i>5599</i>
<i>Availability as on 22.11.2012</i>	<i>4444</i>	<i>2735</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>1697</i>
<i>Sales as on 22.11.2012</i>	<i>3526</i>	<i>1382</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>736</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 22.11.2012</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>1353</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>910</i>
<i>Requirement for November, 2012</i>	<i>3463</i>	<i>1487</i>	<i>554</i>	<i>1301</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

<b>All India Crop Situation - Rabi (2011-12) as on 23-11-2012</b>							
Crop Name	Normal Area	Average Area as on date	Area sown reported (In lakh hectares)			Absolute Change over (+/-)	
			23.11.2012	% of Normal	23.11.2011	Average as on date	Last Year
Wheat	282.62	105.09	91.88	32.5	92.31	-13.2	-0.4
Rice	44.99	1.14	0.64	1.4	0.63	-0.5	0.0
Jowar	44.99	39.49	34.21	76.0	33.61	-5.3	0.6
Maize	11.36	3.72	3.68	32.3	3.73	0.0	-0.1
Barley	6.57	3.66	3.34	50.8	4.26	-0.3	-0.9
Total Coarse Cereals	62.92	47.15	41.70	66.3	41.91	-5.5	-0.2
Total Cereals	390.53	153.38	134.22	34.4	134.85	-19.2	-0.6
Gram	80.57	58.65	58.85	73.0	63.63	0.2	-4.8
Lentil	14.46	11.73	9.36	64.7	9.97	-2.4	-0.6
Peas	7.15	6.08	6.55	91.6	6.35	0.5	0.2
Kulthi(Horse Gram)	2.36	3.54	3.44	145.7	3.65	-0.1	-0.2
Urad	7.46	2.24	2.06	27.6	2.64	-0.2	-0.6
Moong	6.40	0.96	0.73	11.4	0.86	-0.2	-0.1
Lathyrus	5.46	3.16	2.18	39.9	3.41	-1.0	-1.2
Others	3.61	2.73	1.94	53.8	1.98	-0.8	0.0
Total Pulses	127.46	89.09	85.10	66.8	92.49	-4.0	-7.4
Total Foodgrains	518.00	242.47	219.32	42.3	227.34	-23.2	-8.0
Rapeseed & Mustard	62.80	50.70	52.24	83.2	50.68	1.5	1.6
Groundnut	8.87	2.08	2.30	26.0	1.59	0.2	0.7
Safflower	3.05	2.12	1.13	37.1	1.48	-1.0	-0.4
Sunflower	10.26	5.05	3.22	31.4	2.24	-1.8	1.0
Sesamum	2.56	0.32	0.24	9.3	0.29	-0.1	-0.1
Linseed	4.03	2.36	1.93	47.8	2.10	-0.4	-0.2
Others	0.00	0.50	0.23	#DIV/0!	0.20	-0.3	0.0
Total Oilseed (Nine)	91.56	63.13	61.28	66.9	58.58	-1.9	2.7
All- Crops	609.55	305.59	280.59	46.0	285.92	-25.0	-5.3

Source: Crops &amp; TMOP Divisions, DAC

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

Period / commodities	Weight	Inflation (year on year)		
		October, 2012	September, 2012	October, 2011
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.45</b>	<b>7.81</b>	<b>9.87</b>
<b>Primary Articles</b>	<b>20.12</b>	<b>8.21</b>	<b>8.77</b>	<b>10.96</b>
<b>(a) Food Articles</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>7.86</b>	<b>10.17</b>
<b>Cereals</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>14.35</b>	<b>14.18</b>	<b>4.32</b>
Rice	1.79	11.40	12.41	4.51
Wheat	1.12	19.78	18.63	-1.72
<b>Pulses</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>29.28</b>	<b>10.25</b>
Gram	0.33	34.17	52.27	44.08
Arhar	0.13	14.33	18.31	-6.09
Moong	0.08	6.00	5.30	-2.18
Masur	0.05	23.64	25.73	-14.26
Urad	0.10	-4.52	1.75	-13.94
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>-7.45</b>	<b>-6.78</b>	<b>15.68</b>
Potato	0.20	49.13	52.20	1.04
Onions	0.18	-8.99	-24.88	-16.92
Fruits	2.11	3.26	6.96	11.27
Milk	3.24	6.35	6.25	11.12
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	13.28	12.44	<b>12.43</b>
<b>(b) Non-Food Articles</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>10.82</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>7.41</b>
Oilseeds	1.78	27.12	28.13	10.28
<b>Fuel &amp; Power</b>	<b>14.91</b>	<b>11.71</b>	<b>11.88</b>	<b>12.57</b>



**Procurement:****Table – 6: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 23.11.2012 (lakh tonnes)**

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2011-12 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 23.11.2012	
		In Marketing season 2012-2013	In Marketing season 2011-2012
Andhra Pradesh	75.38	2.32	2.59
Chhattisgarh	41.15	1.44	0.26
Haryana	20.07	25.44	19.46
Kerala	3.72	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	6.35	-	-
Maharashtra	1.78	-	-
Orissa	28.47	-	-
Punjab	77.31	84.18	76.38
Tamil Nadu	15.96	0.01	2.54
Uttar Pradesh	33.55	0.84	2.33
Uttaranchal	3.78	0.24	0.22
West Bengal	20.36	0.01	0.15
All-India	350.25	114.68	104.12