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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
21.09.2012.**

Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Items

- *Cumulative Monsoon Rainfall for the country as a whole during the period 1st June to 19th September, 2012 is 5% less than LPA. Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period was (-) 4% in North West India, (-) 2% in Central India, (-) 7% in South Peninsula and (-) 11% in East & North East India.*
- *Out of a total of 36 met sub-divisions, 25 met sub-divisions constituting 73% of the total area of the country have received excess / normal rainfall and the remaining 11 met sub-divisions constituting 27% of the total area of the country have received deficient/scanty rainfall.*
- *Out of 628 districts for which data is available, 81 (13%) received excess, 295 (47%) received normal, 225 (36%) received deficient and 27 (4%) received scanty rainfall.*
- *As against normal date of 1st September, this year withdrawal of monsoon is expected to commence on 24th September from North West India.*
- *Cumulative deficiency in rainfall of (-) 5% on 19th September, 2012 is lower than (-) 21% deficiency recorded on 16.09.2009. Percentage of deficient and scanty rainfall districts (36% and 4% respectively) is also lower in 2012 as compared to (50% and 7%) on 16.09.2009.*
- *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 20th September, 2012 was 114.84 BCM as against 131.72 BCM on 20.09.2011(last year) and 106.49 BCM of normal storage (average storage of the last 10 years). Current year's storage is 87% of the last year's and 108% of the normal storage. Major States reporting lower than normal storage are Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.*
- *Basin level reservoir storage (with reference to average storage) was lower by (-) 54% in Rivers of Kutch, (-) 22% in Cauvery, (-) 21% in Krishna, (-) 18% in West flowing rivers of South, (-) 13% in Godavari and higher by 67% in Sabarmati, 66% in Ganga, 55% in Narmada, 27% in Mahi, 9% in Mahanadi, 6% in Indus and 5% in Tapi basin.*

- *990.49 lakh ha. area had been sown under various Kharif crops upto 21.09.2012 as compared to average sown area of 1009.61 lakh ha. upto the corresponding period of previous years. Area coverage is higher by 5.0 lakh ha. in Rice, 12.1 lakh ha. in Soyabean, 5.7 lakh ha. Sugarcane, 6.3 lakh ha.in Cotton, 2.3 lakh ha. in Urad and 2.0 lakh ha. in Castor. Major decline (compared to average area) has been reported under Bajra (-23.3 lakh ha.), Jowar (-6.3 lakh ha.), Moong (-4.2 lakh ha.), Tur (-1.4 lakh ha.), Groundnut (-9.5 lakh ha.), Sunflower (-2.4 lakh ha.) and Sesamum (-1.6 lakh ha.)*
- *Retail prices of Pulses (per kg) in Delhi during last 3 and a half months (30th May, 2012 to 20th September, 2012) have increased from Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 for Gram dal, Rs. 69 to Rs. 83 for Arhar, Rs. 72 to Rs. 74 for Urad, Rs. 71 to Rs. 75 for Moong and Rs. 55 to Rs. 65 for Masoor dal. Prices of Sugar have also increased from Rs. 35 to Rs. 41 in the above period. 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 19th September), 2012

- **Widespread rainfall** occurred over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim for most days; over East Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala for many days; over Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Konkan & Goa and Coastal Karnataka for a few days and over Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- **Fairly widespread rainfall** occurred over Assam & Meghalaya, Gangetic West Bengal and Coastal Karnataka for many days; over Bihar, West Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Jharkhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, East Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat Region, Konkan & Goa and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over Odisha for most days; over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, West Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi for many days; over East Madhya Pradesh, Saurashtra & Kutch, Konkan & Goa and Chhattisgarh for a few days and over Gangetic West Bengal, East Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat Region, Vidarbha, Telangana, Tamilnadu & Puducherry, interior Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- **Isolated rainfall** occurred over West Rajasthan, Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu & Puducherry and interior Karnataka for most days; over East Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Marathawada and Rayalaseema for many days; over East Madhya Pradesh for a few days and over Assam & Meghalaya, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh Kerala and Lakshadweep for one or two days during the week.
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- Weather was mainly **dry** over the rest region of the country.

- **Rainfall during the week (01st June - 19th September, 2012)** was 25 met sub-divisions received excess / normal rainfall and 11 met sub-divisions received deficient / scanty rainfall.

- **Cumulative rainfall (01st June - 19th September, 2012)** was excess / normal in 25 met sub-divisions rainfall and 11 met sub-divisions received deficient / scanty rainfall out of 36 met sub-divisions.

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

Region	Week Ending (19.09.2012)				Cumulative (01.06.12 to 19.09.12)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Devia- tion (%)	Cate- gory
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	70.4	23.6	199	E	567.2	588.0	-4	N
Central India	30.8	37.8	-19	N	905.7	925.2	-2	N
South Peninsular India	21.2	36.0	-41	D	603.1	649.5	-7	N
East & North-East India	123.6	74.4	66	E	1195.0	1342.8	-11	N
Country as a whole	55.9	38.9	44	E	788.3	833.9	-5	N

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

Source: India Meteorological Department, New Delhi

Weather Outlook / Forecast for the period 20th - 26th September , 2012 by IMD

Outlook for the Week Ending 26th September, 2012

- *Rain/thundershowers would occur at many places over Northeastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and at a few places over Eastern States, North Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.*
- *Weather would be mainly dry over North West India.*

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

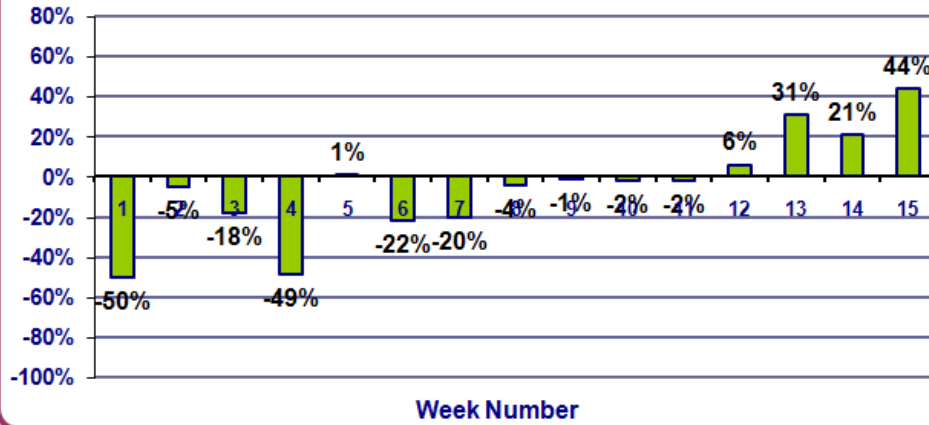
South Peninsula - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep.

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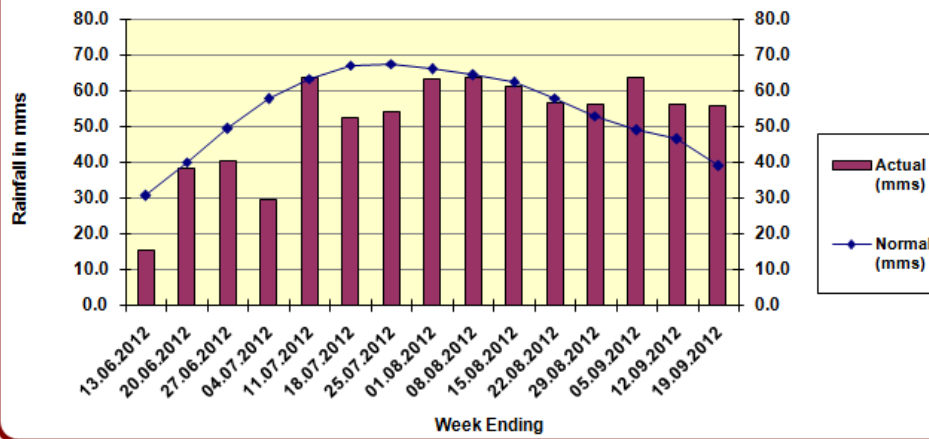
Weekly Percentage Rainfall Deviation from Normal(LPA)- All India

(Monsoon 2012 - from 01.06.2012 to 19.09.2012)



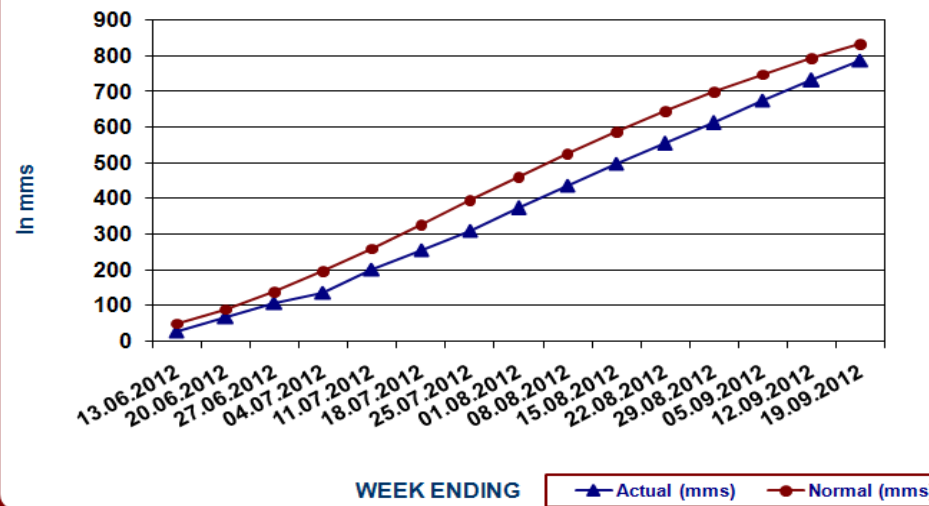
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Weekly Rainfall Distribution in Monsoon 2012 - All India



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



Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 20.09.2012)

- 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 114.84 BCM from the previous week's level of 109.32 BCM. Current storage is **less** than the last year's position of 131.72 BCM and lower than the average of last 10 year's storage of 106.49 BCM.

Table – 2: For 84 major reservoirs of the country

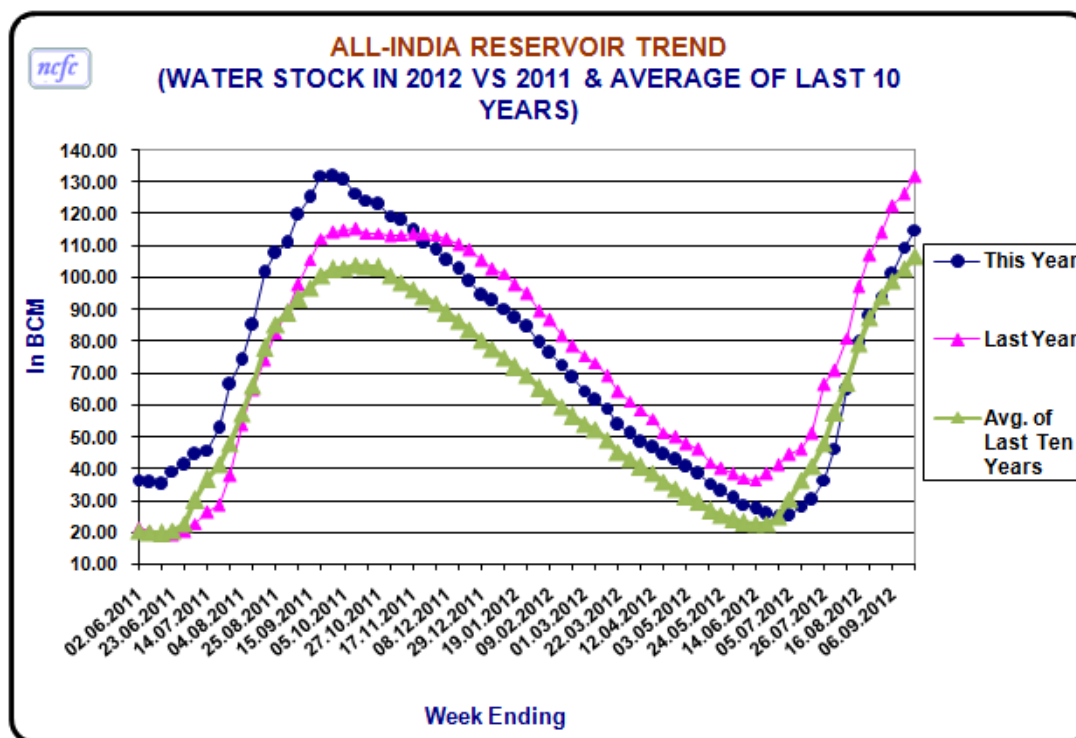
Period	Current Year's Storage as % of FRL*	Current Year's storage as % of last year	Current year as a % of 10 years average level
Current Week	74	87	108
Last Week	71	87	106

The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 85% on 20/09/2011, 74% on 20/09/2010, 57% on 17/09/2009 and 72% on 16/09/2008.

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

Source: CWC

- There were 58 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 12 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 6 reservoir having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage and 8 reservoir having storage 30% or below of Normal 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 September 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 September, 2012</i>	<i>15082</i>	<i>6940</i>	<i>2198</i>	<i>5553</i>
<i>Availability as on 20.09.2012</i>	<i>12242</i>	<i>4025</i>	<i>1271</i>	<i>4158</i>
<i>Sales as on 20.09.2012</i>	<i>11694</i>	<i>2857</i>	<i>856</i>	<i>3263</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 20.09.2012</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>1168</i>	<i>425</i>	<i>895</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

All India Crop Situation - Kharif (2012-13) as on 21-09-2012							
							(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	358.74	363.76	93.0	380.76	5.0	-17.0
Jowar	32.88	30.33	24.01	73.0	26.34	-6.3	-2.3
Bajra	92.70	84.16	60.85	65.6	80.90	-23.3	-20.1
Maize	70.64	73.68	74.04	104.8	75.36	0.4	-1.3
Total Coarse Cereals	218.58	208.53	175.93	80.5	201.08	-32.6	-25.2
Total Cereals	609.68	567.27	539.69	88.5	581.84	-27.6	-42.2
Tur	37.00	38.01	36.60	98.9	38.16	-1.4	-1.6
Urad	23.11	21.55	23.83	103.1	21.99	2.3	1.8
Moong	26.29	23.67	19.46	9.2	22.83	-4.2	-3.4
Others	23.36	19.92	19.93	85.3	25.30	0.0	-5.4
Total Pulses	109.75	103.15	99.81	90.9	108.28	-3.3	-8.5
Total Foodgrains	719.43	670.42	639.50	88.9	690.12	-30.9	-50.6
Groundnut	49.94	48.33	38.82	77.7	43.20	-9.5	-4.4
Soyabean	92.11	94.98	107.05	116.2	103.24	12.1	3.8
Sunflower	6.33	4.73	2.31	36.4	2.66	-2.4	-0.4
Sesamum	18.67	15.20	13.55	72.6	15.17	-1.6	-1.6
Niger	4.03	2.67	2.17	53.9	1.94	-0.5	0.2
Castor	7.79	8.48	10.49	134.6	11.94	2.0	-1.5
Total Oilseed	178.89	174.39	174.39	97.5	178.16	0.0	-3.8
Cotton	98.66	108.61	114.94	116.5	120.17	6.3	-5.2
Sugarcane	47.36	47.20	52.88	111.7	50.99	5.7	1.9
Jute	7.96	9.00	8.78	110.4	9.20	-0.2	-0.4
All- Crops	1052.30	1009.61	990.49	94.1	1048.63	-19.1	-58.1

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)		
		August, 2012	July, 2012	August, 2011
All Commodities	100	7.55	6.87	9.78
Primary Articles	20.12	10.08	10.39	12.46
(a) Food Articles	14.34	9.14	10.06	9.62
Cereals	3.37	10.71	8.29	5.16
Rice	1.79	10.29	10.12	5.17
Wheat	1.12	12.85	6.67	-2.09
Pulses	0.72	34.39	28.26	-4.26
Gram	0.33	64.49	63.45	19.84
Arhar	0.13	21.54	10.03	-11.53
Moong	0.08	5.07	-0.40	-18.59
Masur	0.05	27.26	23.43	-19.49
Urad	0.10	1.05	-7.44	-19.63
Vegetables	1.74	9.98	24.11	13.17
Potato	0.20	68.86	72.96	16.13
Onions	0.18	-20.67	-9.81	48.63
Fruits	2.11	1.14	-0.15	23.35
Milk	3.24	6.68	8.01	9.41
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	13.77	16.00	10.42
(b) Non-Food Articles	4.26	13.75	13.05	18.21
Oilseeds	1.78	28.33	25.22	16.55
Fuel & Power	14.91	8.32	5.98	12.04

Procurement:

Table – 6: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 21.09.2012 (lakh tonnes)

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2010-11 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 21.09.2012	
		In Marketing season 2011-2012	In Marketing season 2010-2011
Andhra Pradesh	96.10	75.47	95.37
Chhattisgarh	37.39	41.15	37.13
Haryana	16.87	20.07	16.87
Kerala	2.63	3.72	2.60
Maharashtra	3.08	1.78	2.08
Orissa	24.76	28.39	24.66
Punjab	86.35	77.31	86.35
Tamil Nadu	15.83	15.96	14.77
Uttar Pradesh	24.66	33.50	24.46
Uttaranchal	4.22	3.78	3.99
West Bengal	13.10	19.19	11.53
All-India	340.94	349.04	335.56