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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
01.02.2013.**

Summary observations of the Group on Agenda Items

- *Cumulative Winter Rainfall for the country as a whole during the period 1st January to 30th January, 2012 is 38% less than LPA. Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period was (-) 16% in North West India, (-) 73% in Central India, (-) 59% in South Peninsula and (-) 73% in East & North East India.*
- *Out of a total of 36 met sub-divisions, 09 met sub-divisions constituting 18% of the total area of the country have received excess / normal rainfall, 25 met sub-divisions constituting 79% of the total area of the country have received deficient/scanty rainfall and 02 met sub-divisions constituting 3% of the total area of the country have received no 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 31st January, 2013 was 74.55 BCM as against 82.13 BCM on 31.01.2012(last year) and 69.44 BCM of normal storage (average storage of the last 10 years). Current year's storage is 91% of the last year's and 107% of the normal storage. Major States reporting lower than normal storage are Tripura, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.*
- *As per latest information available on sowing of crops, around 99% of the normal area under Rabi crops have been sown upto 01.02.2013. Area sown under all rabi crops taken together has been reported to be 605.02 lakh hectares at All India level as compared to 608.34 lakh hectares in the corresponding period of 2011-12. Area reported was higher by 1.2 lakh ha. under Jowar, 1.7lakh ha. under Maize, 3.6 lakh ha. under Gram and 1.8 lakh ha. under Rapeseed & Mustard. Area coverage was lower by 1.0 lakh ha. under Wheat, 5.7 lakh ha. under Rice and 1.9 lakh ha. under Urad.*
- *The All Commodities inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on a point to point basis for the month of December 2012, decreased to 7.18% from the level of 7.24% in the month of November, 2012. The inflation rate was 7.70% 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 December 2012, increased to 10.61% from the level of 9.42% in the month of November, 2012. The inflation rate was 3.60% during the corresponding period of last year.*
- *The inflation for non-food items has decreased to 13.23% from the previous month's level of 13.99% and for the food items increased to 11.16% from the previous month's level of 8.50%.*
- *Among the foodgrains, inflation for Wheat has increased to 23.23% from the previous month's level of 23.19%, Cereals to 19.02% from the previous month's level of 15.85%, Rice to 17.10% from the previous month's level of 11.80% and Pulses has decreased to 17.57% from the previous month's level of 19.10%.*
- *All-India progressive procurement of Rice for the marketing season 2012-13 as on 01.02.2013 was 232.61 lakh tonnes against the procurement of 217.98 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 30th January), 2013

- **Scattered rainfall** occurred over Andaman & Nicobar Islands and for one or two days of the week.
- **Isolated rainfall** occurred over Andaman & Nicobar Islands for many days; over Vidarbha and Telangana for a few days and over Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalseema for one or two days of the week.
- **Rainfall during the week (10th January - 30th January, 2013)** Rainfall was excess / normal in 04 met sub-divisions, deficient / scanty in 08 and no rain in 24 out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions.
- **Cumulative rainfall (01st January - 30th January, 2013)** Rainfall was excess / normal in 09, deficient / scanty in 25 and no rain in 02 out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions.

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

Region	Week Ending (30.01.2013)				Cumulative (01.01.13 to 30.01.13)			
	(in mm)		Devi. (%)	Cat.	(in mm)		Deviation (%)	Category
	Actual	Normal			Actual	Normal		
North-West India	0.1	11.5	-99	S	29.4	35.2	-16	N
Central India	0.4	1.7	-75	S	2.1	7.7	-73	S
South Peninsular India	1.0	0.9	10	N	3.1	7.6	-59	D
East & North-East India	0.0	5.6	-99	S	5.3	19.9	-73	S
Country as a whole	0.4	5.2	-93	S	11.2	18.1	-38	D

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

- Markedly below normal over East Madhya Pradesh for a few days over Gangetic West Bengal for one or two days of the week.
- Below normal to appreciably below normal over Assam & Meghalaya, West Bengal & Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Madhya Pradesh and Konkan & Goa for most days; over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and East Madhya Pradesh for many days; over Himachal Pradesh for a few days and over Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, East Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh for one or two days of the week.
- Above normal to appreciably above normal over Vidarbha for many days; over Madhya Maharashtra for a few days and over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Jammu & Kashmir, West Rajasthan, Saurashtra & Kutch, Telangana and Lakshadweep for one or two days of the week.
- Near normal over rest region of the country.

Weather Outlook / Forecast for the period 31st January – 06th February, 2013 by IMD

Outlook for the Week Ending 06th February, 2013

- *Rain/snow would occur at one or two places over Jammu & Kashmir during 1st half of the week.*
- *Under the influence of Western Disturbance, rain/snow would occur at many places over Western Himalayan region with one or two spells of heavy rain/snowfall at one or two places during second half of the week.*
- *Rain/thundershowers would occur at one or two places over Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and over Eastern & North Eastern States during second half of the week.*
- *Weather would be mainly dry over remaining parts of the country.*

Reservoir Status (For the week ending on 31.01.2013)

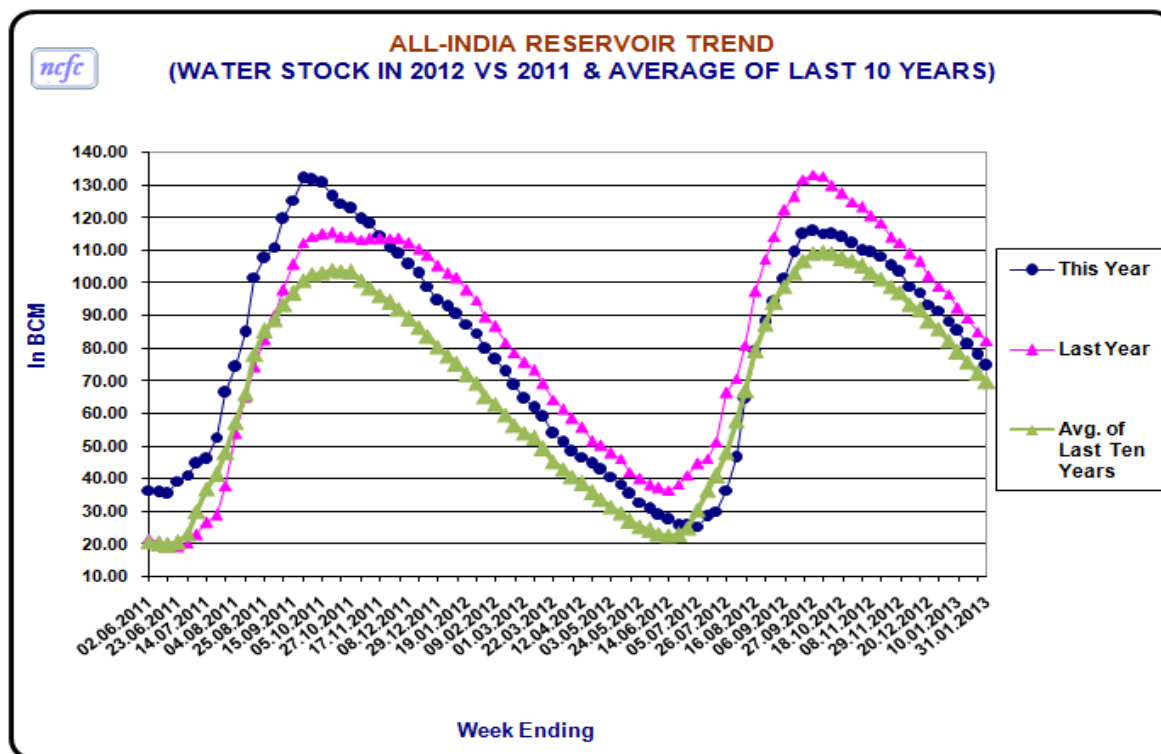
- The **Central Water Commission** monitors the live storage of **84** important/major reservoirs, having capacity at Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of **154.42** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is about 73% of total reservoir capacity in the country.
- Water stock in 84 major reservoirs **decreased** to 74.55 BCM from the previous week's level of 77.87 BCM. Current storage is **less** than the last year's position of 82.13 BCM and lower than the average of last 10 year's storage of 69.44 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	48	91	107
Last Week	50	92	108
The percentage to live capacity at FRL was 51% on 31/01/2012, 59% on 31/01/2011, 44% on 28/01/2010 and 43% on 29/01 /2009.			
* <i>Live storage as % to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 154.42 Billion Cub. Mts.(BCM)</i>			

Source: CWC

- There were 51 reservoirs having storage more than 80%, 10 reservoirs having storage between 50% to 80% of Normal Storage, 07 reservoir having storage between 30% to 50% of Normal Storage, 16 reservoir having storage 30% or below of Normal Storage and 3 reservoirs namely Kabini (Kar), Bhadar (Guj) and Bhima (Maha) having no live storage, .



Fertilizer Position:

Table – 3: Requirement, Availability, Sales and Stock position of Major Fertilizers Urea, DAP and MOP during October, November, December, 2012 & January, 2013

(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>10198</i>	<i>3983</i>	<i>1560</i>	<i>3629</i>
<i>Availability as on 28.01.2013</i>	<i>11361</i>	<i>4225</i>	<i>857</i>	<i>3021</i>
<i>Sales as on 28.01.2013</i>	<i>10411</i>	<i>2811</i>	<i>493</i>	<i>1913</i>
<i>Closing Stock as on 28.01.2013</i>	<i>951</i>	<i>1414</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>1111</i>
<i>Requirement for January, 2013</i>	<i>3254</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>865</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 - Rabi (2012-13) as on 01-02-2013							
Crop Name	Normal Area	Average Area as on date	Area sown reported (In lakh hectares)			Absolute Change over (+/-)	
			01.02.2013	% of Normal	01.02.2012	Average as on date	Last Year
Wheat	282.62	285.33	297.61	105.3	298.59	12.3	-1.0
Rice	44.99	22.35	14.76	32.8	20.42	-7.6	-5.7
Jowar	44.99	44.06	38.81	86.3	37.65	-5.3	1.2
Maize	11.36	11.73	14.28	125.7	12.58	2.6	1.7
Barley	6.57	7.75	7.94	120.9	7.80	0.2	0.1
Total Coarse Cereals	62.92	64.45	61.93	98.4	58.86	-2.5	3.1
Total Cereals	390.53	372.13	374.30	95.8	377.87	2.2	-3.6
Gram	80.57	86.09	93.20	115.7	89.58	7.1	3.6
Lentil	14.46	14.89	15.08	104.3	15.48	0.2	-0.4
Peas	7.15	7.49	7.71	107.8	8.37	0.2	-0.7
Kulthi(Horse Gram)	2.36	4.84	4.97	210.6	5.09	0.1	-0.1
Urad	7.46	7.65	7.43	99.6	9.31	-0.2	-1.9
Moong	6.40	4.99	5.72	89.4	5.34	0.7	0.4
Lathyrus	5.46	4.50	4.05	74.1	4.45	-0.5	-0.4
Others	3.61	6.96	6.34	175.5	8.25	-0.6	-1.9
Total Pulses	127.46	137.42	144.49	113.4	145.86	7.1	-1.4
Total Foodgrains	518.00	509.55	518.79	100.2	523.73	9.2	-4.9
Rapeseed & Mustard	62.80	65.42	67.17	107.0	65.35	1.7	1.8
Groundnut	8.87	7.32	8.11	91.4	7.29	0.8	0.8
Safflower	3.05	2.59	1.51	49.6	1.93	-1.1	-0.4
Sunflower	10.26	7.62	4.89	47.7	4.32	-2.7	0.6
Sesamum	2.56	0.86	0.60	23.3	0.72	-0.3	-0.1
Linseed	4.03	4.46	3.32	82.4	4.18	-1.1	-0.9
Others	0.00	1.02	0.64	#DIV/0!	0.83	-0.4	-0.2
Total Oilseed (Nine)	91.56	89.29	86.23	94.2	84.62	-3.1	1.6
All- Crops	609.55	598.84	605.02	99.3	608.34	6.2	-3.3

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)		
		December, 2012	November, 2012	December, 2011
All Commodities	100	7.18	7.24	7.70
Primary Articles	20.12	10.61	9.42	3.60
(a) Food Articles	14.34	11.16	8.50	0.80
Cereals	3.37	19.02	15.85	1.70
Rice	1.79	17.10	11.80	1.20
Wheat	1.12	23.23	23.19	-3.90
Pulses	0.72	17.57	19.10	13.70
Gram	0.33	26.50	29.90	43.60
Arhar	0.13	11.00	14.9	-0.20
Moong	0.08	12.60	11.70	-3.30
Masur	0.05	21.60	26.00	-7.50
Urad	0.10	-0.80	-5.90	-10.60
Vegetables	1.74	23.25	-1.20	-34.60
Potato	0.20	89.08	72.20	-35.40
Onions	0.18	69.24	17.00	-61.60
Fruits	2.11	5.76	7.32	8.80
Milk	3.24	5.85	6.18	11.00
Egg, Meat & Fish	2.41	10.18	14.19	13.10
(b) Non-Food Articles	4.26	13.23	13.99	1.80
Oilseeds	1.78	28.94	31.37	10.60
Fuel & Power	14.91	9.38	10.02	12.57

Procurement:

Table – 6: Progressive procurement of Rice as on 01.02.2013 (lakh tonnes)

State	Total procurement in marketing season 2011-12 (Oct. – Sept.)	Progressive Procurement as on 01.02.2013	
		In Marketing season 2012-2013	In Marketing season 2011-2012
Andhra Pradesh	75.40	27.99	30.01
Chhattisgarh	41.15	40.83	33.77
Haryana	20.07	25.90	19.94
Kerala	3.72	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	6.35	8.18	5.34
Maharashtra	1.78	1.41	1.09
Odisha	28.64	18.69	12.16
Punjab	77.31	85.57	77.31
Tamil Nadu	15.96	0.09	4.55
Uttar Pradesh	33.55	13.57	21.09
Uttaranchal	3.78	2.58	2.07
West Bengal	20.41	5.17	3.71
All-India	350.31	232.61	217.98