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Report Highlights:

The pace of plantings for all major *kharif* crops is slower than last year as delayed monsoon rains and low reservoir storage levels have resulted in lower planted area. Monsoon rains across India for the month of June are 33 percent lower than the normal fifty-year average. However, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts widespread rainfall for the next two weeks across Central and Western India which will help increase the pace of sowings.

General Overview

The southwest monsoon (Jun/Sep) advanced further in Central and Western India leading to widespread rainfall in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. However, as a whole, India received below average rainfall from June 1 through June 30 around 33 percent below the long-period average (LPA) for the southwest monsoon.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), widespread rainfall with heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over the subdivisions of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Vidarbha and East Madhya Pradesh during the next 2-3 days (June 30- July 2). The subdivisions of Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Gujarat region, East Rajasthan and West Madhya Pradesh are very likely to witness enhanced rainfall activity for the next 3-4 days (July 1-4). For more details, please refer – IMD Special Daily Weather Report.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the rainfall forecast for July 4-10 indicates above normal rainfall activity likely to occur along the west coast, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, east Rajasthan and parts of Gujarat. For more details, please refer IMD Press Release.

Slow Planting Progress

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's (MOAFW) June 28, 2019 report, planted area for rice is similar to last year's level with significantly higher planted acreage in Punjab that is offset by declines in other areas. However, the sowing of other kharif crops specifically pulses, cereals and cotton have been slow due to delayed rains and low reservoir storage levels. Overall area for oilseeds is lower than last year with lower planted area for soybeans in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Planted area for groundnuts is significantly higher in Gujarat and Rajasthan but not enough to move overall oilseed area up. For more details please refer MOAFW June 28, 2019 Report.

Table 1: India: Regional Rainfall Distribution from June 1- June 30, 2019

	Regions	2019 Actual	Normal*	2019 Percent Difference from
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	(mm)	(mm)	Normal
Northwest India	51.0	75.3	-32%
Central India	117.3	169.2	-31%
Southern Peninsula	112.8	160.2	-30%
East and Northeast	218.2	347.1	-37%
India			
All India	112.1	166.9	-33%

^{*} Normal rainfall is the fifty-year average of rainfall from 1951-2000

Source: Indian Meteorological Department

Table 2: India: Kharif 2019 Sown Area (in million hectares)

Crop	Area sown in 2019 on June 28, 2019	Area sown in 2018 on June 28, 2018	Normal Area on June 28	Y-o-Y Change	Change from Normal	Absolute Change
Rice	2.709	2.712	3.554	0%	-24%	-0.03
Pulses	0.342	0.886	1.128	-61%	-70%	-5.44
Coarse	1.912	2.141	2.560	-11%	-25%	-2.29
Cereals						
Oilseeds	1.343	1.408	2.419	-5%	-44%	-0.65
Sugarcane	4.981	5.127	4.722	-3%	5%	-1.46
Jute and	0.666	0.713	0.723	-7%	-8%	-0.47
Mesta						
Cotton	2.708	3.220	4.561	-16%	-41%	-5.12
Total	14.661	16.207	19.666	-10%	-25%	-15.46

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Image: 1: India: Monthly Rainfall Statistics in mm (Southwest Monsoon 2019)

JUNE - 2019	1- Jun TO 30-Jun			JULY - 2019	1- Jul TO 1-Jul		
REGION	ACTUAL	NORMAL	% DEP	REGION	ACTUAL	NORMAL	% DEP
COUNTRY AS A WHOLE	112.1	166.9	-32.8	COUNTRY AS A WHOLE	7.2	8.1	-11.8
NORTHWEST INDIA	51.0	75.3	-32.2	NORTHWEST INDIA	1.3	4.2	-68.8
EAST & NORTHEAST INDIA	218.2	347.1	-37.1	EAST & NORTHEAST INDIA	4.7	14.9	-68.6
CENTRAL INDIA	117.3	169.2	-30.7	CENTRAL INDIA	14.7	9.4	56.4
SOUTH PENINSULA	112.8	160.2	-29.6	SOUTH PENINSULA	5.3	6.4	-17.6

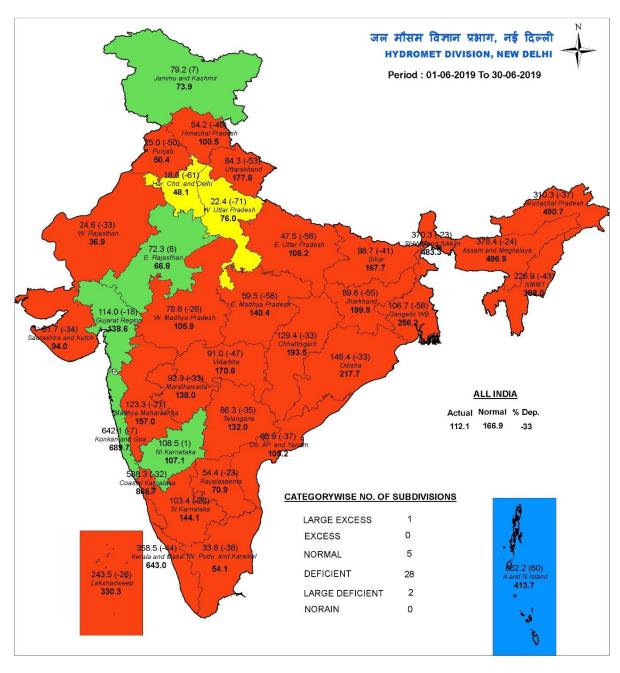
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Source: Indian Meteorological Department

^{**} Normal Area is the five-year average of the area from 2014-2018



SUBDIVISION RAINFALL MAP



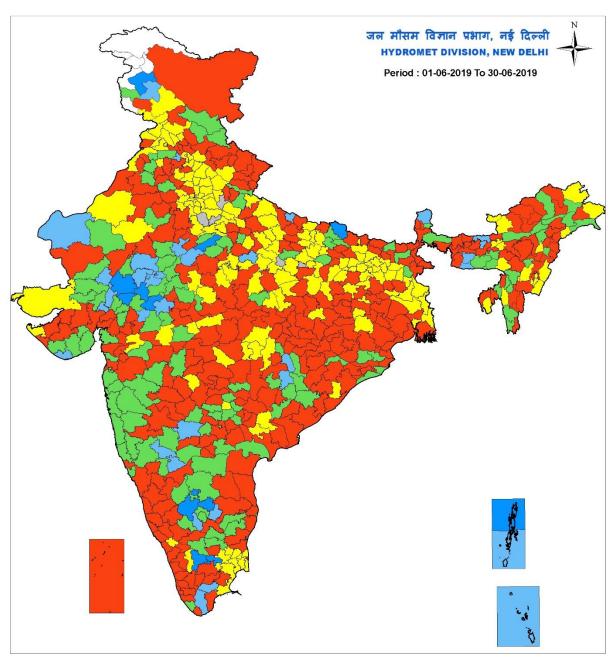
Legend

Large Excess [60% or more] Excess [20% to 59%] Normal [-19% to 19%] Deficient [-59% to -20%] Large Deficient [-99% to -60%] No Data [-100%]

- NOTES :
 a) RainFall figures are based on operation data.
 b) Small figures indicate actual rainfal (mm), while bold figures indicate Normal rainfall (mm).
- c) Percentage Departures of rainfall are shown in brackets.



DISTRICT RAINFALL MAP



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