## Weather

#### MONSOON SEASON (JUNE - SEPTEMBER 1992)\*

#### 1. Introduction

The summer monsoon rainfall (June - September 1992) over the country was 93% of the seasonal normal. 32 meteorological sub divisions received normal or excess rainfall, 3 sub-divisions had deficient rainfall. No meteorological sub-division reported scanty rainfall during the monsoon season. The seasonal rainfall departures stationwise and meteorological sub-divisionwise are given in Figs. 1 and 2.

#### 2. Features of the monsoon

#### 2.1. Advance of southwest monsoon

The onset of southwest monsoon over Kerala was on 5 June. It advanced northwards covering the peninsula, central and northeast India by 20 June, with a delay of 5 to 10 days. The northern limit of monsoon remained practically stationary over the northern parts of peninsula and east Uttar Pradesh from 20 June to 5 July. Thereafter the monsoon covered the entire country by 14 July, which is the normal date. Isochrones of advance of southwest monsoon are shown in Fig. 3.

#### 2.2. Weekly performance

Percentage departures (from normal) of weekly rainfall for 18 weeks (30 May - 30 September 1992) for all meteorological sub-divisions are given in Fig. 5. Monsoon rainfall was either excess or normal for 8 to 13 weeks in 17 meteorological sub-divisions, for 5 to 7 weeks in 16 meteorological sub-divisions and for 1 to 4 weeks in 2 meteorological sub-divisions. It was scanty for 8 to 9 weeks in the 6 sub-divisions of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar plateau, Bihar plains, east Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Kutch & Diu and Marathwada.

Between 25 June and 15 July 1992 the rainfall activity decreased significantly over the entire country. During the period from 25 June to 8 July, 26 meteorological subdivisions received deficient or scanty rainfall and during the period from 9 to 15 July, 22 meteorological subdivisions received deficient or scanty rainfall (Fig. 6, gives the cumulative departures of area weighted rainfall week by week for the entire season).

## 2.3. Monthly performance

In the month of June, the monsoon was active to vigorous for 4 to 6 days in Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and was active for 2 to 3 days in Assam & Meghalaya, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. The monsoon rainfall was excess in 4, normal

in 10, deficient in 18 and scanty in 3 meteorological sub-divisions.

In the month of July, the monsoon was active to vigorous over Assam and adjoining States, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and east Rajasthan for 8 to 10 days and was active over Orissa, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala States for 4 to 6 days. The rainfall was excess in 3, normal in 13 and deficient in 18 meteorological sub-divisions. It was scanty in 1 meteorological sub-division.

In the month of August, the monsoon was active to vigorous for 8 to 12 days in most parts of the country outside northeast India where it was active for only 4 to 6 days. The rainfall was excess in 12, normal in 17, and deficient in 6 meteorological sub-divisions. No meteorological sub-division received scanty rainfall.

In the month of September, the monsoon was active to vigorous for 4 to 6 days in most of the meteorological sub-divisions outside northwest India where it was active for only 2 to 3 days. The rainfall in September was excess in 9, normal in 10 and deficient in 15 meteorological sub-divisions. It was scanty in 1 meteorological sub-division.

#### 2.4. Seasonal performance

The seasonal total rainfall for the country as a whole was 93% of the long period average value. Out of 35 meteorological sub-divisions, the seasonal rainfall was excess (dep. + 20% or more) in 2, normal (+19% to -19%) in 30, and deficient (-20% to -59%) in 3 meteorological sub-divisions. No meteorological sub-division reported scanty rainfall. In the normal category the rainfall departures were on the negative side (between 0 & -19%) in 21 meteorological sub-divisions. The meteorological sub-divisions with deficient rainfall were: (i) Arunachal Pradesh (-39%), (ii) Bihar plains (-36%), and (iii) East Uttar Pradesh (-21%). The rainfall figures for the month and the season are given in Table 1.

#### 2.5. Withdrawal of southwest monsoon

The southwest monsoon withdrew from west Rajasthan on 17 September and from northwest India by 20 September. By 15 October, it withdrew from the entire country outside Peninsular India. It withdrew from the Peninsular India by 18 October. The isochrones of the withdrawal of the southwest monsoon for 1992 are given in Fig. 4.

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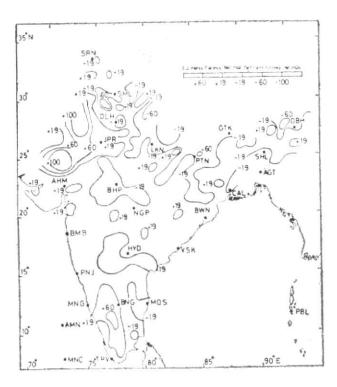


Fig. 1. Rainfall departure as percentage of normal for June-September 1992

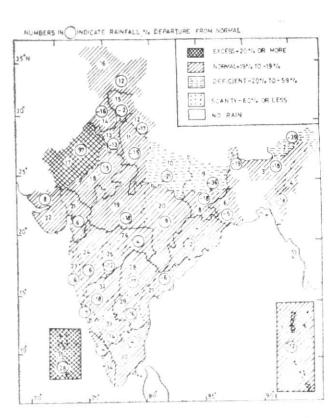


Fig. 2. Rainfall departure sub-divisionwise from normal for 1 June-30 September 1992

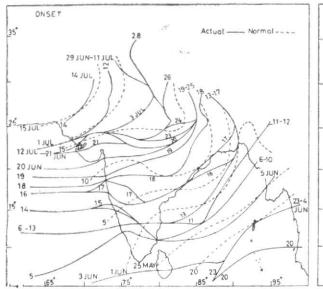


Fig. 3. Advance of southwest monsoon 1992

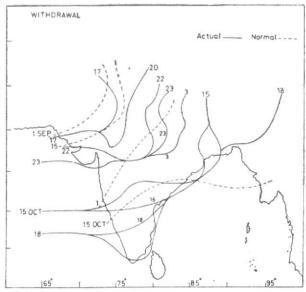


Fig. 4. Withdrawal of southwest monsoon 1992

 ${\bf TABLE~1}$  Rainfall figures (mm) for each month and season as a whole (June-Septembber 1992)

| S.<br>No. | Sub-division            |             | June        |               | _           | July        | у    | _ A         | ugust       |      | _ 5         | Septem      | ber        |             | Season      |            |  |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--|
| 110.      | Sub-division            | Ac-<br>tual | Nor-<br>mal | Dep.          | Ac-<br>tual | Nor-<br>mal | Dep. | Ac-<br>tual | Nor-<br>mal | Dep. | Ac-<br>tual | Nor-<br>mal | Dep.       | Ac-<br>tual | Nor-<br>mal | Dep.       |  |
| 1         | Bay Islands             | 364         | 470         | 23            | 367         | 357         | 3    | 334         | 371         | 10   | 316         | 407         | —22        | 1398        | 1594        | -12        |  |
| 2         | Arunachal Pradesh       | 233         | 509         | 54            | 441         | 599         | 27   | 249         | 425         | 41   | 334         | 273         | 22         | 1116        | 1824        | -39        |  |
| 3         | Assam & Meghalaya       | 427         | 554         | -25           | 465         | 538         | -14  | 366         | 416         | -12  | 284         | 330         | -14        | 1517        | 1843        | -18        |  |
| 4         | Naga., Mani. & Mizo.    | 171         | 388         | 56            | 308         | 414         | 26   | 258         | 290         | 11   | 285         | 232         | 23         | 1017        | 1239        | 18         |  |
| 5         | S.H.W.B. & Sikkim       | 271         | 535         | -49           | 647         | 610         | 6    | 394         | 503         | -22  | 259         | 412         | -37        | 1674        | 2059        | 19         |  |
| 6         | Gangetic West Bengal    | 139         | 251         | -44           | 329         | 305         | 8    | 239         | 313         | -24  | 199         | 238         | —16        | 1029        | 1083        | —5         |  |
| 7         | Orissa                  | 198         | 219         | 9             | 412         | 357         | 15   | 390         | 381         | 2    | 182         | 247         | 26         | 1182        | 1204        | -2         |  |
| 8         | Bihar Plateau           | 128         | 191         | -33           | 307         | 336         | _9   | 269         | 331         | 19   | 182         | 223         | —18        | 886         | 1081        | —18        |  |
| 9         | Bihar Plains            | 81          | 171         | -52           | 274         | 318         | 14   | 226         | 313         | 28   | 78          | 225         | 66         | 659         | 1027        | —36        |  |
| 10        | East Uttar Pradesh      | 45          | 105         | <b>—</b> 57   | 261         | 299         | -13  | 241         | 299         | -20  | 165         | 195         | 16         | 711         | 898         | -21        |  |
| 11        | Plains of West U. P.    | 25          | 81          | 69            | 213         | 268         | -21  | 311         | 269         | 16   | 112         | 162         | 31         | 661         | 779         |            |  |
|           | Hills of West U.P.      | 117         | 170         |               | 351         | 450         |      | 443         | 448         | -1   | 170         |             |            |             |             | 15         |  |
| 13        | Har. Chandi & Delhi     | 25          | 51          | 50            |             |             |      |             |             |      |             | 229         | 26         | 1081        | 1297        | -17        |  |
|           |                         |             |             |               | 131         |             | -25  | 221         | 177         | 25   | 64          |             | 40         | 442         | 509         | 13         |  |
|           | Punjab                  | 32          | 42          | 25            | 139         | 189         | 26   | 185         | 168         | 10   | 63          | 100         | -37        | 419         | 500         | 16         |  |
| 15        | Himachal Pradesh        | 69          | 97          | 30            | 269         | 349         | -23  | 437         | 323         | 35   | 132         | 159         | -17        | 906         | 928         | -2         |  |
| 16        | Jammu & Kashmir         | 47          | 56          | 17            | 74          | 139         | -46  | 117         | 124         | 6    | 214         | 84          | 155        | 452         | 403         | 12         |  |
| 17        | West Rajasthan          | 8           | 28          | 72            | 127         | 102         | 24   | 195         | 106         | 83   | 229         | 47          | 390        | 559         | 283         | 97         |  |
| 18        | East Rajasthan          | 14          | 58          | —76           | 174         | 222         | 22   | 362         | 228         | 59   | 168         | 115         | 46         | 718         | 623         | 15         |  |
| 19        | West Madhya Pradesh     | 50          | 114         | 56            | 201         | 331         | -39  | 381         | 281         | 36   | 125         | 195         | -36        | 757         | 921         | —18        |  |
| 20        | East Madhya Pradesh     | 77          | 166         | —54           | 285         | 406         | 30   | 489         | 374         | 31   | 223         | 234         | <b>—</b> 5 | 1073        | 1179        | <b>—</b> 9 |  |
| 21        | Gujarat Region          | 185         | 145         | 27            | 285         | 427         | 33   | 350         | 294         | 19   | 291         | 182         | 60         | 1111        | 1049        | 6          |  |
| 22        | Saurashtra, Kutch & Diu | 53          | 89          | -40           | 289         | 240         | 21   | 129         | 127         | 2    | 108         | 83          | —30        | 580         | 539         | 8          |  |
| 2.3       | Konkan & Goa            | 527         | 685         | -23           | 779         | 1106        | 30   | 1010        | 663         | 52   | 313         | 347         | -10        | 2628        | 2801        | -6         |  |
| 24        | Madhya Maharashtra      | 154         | 140         | 10            | 183         | 271         | -32  | 235         | 179         | 31   | 131         | 155         | —15        | 703         | 745         | 6          |  |
| 25        | Marathwada              | 217         | 146         | 49            | 74          | 206         | 64   | 204         | 187         | 9    | 139         | 179         | 22         | 635         | 717         | 12         |  |
| 26        | Vidarbha                | 166         | 167         | 0             | 227         | 336         | -32  | 511         | 277         | 85   | 112         | 201         | -44        | 1017        | 980         | 4          |  |
| 27        | Coastal Andhra Pradesh  | 60          | 111         | <del>46</del> | 186         | 168         | 11   | 188         | 159         | 18   | 127         | 159         | 20         | 561         | 598         | 6          |  |
| 28        | Telangana               | 145         | 137         | 6             | 160         | 243         | 34   | 255         | 212         | 21   | 89          | 193         | —54        | 649         | 784         | -17        |  |
| 9         | Rayalaseema             | 58          | 61          | 5             | 84          | 79          | 7    | 93          | 99          | -6   | 76          | 134         | -43        | 312         | 372         | -16        |  |
| 10        | Tamil Nadu              | 61          | 53          | 14            | 72          | 75          | —5   | 39          | 98          | -30  | 143         | 104         | 38         | 345         | 331         | 4          |  |
| 1         | Coastal Karnataka       | 937         | 884         | 6             | 1023        | 1173        | —13  | 977         | 686         | 42   | 341         | 307         | 11         | 3278        | 3051        | 7          |  |
| 2         | N. I. Karnataka         | 123         | 98          | 25            | 90          | 150         | 40   | 122         | 123         | -1   | 94          | 151         | 38         | 428         | 522         | 18         |  |
| 3         | S. I. Karnataka         | 295         | 154         | 92            | 215         | 290         | -26  | 231         | 205         | 13   | 158         | 140         | 13         | 900         | 788         | 14         |  |
| 34        | Kerala                  | 813         | 692         | 17            | 745         | 759         | -2   | 504         | 435         | 16   | 297         | 247         | 20         | 2359        | 2133        | 11         |  |
|           | Lakshadweep             | 349         | 307         | 13            | 389         | 283         | 37   | 374         | 192         | 95   | 95          |             | -41        | 1207        | 943         | 28         |  |

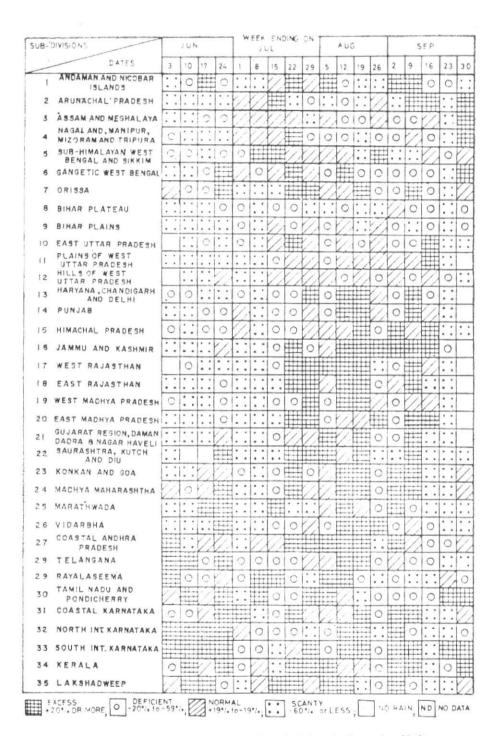


Fig. 5. Progress of monsoon week by week (1 June-30 September 1992)

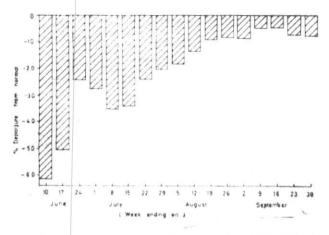


Fig. 6. Area weighted rainfall—cumulative departures

#### 3. Chief synoptic features during the monsoon

The synoptic disturbances, which affected the Indian region monthwise under different categories are given below:

| Delo  | W.   |     |     |     |     |       |
|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|       | System   | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Total |
| (i)   | Depression/deep<br>dep./cylonic storm                  | *2  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 3     |
| (ii)  | Low pressure area/<br>well marked low<br>pressure area | 0   | 2   | 6   | 3   | 11    |
| (iii) | Cyclonic circulation                                   | 12  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 39    |
| (iv)  | Western disturbance                                    | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |
| (v)   | Troughs (surface/<br>low levels)                       | 7   | 8   | 2   | 6   | 23    |
|       | Total  | 22  | 21  | 17  | 17  | 77    |

<sup>\*</sup>one system (8-12 June) was a cyclonic storms.

#### 3.1. Depression, deep depression and cyclonic storm

There was one cyclonic storm (8 - 12 June) over the Arabian Sea and two deep depressions (17 - 20 June and 26 - 30 July) over the Bay of Bengal during the season.

The cyclonic storm over the Arabian Sea moved away in a westerly direction without causing any weather over India.

The deep depression 17-20 June formed initially as a low pressure area over the northwest Bay. Moving in a westnorthwesterly direction it concentrated into a deep depression, crossed Orissa coast on the early morning of 18 June near Puri and weakened into a low pressure area over southwest Madhya Pradesh and neighbourhood by the 21st morning. It caused widespread heavy rains with scattered heavy to very heavy falls over Orissa and isolated heavy falls over Gangetic West Bengal on 18, 19 and 20 June. Widespread rains with isolated heavy falls also occurred over Vidarbha and Telangana on 19 and 20 June.

The deep depression over the Bay (26-30 July) formed initially as a depression over northwest Bay of Bengal on the morning of 26 July. Moving in a westnorthwesterly direction it intensified into a deep depression and crossed Orissa coast near Chandbali in the same night. Moving further in a westnorthwesterly direction, it weakened into a low pressure area and merged with the seasonal

low over west Rajasthan on the 30th. In association with the system widespread rains with scattered heavy to very heavy falls occurred over Orissa from 25 to 28 July. Widespread rains with isolated heavy falls also occurred over coastal Andhra Pradesh on the 26 and 27, over Gangetic West Bengal on the 27 and 28, over east Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha on the 27, 28 and 29 and over Gujarat and Rajasthan on the 30 and 31. Well distributed rainfall occurred over the sub-divisions lying close to the depression track.

There were no depressions in August and September-Fig. 7 shows the tracks of depressions/cyclonic storms during the season.

# 3.2. Low pressure area/well marked low pressure area (LPA/WMLDA)

5 well marked low pressure areas and 6 low pressure areas formed during the season. Monthwise break up of these systems is as follows:

In association with the low pressure areas forming in August, the rainfall in the month was normal or excess over all the meteorological sub-divisions of the country except Bihar plains, east Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

#### 3.3. Cyclonic Circulation (CYCIR)

In all, there were 39 cyclonic circulations (each of which had a life span of at least 24 hours) forming during the season. Out of these 6 developed over the Bay of Bengal, 5 over the Arabian Sea and 28 over land areas. In July and August most of the CYCIRs formed in the monsoon trough and moved westnorthwards along the axis of the trough.

#### 3.4. Mid-latitude trough

The number of major troughs in upper tropospheric westerlies that moved across northern India and south Indian Ocean were 14 and 17 respectively. Their monthwise frequency is as follows:

|                    | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Total |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| North India        | 4   | 3   | 3   | 4   | 14    |
| South Indian Ocean | 5   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 17    |

Remarks: On some occasions the trough over northern India extended as far south as 25°N while the trough over the south Indian Ocean extended as far north as 20° S

#### 3.5. Westerly jet

Sub-tropical westerly jet was seen over Delhi on 1 June, when winds of 250°/120 kt at 139 hPa level were reported. It persisted there till 7 June. The westerly jet was again seen over Delhi (winds 270°/70 kt at 180 hPa) on 23 September and over Lucknow (winds 250°/60 kt at 186 hPa) on 21 September.

#### 4. Semi-permanent systems

#### 4.1. Heat low

The heat low was observed in June, July and August. The normal position of the heat low is 28°N/68°E. The mean positions of the heat low in June and July.

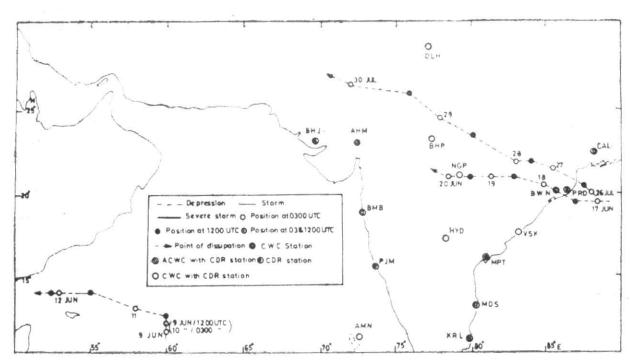


Fig. 7. Tracks of storms/depressions (June-September 1992)

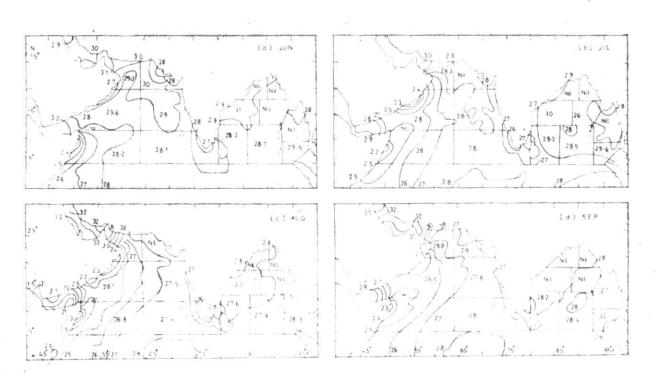


Fig. 8. Mean monthly sea surface temperature (°C) of Indian seas during monsoon 1992

TABLE 2
Wind anomalies (June - September 1992)

|         |       |         | Jun   | e     |       |       | Ju    | ily      |          |         | Aug   | ust   |       |       | S     | eptemb | er    |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| W/E     | 2     | 9       | 16    | 23    | 30    | 7     | 14    | 21       | 28       | 4       | 11    | 18    | 25    |       | 8     | 15     | 22    | 29    |
|         |       |         |       |       |       |       | Lowe  | er trope | spheric  | wester  | ly    |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| TRV     |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |          |          |         |       |       |       |       |       |        | 74    |       |
| 850 hPa | 12705 | 19604   | 23409 | 27417 | 03906 | 06511 | 00103 | 25108    | 28306    | 34101   | 17113 | 26708 | 00107 | 29308 | 31805 | 10005  | 10109 | 10510 |
| 700 hPa | 14810 | 10405   | 26212 | 28416 | 33405 | 09618 | 08003 | 30406    | 17804    | 01505   | 15312 | 24708 | 32407 | 28703 | 30306 | 09706  | 09515 | 10411 |
| вмв     |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |          |          |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| 850 hPa | 02507 | 04805   | 04805 | 34311 | 29504 | 03106 | 05811 | 20404    | 25403    | 20003   | 05805 | 28507 | 29903 | 27705 | 27708 | 29004  | 34002 | 06812 |
| 700 hPa | 08403 | 05209   | 05420 | 00515 | 31509 | 34109 | 08113 | 20204    | 27503    | -27204  | 12006 | 28611 |       | 28905 |       | 32407  | 23008 | 12905 |
| NGP     |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |          |          |         |       | 9.    |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| 850 hPa | 07305 | 19804   | 21008 | 11315 | 28509 | 35501 | 20903 | 17712    | 28615    | 16111   | 2)209 | 33809 | 33512 | 05804 | 24907 | 30309  | 35004 | 05406 |
| 700 hPa | 21202 | 2 14002 | 02904 | 10111 | 24709 | 07301 | 25303 | 18510    | 27708    | 16209   | 26906 | 01108 | 00306 | 06805 | 24706 | 28103  | 29108 | 12207 |
|         |       |         |       |       |       |       |       | Tropic   | al easte | rly jet |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| MDS .   |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |          | 11       |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| 200 hPa | 27416 | 26119   | 30710 | 30412 | 05611 | 25921 | 11102 | 25806    | 32407    | 23409   | 28710 | 33211 | 02007 | 09304 | 05013 | 08805  | 17906 | 28505 |
| TRV     |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |          |          |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |
| 200 hPa | 24911 | 28730   | 26912 | 35409 | 11810 | 00110 | 25209 | 28513    | 03901    | 21609   | 00313 | 07406 | 12310 | 14706 | 10307 | 13611  | 18209 | 24108 |

Easterly anomalies at 850 and 700 hPa means westerlies are weaker than normal.

Westerly anomalies at 200 hPa means easterlies are weaker than normal.

The first 3 digits give direction in degree and the last 2 digits give speed in knots.

TABLE 3

Details of weather systems during June 1992

| S.<br>No. | Weather system | Period | Place of first location | Direction of<br>movement | Place of dissipation        | Remarks   |
|-----------|----------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| (1)       | (2)            | (3)    | (4)                     | (5)                      | (6)                         | (7)   |
| 1         | Cyclonic storm | 8 - 12 | Lakshadweep area        | Westnorth-<br>westerly   | West central Arabian<br>Sea | 3-low pressure area<br>over Lakshadweep 9<br>depression near 11.5<br>60, deep depression of<br>11 M near 13/58, 11 E<br>cyclonic storm nea<br>14/55, 12 M deep depr |
|           |                |        |                         |                          |                             | ession near 14/53, 12 E<br>depression near 14/53<br>13-unimportant  |

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| (1) |              | (2)                             | (3)          | (4)   | (5)                         | (6)   | (7)  |
|-----|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 2   | Deep         | depression                      | 17–2<br>Jur  |   | West-<br>north-<br>westerly | Southwest Madhya<br>Pradesh and neigh-<br>bourhood  | 16 - trough of low<br>north Bay, 17 - de-<br>pression northwest Bay<br>19.5/88.5, 17 E-<br>deep depression 19.5/<br>87, 18-weakened de-<br>pression 21/85, 20 E-<br>weakened into well<br>marked LOPAR over<br>northwest Vidarbha and<br>neighbourhood, 21M-<br>LOPAR over southwest<br>Madhya Pradesh and |
| 3   | (i)          | Cyclonic circulation            | 1 Jun        | Punjab and neighbour-<br>hood in lower<br>tropospheric levels                       | Stationary                  | In Situ   | neighbourhood  |
|     | (ii)         | Do.                             | 6-10         | Lakshadweep in lower levels   | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (iii)        | Do.                             | 6-15         | Southwest Bay off<br>Tamil Nadu coast in<br>middle tropospheric<br>levels           | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (iv)         | Do                              | 13-16        | Lakshadweep area in lower levels  | Do.                         | Do  |  |
|     | (y)          | Do.                             | 9 Jun        | East Uttar Pradesh and neighbourhood  | Do.                         | Do.<br>Do.  |  |
|     | (vi)         | Do.                             | 12-15        | Gangetic West Bengal<br>and neighbourhood   | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (vii)        | Do.                             | 15-17        | Northeast Rajasthan and neighbourhood   | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
| (   | (viii)       | Do.                             | 22-23        | Punjab and neighbour-<br>hood   |                             |   |  |
|     | (ix)         | Do.                             | 21-23        | Northwest Bay off<br>north Orissa coast   | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (x)          | Do.                             | 25-26        | North Punjab and<br>neighbourhood   | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (xi)         | Do.                             | 28-29        | Haryana and neighbour-<br>hood  | Do.                         | Do.   |  |
|     | (xii)        | Do.                             | 30-7<br>Jul  | North Pakistan and neighbourhood  |                             | Moved away northeast-<br>wards across Jammu &<br>Kashmir  |  |
| 4   | ( <i>i</i> ) | Trough (lower levels)           | 1-10         | Bihar plains to north<br>Tamil Nadu through<br>east Madhya Pradesh<br>and Telangana | Stationary                  | In situ   |  |
|     | (ii)         | Do.                             | 6-8          | West Uttar Pradesh to<br>Marathwada through<br>west Madhya Pradesh                  | Eastward                    | East Uttar Pradesh to<br>Rayalaseema  |  |
|     | (iii)        | Do.                             | 10-12        | East Uttar Pradesh to<br>Madhya Maharashtra<br>through west Madhya<br>Pradesh       | Stationary                  | In situ   |  |
|     | (iv)         | Trough (sea level chart)        | 15-17        | Off Goa coast to Kerala coast   |                             | Embedded cyclonic<br>circulation over Lak-<br>shadweep off Kar-<br>nataka coast up to<br>7.6 km asl | Became less marked on<br>18  |
|     | (v)          | Trough (lower levels)           | 20-24        | West Central Bay off<br>Orissa coast to north<br>Andaman Sea                        | Northeast                   | Northeast Bay to north<br>Andaman Sea   | h Became less marked on  |
|     | (vi)         | Do.                             | 24-30        | Northwest Rajasthan<br>to north Bangla Desh<br>and thence to north-<br>east Assam   | Stationary                  | North Punjab to Gan-<br>getic West Bengal and<br>thence to northeast<br>Bay                         |  |
|     | (vii)        | Trough of low (sea level chart) | 30-01<br>Jul | Lakshadweep area off<br>Karnataka coast   | Do.                         | In situ   |  |
| 5   | West         | ern disturbance                 | 24-26        | North Pakistan and<br>adjoining Jammu &<br>Kashmir                                  |                             | Moved away north-<br>eastwards  |  |

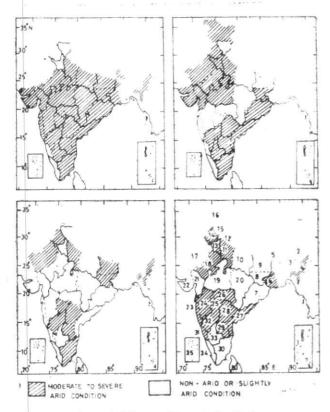


Fig. 9. Aridity conditions during 1992

were 28°N, 69.1°E and 28.2°N, 68.6°E with central pressures of 997.6 hPa and 997.2 hPa respectively. The lowest pressure of heat low was 992 hPa on 24, 26 and 27 June and 994 hPa on 19 and 25 July.

In the second fortnight of August the heat low was more intense and was situated south of its normal position.

#### 4.2. Axis of the monsoon trough

The monsoon trough at 0.9 km asl normally runs from Ganganagar to north Bay through Allahabad in July.

The southwest monsoon was established over the entire country by 14 July and the monsoon trough was established in mid-July and it persisted till the first week of September.

The Monsoon trough was active and was south of its normal position on most of the days. Most of the low pressure areas/depressions and cyclonic circulations moved in a westnorthwesterly direction along the monsoon trough.

## 4.3. Cross-equatorial flow

The cross-equatorial flow was stronger in the Arabian Sea than in the Bay throughout the season. The average strength of the cross-equatorial flow in the Arabian Sea as estimated from the surface winds was of the order of 20 to 25 kt while in the Bay it was of the order of 10-15 kt. Occasionally the strength reached up to 35 to 45 kt in the Arabian Sea in July and August.

The western end of the equatorial trough in the southern hemisphere was equatorward than its normal position throughout the season.

#### 4.4. Sea Surface Temperature (SST)

Fig. 8 gives monthly mean sea surface temperatures over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the corresponding normal isopleths.

In June, central and north Arabian Sea were warmer by 1°C then the normal and west central Bay was warmer by 2°C.

In July, most parts of the Bay of Bengal were warmer by 1 to 2°C.

In August, west central and northwest Arabian Sea and west central Bay of Bengal were warmer by 2°C.

In September, western parts of the Arabian Sea were warmer by 1 to 2°C.

The above assessment is tentative, as observations in all the four months of the season, are very meagre.

#### 4.5. Tibetan anticyclone

The Tibetan anticyclone/high was established by the third week of June. It shifted southwards and also westwards by the second week of July and was intense in the second fortnight of July. In August it remained practically stationary, south of its normal position.

#### 4.6. Tropical Easterly Jet (TEJ)

The tropical essterly jet was observed over Madras (070°/80 kt at 99 hPa on 18 June) and Thiruvananthapuram (070°/85 kt at 120 hPa on 17 June) during the third week of June. It persisted in the same latitudes till the third week of July. Again in the month of August and September, TEJ was seen over the above stations with wind speeds of 100 kt for one or two days. Visakhapatnam also reported 100 kt wind on some days during the fourth week of August.

#### 5. Other features

#### 5.1. Weekly anomaly

Weekly anomaly charts have been prepared for 850 700 and 200 hPa levels wherein anomaly troughs and ridges have been delineated. Wind anomalies for some stations are given in Table 2.

June - July

One anomalous trough in the lower levels (850 and 700 hPa) was along 10°N on 9 June and 16 June. This moved to 19°N on 23 June and subsequently became less marked. The second anomalous trough was seen along 9°N on 7 and 14 July on 850 hPa chart only. Thereafter, it became less marked in the same location. The third anomalous trough was seen on 28 July on 850 and 700 hPa charts from 28°N, 74°E to 21°N, 90°E. Anomalous ridge was seen at 850 and 700 hPa charts along 20°N on 7 and 14 July.

No anomalous ridge at 200 hPa was seen throughout June and July. In most of the weeks almost all the stations in the Peninsular India were having anomalous westerly winds indicating a weaker easterly flow.

TABLE 4

Details of weather systems during July 1992

| S.<br>No. | Wea     | ther system   | Period           | Place of first<br>location   | Direction of movement  | Place of dissipation                                     | Remarks  |
|-----------|---------|---|------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|
| (1)       |         | (2)   | (3)              | (4)  | (5)                    | (6)  | (7)  |
| 1.        | Deep    | depression  |                  | Northwest Bay and neighbourhood  | Westnorth-<br>westerly | Northwest Rajasthan and adjoining Pakistan               | Cyclonic circulation on 24 July. Low pressure area on 25 July and depression on 26 July near 20/88. Deep depression on 26 July Enear 20.5/87.5, crossed Orissa coast near Chandbali between Paradip and Balasore on mid - night of 26. |
|           | ž s .e. |   |                  |  |                        |  | Depression over east<br>Rajasthan near Kota<br>(25/76) on 29 July. Well<br>marked low over south-<br>west Rajasthan on 30<br>and merged with sea-<br>sonal low   |
| 2         | (i)     | Low pressure  | 15 Jul           | East central Arabian<br>Sea off north Maha-<br>rashtra-south Guja-<br>rat coasts | Stationary             | In situ  | Merged with well mar-<br>ked trough on sea level<br>chart from south<br>Gujarat coast to Kerala<br>coast   |
|           | (ii)    | Do.   | 18               | Northwest Bay and neighbourhood  | Do.                    | Do.  | Seen as cyclonic circu-<br>lation over Gangetic<br>West Bengal and ad-<br>joining Orissa and<br>northwest Bay up to<br>mid - tropospheric le-<br>vels  |
| 3         | (i)     | Cyclonic circu-<br>lation   | 30 Jun<br>-4 Jul | North Pakistan and<br>neighbourhood  | Northeast-<br>wards    | Moved away northeast-<br>wards across Jammu<br>& Kashmir |  |
|           | (ii)    | Do.   | 9 - 14           | Punjab and adjoining<br>Pakistan   | Do.                    | Moved northeastwards<br>across Jammu &<br>Kashmir        |  |
|           | (iii)   | Do.   | 10 - 12          | Gangetic West Bengal<br>and neighbourhood  | Stationary             | Orissa and neighbour-<br>hood                            | Merged with monsoor<br>trough on sea level char<br>from southwest Rajas<br>than to south Orissa and<br>south Madhya Pradesl<br>and thence south<br>eastwards to south  |
|           | (iv)    | Do.   | 15 - 16          | North Pakistan and<br>neighbourhood  | Northeast-<br>wards    | Moved away north-<br>eastwards across<br>Jammu & Kashmir | central Bay  |
|           | (v)     | Do.   | 18 - 25          | Gulf of Cambay and neighbourhood   | Northeast              | Northeast Rajasthan<br>and adjoining Har-<br>yana        |  |
| €.        | 4       | Cyclonic circula-<br>tion between 1.5<br>and 5.8 km asl                   | 17 - 21          | Northwest Bay off<br>Orissa coast  | Stationary             | In situ  | Merged with monsoor trough   |
|           |         | Cyclonic circu-<br>lation up to mid-<br>tropospheric levels               | 19 - 21          | Gangetic West Bengal<br>and adjoining parts<br>of Orissa and north-<br>west Bay  |                        | D <sub>0</sub> ,   | Do   |
|           | (viii)  | Cyclonic circu-<br>lation extending<br>up to 4.5 km asl                   | 18               | West Madhya Pradesh<br>and neighbourhood   | Stationary             | In situ  | Merged with monsoon<br>trough at 0.9 km asl  |
|           | (ix)    | Cyclonic circu-<br>lation extending<br>up to mid-tropo-<br>spheric levels |                  | Southeast Rajasthan and neighbourhood  | West to sou-<br>thwest | Over north Gujarat<br>region and neighbour-<br>hood      | Merged with the wei<br>marked low pressur-<br>area over northwes<br>Rajasthan and adjoin<br>ing Pakistan   |

TABLE 4 (Contd).

| 1) |          | (2)   | (3)    | (4)   | (5)  | (6)   | (7)   |
|----|----------|---|--------|---|--|---|---|
|    | (x)      | Do.   | 29 Jul | Gulf of Siam and<br>neighbourhood   | Westerly   | West central and ad-<br>joining northwest Bay | Became part of low pres<br>sure area over wes<br>central and adjoining<br>northwest Bay |
| 4  | (i) Tr   | ough of low on                                  | 1-3    | Maharashtra coast to<br>Kerala coast  | Stationary   | În situ                                       | Became less marked  |
|    | (ii)     | Do.   | 3-15   | Punjab to Gangetic<br>West Bengal and<br>thence southeastwards<br>to Arakan coast   | Northwest  | Do.   |   |
|    | (iii)    | Do.   | 5-7    | Bihar plains to north-<br>northeast Assam   | Stationary   | Do.   | Became less marked  |
|    | (iv)     | Do.   | 8-31   | West coast off Guja-<br>rat coast to Kerala<br>coast  | Fluctuating<br>from Gujarat<br>to Kerala and<br>Karnataka to<br>Kerala coast |   | Extended up to 5.8 kr<br>between 14& 22 Jul an<br>up to 1.5 km betwee<br>16 & 31 July   |
|    | (v)      | Do.   | 31     | North and central Bay   | Stationary   | In sitte                                      |   |
|    | (vi) Ti  | rough (east-west)<br>tween 3.1 and<br>8 km asl  | 1      | South Maharashtra<br>coast to east central<br>Bay across Orissa coast   | Do.  | Do.   |   |
|    | (vii) Ti | ough (lower<br>levels)                          | 4-8    | Northwest Bay to<br>southwest Bay off<br>Tamil Nadu coast   | Do.  | Do.   |   |
|    | be       | rough (east-west)<br>etween 3.1 and<br>8 km asl | 9-12   | From west central Bay<br>off Andhra coast to<br>Karnataka coast ac-<br>ross Peninsular India  |  | Do.   |   |
|    |          | is of monsoon<br>ugh                            | 14     | Runs from northwest<br>Rajasthan to north<br>Orissa across Madhya<br>Pradesh and thence<br>to southeastwards to<br>east central Bay |  |   |   |
|    | (ii)     | Do.   | 15     | North Rajasthan to<br>north Orissa across<br>Madhya Pradesh and<br>thence southeastwards<br>to east central Bay                     |  |   |   |
|    | (iii)    | Do.   | 16     |   |  |   | stwards to east central B   |
|    | (iv)     | De.   | 17     | central Bay   |  |   | nce southeastwards to ea  |
|    | (v)      | Do.   | 19     | eastwards to east cen   | tral Bay   |   | Pradesh and thence sout   |
|    | (vi)     | De.   | 23     | southwards to east ce   | entral Bay   |   | Uttar Pradesh and then  |
|    | (vii)    | Do.   | 25     | wards to east central   | Bay  |   | re area and then southeas   |
|    | (viii)   | Do.   | 26     | Bay   |  |   | utheastwards to east centr  |
|    | (ix)     | Do.   | 27     | east central Bay  |  |   | d thence southeastwards   |
|    | (x)      | Do.   | 28     |   |  | and thence southeastward                      |   |
|    | (xi)     | Do.   | 29     | to central Bay  |  |   | and thence southeastwar   |
|    | (xii)    | Do.   | 30     | Jaisalmer, centre of t<br>east central Bay  | he depression I  | Kota, Jabalpur, Puri and                      | d thence southeastwards   |
|    |          |   |        |   |  |   |   |

TABLE 5

Details of weather systems during August 1992

| _         |        |                                  |             | Details of weather s   | ystems during A        | August 1992   |   |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------|---|---|
| S.<br>No. |        | eather system                    | Period      | Place of first location  | Direction of movement  | Place of dissipation  | Remarks   |
| 1         | (i)    | Low pressure area                | 2-4         | West central and ad-<br>joining NW Bay   | Easterly               | West central and ad-<br>joining east central Bay                          | ,   |
|           | (ii)   | Do.                              | 5           | Saurashtra, Kutch and neighbourhood  | Stationary             | In situ   |   |
|           | (iii)  | Well marked low<br>pressure area | 13-21       | NW Bay and adjoin-<br>ing west central Bay<br>off Orissa coast   | Westnorth-<br>westerly | Southwest Uttar Pra-<br>desh and neighbour-<br>hood                       | Well marked on 14<br>merged with monsoon<br>trough  |
|           | (iv)   | Low pressure area                | 17-23       | Northwest Bay off<br>north Orissa-south<br>Bengal coast  | Northwest              | Southwest Uttar Pra-<br>desh and adjoining<br>northwest Madhya<br>Pradesh |   |
|           | (v)    | Do.                              | 26-30       | Northwest Bay and neighbourhood  | Westnorth-<br>westerly | Southwest Uttar Pra-<br>desh and adjoining<br>northeast Madhya<br>Pradesh |   |
|           | (vi)   | Do.                              | 30-4<br>Sep | West central Bay and<br>neighbourhood  | Do.                    | South Rajasthan and neighbourhood   | Low Pressure area on 30. Well marked on 31 (west central Bay), crossed south Orissa coast on 1, crossed southwest Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Vidarbha on 2, crossed southeast Rajasthan and northwest Madhya Pradesh on 4 and became less marked on 5 |
| 2         | (i)    | Cyclonic circulation             | 1-2         | East Uttar Pradesh   | Stationary             | In situ   | September   |
|           | (ii)   | Do.                              | 2.5         | South Madhya Pra-  |                        | m suu   | Extends up to 2.1 km asl  |
|           |        |                                  |             | desh and neighbour-<br>hood  |                        | -   | Merged with low pres-<br>sure area over Sau-<br>rashtra & Kutch and<br>neighbourhood  |
|           | (iii)  | Do.                              | 2-4         | Gujarat region and<br>neighbourhood  | Northwest-<br>wards    |   | Merged with low pres-<br>sure area over Saurashtra<br>& Kutch on 5 August   |
|           | (iv)   | Do.                              | 2-3         | Jammu & Kashmir and neighbourhood  | Northeast              | Moved away north-<br>westwards  | on 5 August   |
|           | (v)    | Do.                              | 5-8         | North Tamil Nadu<br>and neighbourhood  | Northwest              | Southwest Arabian Sea   |   |
|           | (vi)   | Do.                              | 6-13        | Bangla Desh and<br>neighbourhood   | Northwest              | South Rajasthan and adjoining Gujarat region.                             |   |
|           | (vii)  | Do.                              | 22-24       | Northwest Bay off<br>Orissa coast  | Northwest              | Bihar plateau and<br>neighbourhood  |   |
|           | (viii) | Do.                              | 24          | Gujarat region and<br>neighbourhood  | Stationary             | In situ   |   |
|           | (ix)   | Do.                              | 25-26       | Northeast Pakistan & adjoining Punjab  | Northeast              | Moved away northeast-<br>wards  |   |
| 3         |        | Trough on sea<br>level chart     | 1-19        | West coast off Gujarat<br>coast to Kerala coast  |                        | Oscillating north and   |   |
|           | (ii)   | Do.                              | 24-31       | ***  | Stationary             | south<br>In situ  |   |
|           | (iii)  | Monsoon trough                   | 1-31        | Passing through Pati-<br>ala. Allahabad, Vara-<br>nasi, Bhubaneswar<br>and thence to north<br>Andaman Sea through<br>central Bay |                        |   |   |

TABLE 6
Details of weather systems during September 1992

| S.<br>No. | 1            | Veather system   | Period | Place of first location   | Direction of movement             | Place of dissipation                     | Remarks   |
|-----------|--------------|--|--------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1         | (i           | Well marked low<br>pressure area                       | 5-10   | Northwest Madhya<br>Pradesh and neigh-<br>bourhood  | Westnorth-<br>west                | Central Pakistan                         | Low pressure area (N<br>W Madhya Pradesh) on<br>5, well marked LOPAR<br>over SW Rajasthan and<br>neighbourhood on 8,<br>northwest Rajasthan<br>and adjoining Pakistan<br>on 9 and less marked on  |
|           | (ii)         | Do.  | 6-14   | Northwest Bay off<br>Orissa coast   | Northwest                         | Central parts of east<br>Uttar Pradesh   | Cyclonic circulation over same area on 4 and 5, low pressure area on 6, well marked on 9, northwest Baycrossed coast over Orissa and neighbourhood on 10, northeast Madhya Pradesh, central parts of east Uttar Pradesh on 11, less marked on 14 Sept. Associated cyclonic circulation up to mid-tropospheric level became less marked over north |
|           | (iii)        | Low pressure area                                      | 24-28  | North Bay and nei-<br>ghbourhood  | Do.                               | Bihar plateau and nei-<br>ghbourhood     | Uttar Pradesh on 16<br>Northwest Bay and<br>adjoining parts of West<br>Bengal-north Orissa<br>coast on 25   |
| 2         | ( <i>i</i> ) | Cyclonic circulation                                   | 1      | North Konkan and<br>adjoining parts of<br>Gujarat region  | Stationary                        | In situ                                  | Merged with low press-<br>ure area over southwest<br>Madhya Pradesh and   |
|           | (ii)         | Do.  | 2-3    | Northwest Rajasthan   | Do.                               | Do.                                      | adjoining Vidarbha  |
|           | (iii)        | Do.  | 3-5    | and neighbourhood<br>North Orissa and<br>neighbourhood  | Northwest/<br>Northnorth-<br>west | East Madhya Pradesh<br>and neighbourhood | Merged with monsoon trough  |
|           | (iv)         | Do.  | 10     | South Uttar Pradesh<br>and adjoining parts of<br>north Madhya Pradesh                                       | Stationary                        | In situ                                  | Merged with low pres-<br>sure area over Madhya<br>Pradesh   |
|           | (v)          | Do.  | 14-15  | Karnataka-south<br>Maharashtra coast  | Do.                               | Do.                                      | 1 macon   |
|           | (vi)         | Do.  | 14     | Southeast Rajasthan<br>and neighbourhood  | Do.                               | Do.                                      |   |
|           | (vii)        | Do.  | 16-18  | North Pakistan and<br>adjoining parts of Pun-<br>jab  | Northeast                         |  | Moved away northeast-<br>wards across Jammu &<br>Kashmir  |
|           | (viii)       | Do.  | 20-21  | Off north Maharashtra<br>coast  | Stationary                        | Do.                                      | Resigni   |
| 3         | (i)          | Westerly trough  | 16-17  | Jammu & Kashmir to  | Stationary                        | In situ                                  |   |
|           | (ii)         | Trough (sea level                                      | 10-12  | southeast Pakistan<br>Maharashtra coast to  | Do.                               | Do.                                      |   |
|           | (iii)        | chart)<br>Trough (lower level)                         | 15-23  | Kerala coast<br>Telangana to south  | Do.                               | Do.                                      |   |
|           | (iv)         | Do.  | 25-26  | Tamil Nadu Off southwest Bay running off south coastal Andhra Pra- desh to north Tamil                      | Do.                               | Do.                                      |   |
|           | (v)          | Do.  | 27-29  | Nadu From north interior Karnataka to south Tamil Nadu with an embedded cyclonic circulation off Tamil Nadu | Do.                               | Do.                                      |   |
|           | (vi)         | Trough (extends<br>up to mid tropos-<br>pheric levels) | 21-23  | From north Bay to<br>north Andaman Sea  | Northerly                         |  | Low pressure area<br>formed over northeast<br>Bay on 24th   |

## APPENDIX I Principal amounts of rainfall (cm)

| Dae | June   | July   | August  | September  |
|-----|--|--|---|--|
| 1   |  |  | Shirali 10, Bhubaneshwar,<br>Broach & Magra 8 each                | Amraghat 14, Kangra 9,<br>Hardwar & Kalingapatnam<br>7 each                    |
| 2   |  | Dundigal 12. Cherrapunji,<br>Jagdalpur & Jalpaiguri 7 each                       | Ambala & Adilabad 13 each,<br>Cuttack 11, Yeotmal 10              | Latur 22, Akola 11, Ramagundam 9, Betul 7                                      |
| 3   | Kodumudi 16, Nedumangad 15,<br>Kochi 10, Sirsa 8   | Cherrapunji 27, Chouldaghat<br>11, Pilani & Raipur 7 each                        | Hoshangabad 22, Joginder-<br>nagar 15, Alibag & Silchar<br>7 each | Aurangabad 19, Mukteshwar<br>16. Bhavnagar 9, Sagar Island                     |
| 4   |  | Cherrapunji 22, Hosdurg 18,<br>Cooch Behar 8, Passighat 7                        | Shirali 24, Bankura 10, Bala-<br>sore 9, Bhavnagar 8              | Veraval 14, Churu 10, Ambika-<br>pur & Fazilka 9 each                          |
| 5   | Thumba 8, Panjim 7   | Irinjalkuda 12, Avinashi 9,<br>Bagdogra 8, Agartala 7                            | Jogindernagar 16, Harnai 14,<br>Honayar 11, Mayelikara 7          | Karimgani & Paint 14 each,<br>Agumbe 10, Karkala 8<br>Mount Abu 11, Agartala & |
| 6   | Mayanur 15, Kollam 11, Gang-<br>tok 8, Karkala 7   |  | Agumbe 8, Churu 7   | Raipur 9 each  |
| 7   | Verkala 16, Karwar 10, Cooch<br>Behar 9, Jalpaiguri 8  | Ahwa 19, Denkanikottai 16,<br>Nandyal 11, North Lakhim-<br>pur 9                 | Calcutta 18, Puri & Purnea 9<br>each, Sidhi 8                     | Jogindernagar 13, Pathankot 9,<br>Jodhpur & Nagpur 8 each                      |
| 8   | Kodungalur 35, Alapuza 21,<br>Panambur 14, Gokarna 9   | Chengannur 15, Cooch Behar<br>11, Cherrapunji 9, Gajendra-<br>gad 8              | Dharamsala 25, Khajuraho<br>23, Pilani & Sambalpur 9 each         | Bhakudar 34, Mount Abu & Silchar 15 each, Agumbe 9                             |
| 9   | Vadakara 16, Thiruvanantha-<br>puram 12, Aminidivi 8, Chalie-<br>kere 7  | Ammathy 12. Ratpagiri 8,   | North Lakhimpur 15, Now-<br>gong 11, Meerut 10, Manga-<br>lore 9  | Jalore & Paradip 11 each.<br>Kollam 9, Bahraich 7                              |
| 10  | Dundigul 17, Keonjhargarh & Kochi AP 8 each, Saswad 7  | vala 8, Jalpaiguri 7   | S. Madhopur 12, Purulia 11,<br>Chandbali 10, Chandigarh 8         | Rajgarh 22, Kasauli 20, Aizwa<br>& Nizamabad 7 each                            |
| 1   | Aska & Turaiyur 9 cach, Irinjal-<br>kuda & Yelhanka 7 cach   | Vishakhapatnam 8 each,<br>Lucknow 7  | Mahabale hwar 18, Erinpura-<br>Rd 14, Mangalore 10                | Khowang 12, Jabalpur & Kanpur 8 cach, Contai 7                                 |
| 2   | Aminidivi 31, Agathi 8, Cherra-<br>punji 11  | Cherrapunji 15, Darjeeling 9,<br>Narsipatnam & Minicoy 7<br>each                 | Bombay 22, Bolangir, Jalore<br>& Khammam 10 each                  | Panna 24. Darjeeling & Kanpur<br>12 each, Jogindernagar 9                      |
| 3   | Enmakal 31, Cherrapunji 16,<br>Kochi 9, Dumka 8  | Passighat 10, Koderu 9,<br>Muketshwar 8, Bhatinda 7                              | Bhira 24, Muzaffarnagar & Utnoor 12 each, Guddalur 9              | Banda 19, Satna 13, Bhagalpu<br>9, Darjeeling 7                                |
| 4   | Cherrapunji 21, Udupi 16, Var-<br>kala 12, Belthangady 7   | Passighat 23, Bahraich, Bag-<br>dogra & Panjim 9 each                            | Mahabaleshwar 27, Agumba<br>16, Panjim 10, Jagdalpur 7            | Bilhaur 15, Lucknow 13, Hasi<br>mara 11, Garautha 10                           |
| 5   | Port Blair 8, Bapatla 7 Panjim 35, Karwar 15, Sawant-  | Cooch Behar, Rupsi & Tadong<br>11 each, Gokarna 8<br>Kottayam 15, Panna 12, Rat- | ing 9, Dehradun 7<br>Hardwar 18, Bhilwara 13,                     | Dharmapuri 7<br>Passighat 7  |
| 7   | wadi 9, Parbhani 7<br>Kalinga 23, Panjim 17, Thalas-   | nagiri 10, Sriniketan 8<br>Mangalore 15, Purnea 14,                              | Seoni 11, Shimla 9<br>Shajapur 19, Bhira 18, Jogin-               | Magadi 15, Jalpaiguri 13   |
| 8   | serry 11, Honavar 12<br>Puri 25, Peermade 16, Honavar  | Alibag 13, Bhubangshwar 12<br>Ratnagiri 29, Kaling 10, Rai-                      | dernagar 13<br>Mahabaleshwar 24, Guna 12,                         | Dindigul 11, Tangla 8<br>Vellore 12, Chamarajanagara,                          |
| 0   | 9, Vengurla 8  | sen 8, Fatehpur 7  | Midnapore 10, Bikaner 7   | Mathanguri & Nuggeahall<br>7 each  |
| 9   | Gokarna 27, Gadchiroli 24,<br>Titlagarh 13, Dibrugarh 11   | Mahabaleshwar 21, Ratnagiri<br>17, Dibrugarh & Mathura 7<br>each                 | Agumbe 25, Bolangir 16,<br>Bhilwara 10, Jabalpur 8                | Se oke 7 each  |
| 20  | Ratnagiri 39, Parbhani 18, Pach-<br>marhi 13, Silchar 9  | Dharamsala 10, Belangir 8  | Keri 10. Kanpur /   | Sulur 7  |
| 21  | Sonagadh 41, Kannur 33, Tallital 25, Belgaum 10  | Koderu 21, Bankura 18, Rai-<br>garh 16, Kalingapatnam 8                          | Sikar 17, Yeotmal 12, Bag-<br>dogra 8, Hamirpur 7                 |  |
| 22  | Naduvattam 24, Medikeri 21,<br>Maheshwar 15, North Lakhim-   | Honavar II, Bhira 10, Sambal-<br>pur & Uttar Kashi 7 each                        | Sambhat 19, Alipur Duar 15,<br>Kollur 9, Kalimpong ?              | Bhimdole & Perianaikan-<br>Palayam 9 each, Alapuza 7                           |
| 13  | pur 8<br>Bankura 28, Vapi 25, Sambalpur<br>& Tezu 8 each   | Okha 17, Moradabad 13.<br>Gazipur 10, Kollur 9                                   | Ambikapur 8, Baghdogra 7  | Kangeyam 9   |
| 24  | Bankura 18, Murtizapur 12.<br>Nanded 11, Calcutta 7  | Mahabaleshwar 8, Gangtok /   | Raisen 21, Cherrapunii 1°,<br>Amroha & Cooch Behar 8 each         | Alapuza 8, Salem 7   |
| 25  | Cherrapunji 26, Darjeeling & Khodwanpur 8 each, Calcutta 7   | Baripada 15, Bhira 13, Nar-<br>sampet 8, Baroda 7                                | Dehradun 16, Pathankot &<br>Vidisha 13 each, Madras 7             | Baruipur 8   |
| 26  | Silchar 12, Mananthavady 11.<br>Baghdogra 9, Bilgram 8   | Peddapuram 16, Dehradun 12,<br>Ramagundam 10, Shivpuri 9                         | Gazipur 14, Ambikapur 13,<br>Julpaigui 9, Lumeing 8               | Dibrugarh 10. Bhubaneshwa  |
| 27  | Kudulu & Rupsi 12 each,<br>Agumbe 8, Bahraich 7  | Agumbe 27, Hemgiri 22,<br>Neemuch 17, Cooch Behar 12                             | Buxar 19, Hardwar 13, North<br>Lakhimpur & Shimla 8 each          | shedpur 11, Puri 7   |
| 28  | Karkala 16, Cooch Behar 10,<br>Taibpur 8, Calcutta 7   | 14, Midnapore 9  | Bilaspur 12, Belthangady 9,<br>Ghaziabad 8, Ramagiri 7            | Mettupatti 16, Balurghat J<br>Madurai 9, Kochi 7                               |
| 29  | Shirali 22, Damohani 13, Tali-<br>paramba 10, Etahwa 7   | 9, Gondia 8  | t Port Blair 12, Agumbe &<br>Mirzapur 8 each, Gangtok 7           | Guwahati & Kolhapur 7 each   |
| 30  | Mangalore 16, Ponnani 15,<br>Talaguppa 9, Cooch Behar 7  |  | , gall ir and Port Blair 7 cach                                   | Belgaum 9, Bombay 7  |
| 31  | The second secon | Mount Abu 26, Poshina 18,<br>Katra 14, Dharamsala 12                             | Shikohabad 10, Karkala 8,<br>Narsipatnam 7                        |  |

#### August-September

One anomalous trough was seen on 850 and 700 hPa charts west of 75°E along 25°N on 4 August and along 28°N on 11 August. On the 18th, it was running from 25°N, 73°E to 17°N, 90° E. On 8 September, one anomalous trough was seen from 25°N, 75°E to 17°N, 90°E. Anomalous ridge on 850 and 700 hPa charts was seen along 11°N on 15 September and along 19°N on 22 September.

One anomalous ridge at 200 hPa was seen along 25°N on both 25 August and 29 September. In the remaining weeks of August and September most of the anomaly winds in peninsula were westerlies.

## 5.2. Stratospheric features (10 hPa)

The rocket winds (flightwise) over Balasore and Thumba have been plotted and analysed for the monsoon periods June to September 1992. The following are the main features of circulation:

#### Balasore

Balasore data around 10 hPa were meagre during July-September. Wind regime in the vicinity of 10 hPa level was dominated by easterlies during the monsoon season. Strong easterly winds of 50 kt were noticed in the beginning of June which gradually increased to 70 kt by the end of July. The strength was maintained till the middle of August. Then it started decreasing gradually and by September it was 40 kt only.

Meridional components were practically absent.

#### Thumba

Strong easterly winds with speeds of around 30 kt appeared in the month of June, which decreased to westerly winds of speeds less than 10 kt in September.

The meridional components were negligible.

The temperature over Thumba at 10 hPa was found to be approximately —43°C in the beginning of June and —54°C towards the end of September.

# 5.3. Aridity conditions during southwest monsoon season

Moderate to severe arid conditions occurred in many meteorological sub-divisions of the country as shown in Fig 9.

The remaining meteorological sub-divisions experienced either non-arid or mild-arid conditions.

#### 6. Systems outside India

#### 6.1. Systems in south China Sea/west Pacific Ocean

The four monsoon months of 1992 witnessed 10 typhoons, 8 tropical storms and one tropical depression in south China Sea and west Pacific Ocean. All but two had their genesis in the western north Pacific Ocean. The remaining disturbances, viz., other one tropical strom and one tropical depression formed in the south China Sea. No system emerged into the Bay during the season 8 systems recurved northeastwards. The details of the tropical systems are given in Table 7.

TABLE 7

(a) Systems in the west Pacific during monsoon 1992

|                              | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tropical depression          |     |     | -   | 1   |
| Tropical storm               | 1   | 2   | 4   | 1   |
| Typhoon                      | 2   | Ĩ   | 4   | 3   |
| Total                        | 3   | 3   | 8   | - 5 |
| Mean (1959-1992)<br>34 years | 2.1 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 |

## (b) Systems in the south Indian Ocean west of 110°E during monsoon 1992

| -   | -   | _               | _     |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|
| _   |     | -               | 1     |
|     |     | -               | p=-~a |
| *** |     | and the same of | 1     |
| 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1             | 0.7   |
|     | _   |                 |       |

Tropical depression < 33 kt, Tropical sterm 34-63 kt, Typhoon 64-129 kt, Super typhoon > 130 kt.

#### 6.2. System in the southern hemisphere

Only one tropical storm formed in the south Indian Ocean in the last week of September. It moved poleward in a southwesterly direction and dissipated over the ocean itself. The details of the tropical system are given in Table 7.

The intensity of the Mascarene High was below normal by 1-2 hPa in June and by 2-3 hPa in July and above normal by 2-3 hPa in August and September. The Mascarene High was located to the east of its normal position by 5° to 10° in longitude in June and September. It was located to the west of its normal position by 5° in longitude in August. It was located near its normal position (30°S/60°E) in July.

#### 7. Characteristic features of southwest monsoon 1992

- (i) One cyclonic storm (8-12 June) over the Arabian Sea and two deep depressions (17-20 June, 26-30 July) over the Bay of Bengal formed during June and July against the normal of 6-7 depressions.
- (ii) No depression formed during the months of August and September against the normal of 4-5.
- (iii) In August, six low pressure areas moved across the central parts of the country and gave well distributed rainfall. 29 meteorological sub-divisions received excess or normal rainfall in August.
- (iv) Three low pressure areas in September gave widespread rains with 19 meteorological sub-divisions receiving excess or normal rainfall.
- (v) There was a lull in the monsoon activity over the entire country from 25 June to 10 July with subdued rainfall. The area—weighted rainfall showed rising trend

in all the weeks except these two weeks. However, sharp rise in area weighted rainfall were seen during 17-24 June and 15-22 July (Fig. 5).

- (vi) Advance of southwest monsoon was not associated with any onset vortex.
- (vii) Advance of southwest monsoon was delayed by about 5 to 12 days over the major parts of the country except over Rajasthan where it arrived around normal date. The northern limit of monsoon remained stationary over northern parts of the peninsula and east Uttar Pradesh from 20 June to 5 July. However, advance of monsoon over the entire country was complete by 14 July, the normal date.
- (viii) Axis of the monsoon trough was generally south of its normal position.
- (ix) The Tibetan anticyclone was slightly to the south of its normal position from the second fortnight of July to the middle of September.
- (x) There was no typical break monsoon situation after the monsoon had advanced over the whole country.
- (xi) The chronic deficient rainfall receiving areas such as west Rajasthan received excess rainfall (+97%) during the season. Gujarat State also received normal rainfall (7%) during the season.
- (xii) Rain shadow regions like Tamil Nadu, Rayalaseema, north interior Karnataka, Telangana, Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada received normal rainfall during the season while the flood prone area of northeast India received below normal rainfall with no major floods occurring in the area.

#### 8. Damages due to floods etc during the monsoon season

Heavy rains/floods caused varying amounts of damages in the States of Gujarat, Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra, Assam, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh and affected nearly 20 million people and claimed nearly 900 human lives.

8.1. Significant spells of heavy rainfall and destructive winds

During June widespread rainfall with isolated/ scattered heavy falls occurred over Kerala coast, Karnataka and Konkan on most of the days. More than 50 houses, thousands of plantations and a few fishing boats were damaged due to strong winds in Kerala during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June.

During the 2nd fortnight of July and 1st fortnight of August and September, widespread rainfall with isolated heavy falls occurred over the west coast, interior Peninsular India, Madhya Pradesh and northeast India.

#### 9. Significant monthly features

### 9.1. June

The southwest monsoon set in over Kerala on 5 June without any onset vortex. The monsoon covered the entire country by 14 July which is the normal date. Advance of monsoon over major parts of the country was delayed by 5 to 12 days.

## 9.1.1. Advance of monsoon

Though monsoon onset over Kerala was without any onset vortex, its advance over Peninsular India and

northeastern States was in association with a deep depression (17 to 20 June) in the Bay. Monsoon advanced rapidly over parts of northeast India between 3 and 14 July.

#### 9.1.2. Synoptic systems

Synoptic systems that occurred during June are given in Table 3.

#### 9.1.3. Monthly rainfall

Principal amounts of daily rainfall are given in Appendix I.

#### 9.1.4. Temperature

Moderate heat wave conditions prevailed on 4 to 6 days in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June over Rajasthan, plains of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra States.

#### 9.1.5. Disastrous weather events and damages

7 people lost their lives in Kerala in the 2nd week of June due to heavy rains. 28 people lost their lives in Gujarat and 7 people in Orissa due to heavy rains during the 3rd week of June.

#### 9.2. July

## 9.2.1. Synoptic systems

Details of synoptic systems are given in Table 4.

## 9.2.2. Monthly rainfall

Principal amounts of daily rainfall are given in Appendix I.

## 9.2.3. Disastrous weather events and damages during July

During the 3rd week of July, 9 persons in Bombay, 81 persons in Gujarat and 10 persons in Assam lost their lives due to heavy rains.

### 9.3. August

#### 9.3.1. Synoptic systems

Details of the synoptic systems during August are given in Table 5.

#### 9.3.2. Monthly rainfall

Principal amounts of daily rainfall are given in Appendix I.

9.3.3. Disastrous weather events and damages during August

There were no reports of damages during this month.

#### 9.4. September

#### 9.4.1 Synoptic systems

Details of the synoptic systems are given in Table 6.

#### 9.4.2. Withdrawal of southwest monsoon

Details are given under para 2.5.

#### 9.4.3. Monthly rainfall

Principal amounts of rainfall are given in Appendix I

#### 9,4.4. Disastrous weather events and damages

Torrential rains in the 1st week of September took a toll of 150 lives in Uttar Pradesh and 300 lives in Jammu & Kashmir.