

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:80
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013
PREDICTION OF MONSOON
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the early onset of the south-west monsoon all over the country this year is indicative of adequate rainfall during the four-month monsoon season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the rain predictions made by meteorologists for the current monsoon season in the country, month-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY (a) to (c) TO STARRED QUESTION NO.80 REGARDING "PREDICTION OF MONSOON" TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 08, 2013

(a) No Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India Meteorological Department (IMD) issues operational long range forecasts for the southwest monsoon Season (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole in two stages – during April and its update June, every year. Summary of IMD's long range forecasts for the southwest monsoon - 2013 (June to September) issued is presented below.

Region	Period	Date of Issue	Forecast (% of long period average)
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All India	June to September	26th April	98 ± 5
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All India	June to September	14th June	98 ± 4
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Northwest India	June to September		94 ± 8
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Central India	June to September		98 ± 8
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Northeast India	June to September		98 ± 8
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South Peninsula June to September 103 ± 8

All India July 101 ± 9

All India August 96 ± 9

All India August to September 1st August 96 ± 8