

**Fax Message**

**To** : Chief Secretary: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep,  
**Info** : Relief Commissioner: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep  
**From** : NERC, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi

**Subject: Well marked low pressure area over equatorial Indian Ocean: Special bulletin for Kerala, Lakshadweep and Tamil Nadu**

Yesterday's low pressure area over equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal and south Sri Lanka coast now lies as a Well Marked Low Pressure Area over Equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining south Srilanka & Maldives-Comorin area. It is very likely to move initially westnorthwestwards and then northwestwards and concentrate into a Depression over the southeast Arabian Sea (Maldives area) during next 36 hours.

**Warnings:**

**Rainfall:**

- Rain/ thundershower at a few places on 12th and at many places on 13th and 14th March is very likely over south Tamil Nadu. Rain/ thundershower at a few places on 13 th and at many places on 14 th March very likely over south Kerala. Rainfall at many places with isolated heavy falls on 13 th March and at most places with scattered heavy to very heavy falls on 14 th and 15 th March is very likely over Lakshadweep islands.

**Wind:**

- Squally winds speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is very likely over Comorin area and along and off South Tamilnadu - south Kerala coasts during the next 48 hrs. Squally winds speed reaching 30-40 kmph gusting to 50 kmph is very likely over Lakshadweep area and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea on 12th March. Wind speed will gradually increase thereafter over this region becoming 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph on 13th and 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on 14th and 15th March 2018.

**Sea Condition:**

- Sea condition will be rough to very rough over Comorin-Maldives area and adjoining sea areas during next 48 hrs and over Lakshadweep area and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea during 13 th -15 th March.

**Fishermen warning:**

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into sea off south Tamilnadu & adjoining south Kerala coast and equatorial Indian Ocean, Comorin-Maldives area and the Gulf of Mannar area during next 48 hrs. Fishermen are also advised not to venture into sea off south Kerala coast, Lakshadweep area and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea during 13th -15 th March 2018.

2. In view of above, State Governments are advised to keep a close watch, monitor the situation in their areas regularly and take appropriate precautionary measures. District authorities are to be advised accordingly. It is also requested that MHA may be kept informed about any developments in this regard at NERC Control Room telephone numbers- 23438252, 23438253, and Fax No- 23438254.

  
12/3/18  
Officer-In-Charge  
NERC, MHA

**Copy to:**

1. Resident Commissioner: Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Lakshadweep,
2. PPS to HS, PPS to Member, NDMA (Shri R K Jain), PPS to AS (DM)/PS to JS (DM). DG NDRF