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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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**Fax Message**

**To** : Chief Secretary: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, & Gujarat  
**Info** : Relief Commissioner: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat  
**From** : NERC, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi  
**Sub**: **Cyclonic Storm 'Mekunu' over Southwest Arabian Sea**

The Deep Depression over southwest Arabian Sea moved north-northwestwards with a speed of 13 kmph during past 06 hours and intensified into a Cyclonic Storm 'Mekunu' and lay centered at 1730 hrs IST of 22 nd May 2018 over southwest Arabian Sea near latitude 10.2 0N and longitude 56.8 0E, about 410 km southeast of Socotra Islands and 810 km south-southeast of Salalah (Oman). It is very likely to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 24 hours and into a Very Severe Cyclonic storm in subsequent 24 hours. It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and cross south Oman - southeast Yemen coasts as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm between 530E and 550E close to Salalah by 26th May, 2018 morning.

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
22/1730	10.2/56.8	65-75 GUSTING TO 85	CYCLONIC STORM
22/2330	10.5/56.7	70-80 GUSTING TO 90	CYCLONIC STORM
23/0530	11.0/56.5	80-90 GUSTING TO 100	CYCLONIC STORM
23/1130	11.5/56.4	90-100 GUSTING TO 110	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
23/1730	12.1/56.4	100-110 GUSTING TO 125	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
24/0530	13.3/56.0	110-120 GUSTING TO 135	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
24/1730	14.4/55.5	125-135 GUSTING TO 150	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
25/0530	15.0/55.1	140-150 GUSTING TO 165	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
25/1730	15.8/54.6	155-165 GUSTING TO 180	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
26/0530	16.8/54.1	155-165 GUSTING TO 180	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
26/1730	17.9/53.6	110-120 GUSTING TO 130	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
27/0530	19.0/53.0	65-75 GUSTING TO 85	CYCLONIC STORM
27/1730	20.1/52.4	40-50 GUSTING TO 60	DEPRESSION

**Warning:**

As the system is expected to move away from Indian coast, no adverse weather is expected along & off west coast of India and Lakshadweep.

**Wind Warning:**

- Gale winds speed reaching 65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph is prevailing over southwest Arabian Sea. It would gradually increase and become 110-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph by 24 th May morning. Squally winds speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely over westcentral Arabian Sea from 23rd morning onwards. The wind speed will gradually increase over these regions with the increase in intensity of the system during 22nd to 26th May. The maximum wind speed of 155- 165 kmph gusting to 180 kmph likely to commence from 25<sup>th</sup> evening.


**Sea Condition:**

- Sea condition is high over southwest Arabian Sea and will become very high by 23 rd evening. Sea condition is rough to very rough over adjoining westcentral Arabian Sea. It would gradually become high to very high from 23rd morning onwards and phenomenal from 24th evening onwards over Westcentral Arabian Sea.

**Fishermen Warning:**

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Arabian Sea till 24 th May and into west-central & adjoining southwest Arabian Sea during 23rd -26th May.

2. 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 at NERC Control Room telephone numbers- 23438252, 23438253, and Fax No- 23438254.

  
Officer-In-Charge  
NERC, MHA

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