

**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: Depression over southeast Arabian Sea**

The depression over southeast Arabian Sea and adjoining equatorial Indian Ocean moved northnorthwestwards with a speed of about 22 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 1730 IST of today, the 13th March 2018 over southeast Arabian Sea near latitude 6.5 0N and longitude 75.0 0E, about 280 km southeast of Minicoy, 300 km southwest of Thiruvananthapuram and 330 km north-northeast of Male (Maldives). It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and intensify into a deep depression during next 24 hrs.

**Warnings:**

**Rainfall:**

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

**Wind:**

- Squally winds speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is very likely over Comorin area and along and off south Tamilnadu-south Kerala coasts during the next 48 hrs and along & off Kerala coast in subsequent 24 hrs. Squally winds speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is very likely over Lakshadweep area and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea on 13 th March. Wind speed will gradually increase thereafter over this region becoming 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph on 14th & 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 off Kerala coast during 13 th -15 th March.

**Fishermen warning:**

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into sea along and off south Tamilnadu, Comorin-Maldives area & adjoining equatorial Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Mannar area during next 24 hrs. Fishermen are also advised not to venture into sea along & off Kerala coast, Lakshadweep area and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea during 13th -15 th March 2018.

**Damage expected:**

- Minor damage to loose and unsecured structures over Lakshadweep area.
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.

Officer-In-Charge  
NERC, MHA

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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