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Info : Relief Commissioner: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat
From : NERC, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi

Sub: **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) 'Mekunu' over Westcentral & adjoining Southwest Arabian Sea**
The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Mekunu' over southwest and adjoining westcentral Arabian Sea moved northwards with a speed of 9 Km/h during past 06 hours and lay centered at 1730 hrs IST of 23rd May 2018 over Westcentral and adjoining Southwest Arabian Sea near latitude 12.0°N and longitude 55.9°E, about 220 km east-southeast of Socotra Islands and 590 km south-southeast of Salalah (Oman). It is very likely to intensify further during next 24 hours. It is very likely to move nearly northwards during next 24 hours and then north-northwestwards and cross south Oman - southeast Yemen coasts as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm with wind speed of 150-160 km/h gusting to 180 km/h between 53°E and 55°E close to Salalah, around 26th May, 2018 morning.

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
23/1730	12.0/55.9	125-135 GUSTING TO 150	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
23/2330	12.5/55.9	130-140 GUSTING TO 155	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
24/0530	12.9/55.8	135-145 GUSTING TO 160	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
24/1130	13.3/55.7	140-150 GUSTING TO 165	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
24/1730	13.8/55.6	145-155 GUSTING TO 170	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
25/0530	14.7/55.3	150-160 GUSTING TO 180	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
25/1730	15.7/54.8	150-160 GUSTING TO 180	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
26/0530	16.6/54.1	150-160 GUSTING TO 180	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
26/1730	17.6/53.4	100-110 GUSTING TO 120	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
27/0530	18.5/52.6	55-65 GUSTING TO 75	CYCLONIC STORM
27/1730	19.4/51.8	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 125-135 Km/h gusting to 150 Km/h is prevailing over southwest and adjoining West Central Arabian Sea. The wind speed will gradually increase over West Central Arabian Sea off south Oman- south east Yemen coasts with the increase in intensity of the system during 23rd to 26th May. The maximum wind speed of 150-160 Km/h gusting to 180 Km/h likely to commence over West Central Arabian Sea from 25th morning

Sea Condition:

- Sea condition is phenomenal over West Central and adjoining southwest Arabian Sea and will continue to be phenomenal over Westcentral Arabian Sea till 26th morning and will improve gradually thereafter. The sea condition over southwest Arabian Sea will remain phenomenal till 25th morning and improve gradually thereafter.

Fishermen Warning:

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Arabian Sea till 24th May and into west-central 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.


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