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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 and 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 Westcentral & adjoining Southwest Arabian Sea moved further north-northwestwards with a speed of 11 Km/h during past 06 hours and lay centered at 1730 hrs IST of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 over Westcentral & adjoining Southwest Arabian Sea near latitude 14.3<sup>o</sup>N and longitude 55.2<sup>o</sup>E, about 230 km north-northeast of Socotra Islands and 320 km south-southeast of Salalah (Oman). It is very likely to move nearly northwards during next 24 hours and then north-northwestwards and cross south Oman - southeast Yemen coasts between 53<sup>o</sup>E and 55<sup>o</sup>E close to Salalah, by 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 early morning.

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. <sup>o</sup> N/ long. <sup>o</sup> E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
24/1730	14.3/55.2	145-155 GUSTING TO 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
24/2330	14.8/55.0	145-155 GUSTING TO 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
25/0530	15.3/54.8	145-155 GUSTING TO 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
25/1130	15.8/54.6	145-155 GUSTING TO 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
25/1730	16.3/54.3	145-155 GUSTING TO 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
26/0530	17.0/53.8	130-140 GUSTING TO 155	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
26/1730	17.8/53.1	100-110 GUSTING TO 120	Severe Cyclonic Storm
27/0530	18.5/52.3	55-65 GUSTING TO 75	Deep Depression
27/1730	19.1/51.5	35-45 GUSTING TO 55	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 145-155 Km/h gusting to 175 Km/h is prevailing over Westcentral Arabian Sea & adjoining southwest Arabian Sea.

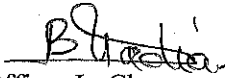
**Sea Condition:**

- Sea condition is phenomenal over West Central and adjoining southwest Arabian Sea and will continue to be phenomenal over westcentral Arabian Sea till 26<sup>th</sup> morning. It will improve gradually thereafter. The sea condition over adjacent areas of southwest Arabian Sea will remain phenomenal till 24<sup>th</sup> evening and improve gradually thereafter.

**Fishermen Warning:**

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Arabian Sea till 24<sup>th</sup> May and into west-central Arabian Sea till 26<sup>th</sup> 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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- Resident Commissioner: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat
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