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FORECAST OF MONSOON
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Indian Meteorological Department forecast for the ensuing monsoon in the country, State-wise:
- (b) whether there is likelihood of less rainfall in Orissa; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Long Range Forecasts (LRF) are issued by IMD in respect of contiguous homogeneous regions only. There are no State-wise forecasts.

The forecasts for 3 broad homogeneous regions of the country are as follows:

North West India : 97% of the long period average
North East India : 100% of the long period average
Peninsular India : 99% of the long period average

All these have a model error of + 8%. Orissa is included in the forecast for North East India.