

**Disaster Management Division
(National Emergency Response Centre)**

Updated status on Cyclone 'MAHA' as on 06.11.2019 at 1800 hrs.

1. Background

On 30.10.2019 at about 0830 hrs a depression was formed over Maldives Comorin areas, which converted into a Deep Depression and further intensified into Cyclonic Storm on 30.10.2019 at 1730 hrs.

The Cyclonic Storm crossed Lakshadweep on 31.10.2019 and then moved north-north-westward away from Lakshadweep. The Cyclonic Storm damaged few coconut trees / other agriculture trees/ plants and few boats in Lakshadweep. However, no loss of life/person missing reported.

The Cyclonic Storm intensified into a Severe Cyclonic Storm at 1130 hrs on 31.10.2019 and further intensified into Very Severe Cyclonic Storm at 1430hrs on 03.11.2019 and then intensified into Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm at 0530 hrs on 04.11.2019.

The Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm weakened into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm at 0830 hrs on 05.11.2019. and further weakened into a Severe Cyclonic Storm at 0530 hrs. today

2. IMD Forecast/ Warning: -

- i. As per IMD bulletin No 59 issued on 06.11.2019 at 1710 hrs, The **Severe Cyclonic storm MAHA (Pronounced as M'maha)** over eastcentral & adjoining northeast Arabian Sea moved nearly eastwards with a speed of 14 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centered at 1430 hrs IST of today, the 06th November, 2019 over eastcentral & adjoining northeast Arabian Sea about 350 km west-southwest of Porbandar (Gujarat), 370 km west-southwest of Veraval (Gujarat) and 420 km west-southwest of Diu. It is very likely to move nearly eastwards, weaken into a Cyclonic Storm during next 12 hours. Thereafter it is likely to move east-northeastwards, weaken further into a Deep Depression by morning of tomorrow, the 7th November over northeast and adjoining eastcentral Arabian Sea.
- ii. It is very likely to skirt Saurashtra coast and lie centered about 40 kilometers south of Diu around noon of 7th November as a deep depression. Continuing to move east-northeastwards, it would further weaken into a depression by tomorrow evening.

Rainfall: -

Gujarat: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places very likely over Saurashtra and Gujarat region (**Diu, Junagarh, Gir Somnath, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Surat, Bharuch, Anand, Porbandar, and Rajkot**) on today, the 6th November & isolated heavy to very heavy falls over **Bhavnagar, Surat, Bharuch, Anand, and Vadodara** and heavy rainfall at isolated places over **Botad and Ahmedabad** on 7th November, 2019.

Maharashtra: Light to moderate rainfall at a few places very likely over Madhya Maharashtra and north Konkan (Palghar & Thane districts) on today, the 6th November and at many places over northern most districts of Madhya Maharashtra on 7th November, 2019.

3. Preparedness measures: -

- i. NCMC meeting held 04.11.2019 under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretariat to review the preparations for the cyclone over Gujarat, Maharashtra and Daman & Diu. Chief Secretaries of Gujarat, Maharashtra and officers UT Administrations were also present in the meeting. States/ UT have made necessary preparations. NDRF, SDRF teams alongwith Coast Guard and Naval ships have already been positioned.
- ii. The situation is being monitored by MHA, on 24x7 basis, at the highest level and regular advisories are being issued to concerned States/ UTs.
- iii. Concerned Central Government Ministries/Departmentsi.e. Ministry of Power, Ministry of Health& Family Welfare, Ministry of Defence and NDRF have been requested by MHA to take all precautionary measures to assist concerned States/UTs in case of need.
- iv. Relief Commissioner and Secretary, State Government of Gujarat also reviewed the situation on 01.11.2019 and likelihood of impact of Cyclone on Gujarat Coast. SDRF Teams in Stateare on alert.
- v. In Dadar& Nagar Haveli, emergency services department have been activated by UT administration to meet the situation.
- vi. In Daman and Diu UT Administration has also activated all the concerned Departments, Police etc. to meet the situation.

4. Deployment of NDRF

State	NDRF teams Prepositioned/ stand by	Remarks
Gujarat	31	
Maharashtra	04	
Daman & Diu	05	
