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Report Highlights:

Early onset of southwest monsoon coupled with 32% above normal rains in June has advanced the *kharif* (fall and early winter harvested) crop planting.

General Information:

Monsoon rains in June were 32% above the Long Period Average (LPA) of 89 cm with excess to normal rains in 33 of 36 meteorological sub-divisions. For the week ending July 3 (Figure 1), poor monsoon rains in the southern peninsula (-22%) and eastern and north eastern region (-15%) pulled down the June average to 27% (Figure 2). The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a weekly [forecast](#) citing normal to heavy rains across India except for the interior peninsular region.

***Kharif* crop planting has advanced**

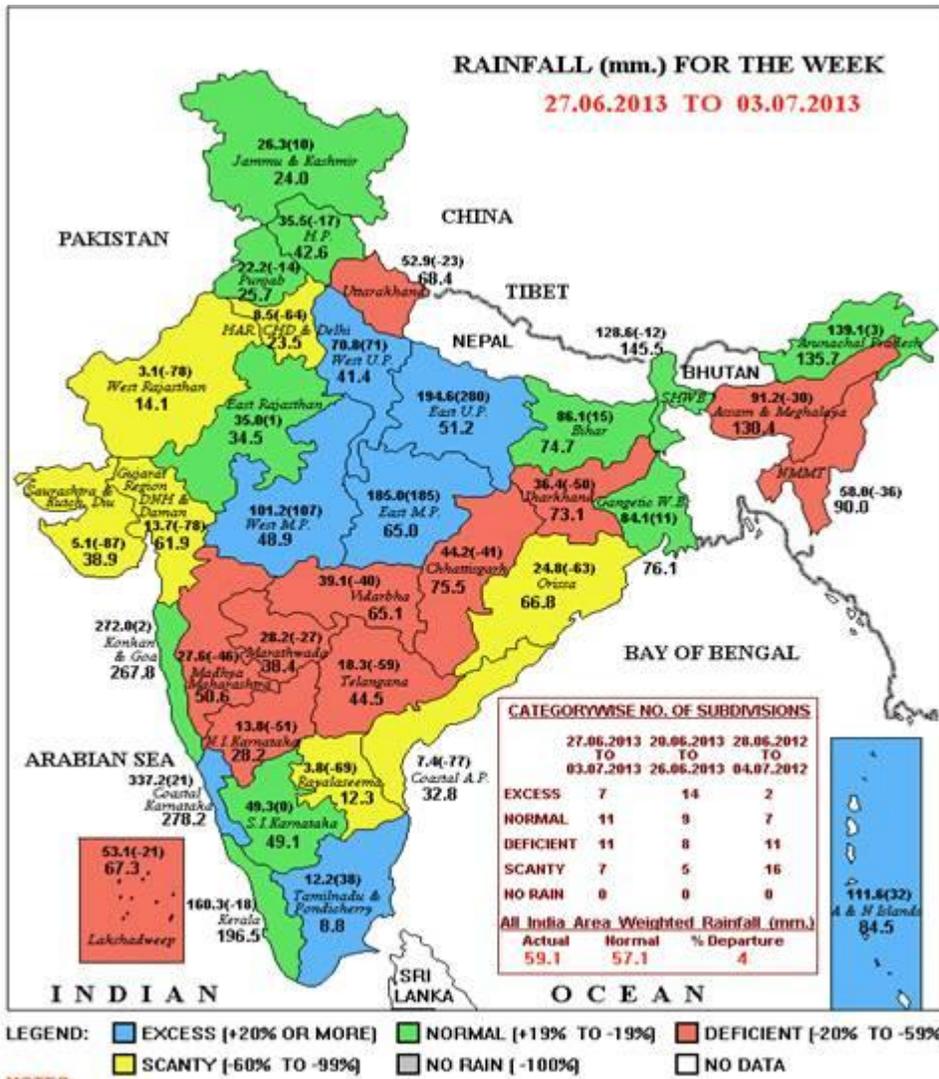
Early onset of monsoon coupled with normal to heavy rains in June has not only encouraged timely planting of all major *kharif* crops (Table 1) but advanced planting progress. Normal July rains as currently forecast will be critical for vegetative growth, as they will augment water supplies for rainfed crops. Even in irrigated areas, good monsoon rain is likely to boost yields and reduce the costs of production. The window of opportunity for planting and replanting of major crops extends through mid-July.

Table 1. India: All India Crop Progress as on July 5, 2013, million hectares

Crop Name	Area sown in 2013	Area sown in 2012
Rice	6.91	5.67
Coarse cereals	6.55	2.30
Pulses	1.83	0.40
Oilseeds	11.02	2.65
Cotton	8.17	4.66
Sugarcane	4.83	5.00
All crops	39.31	20.68

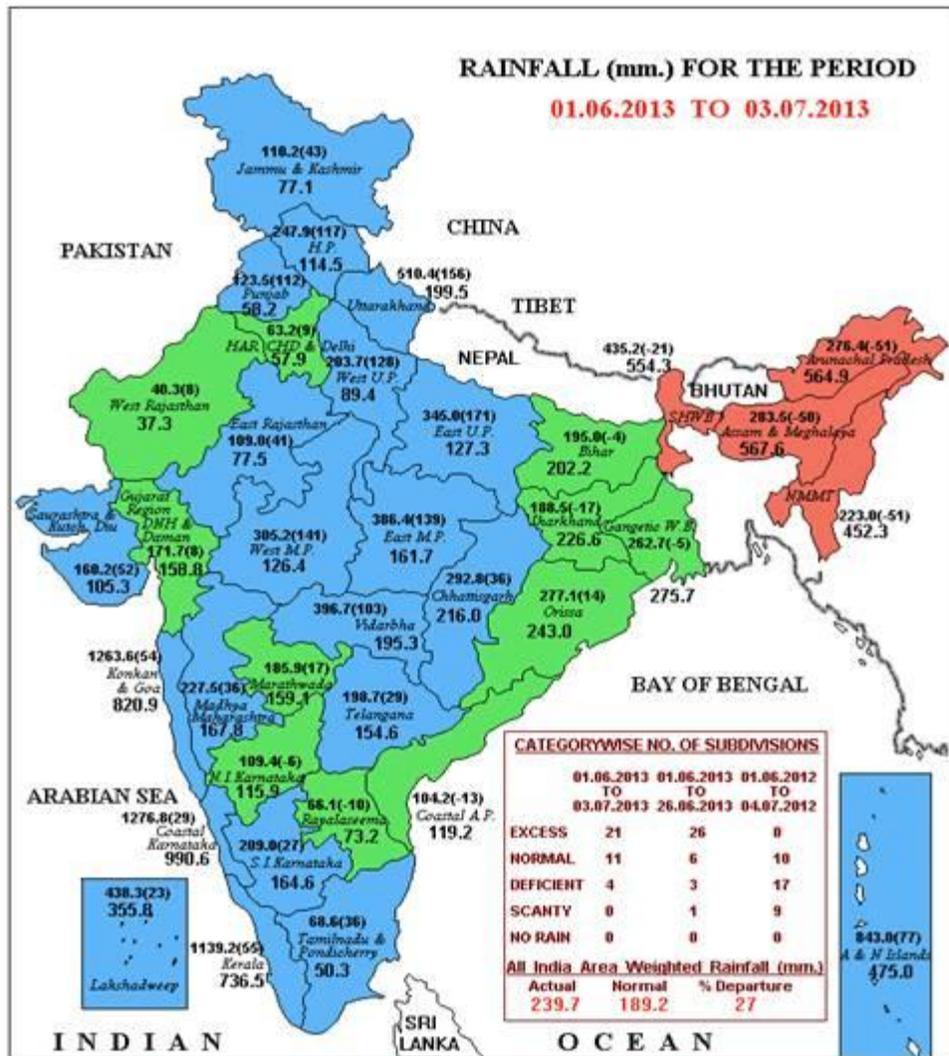
Source: [PIB Press Release July 5, 2013](#)

Figure 1. India: Rainfall for Week Ending July 3, 2013



Source: Indian Meteorological Department, GOI

Figure 2. India: Cumulative Monsoon Rains 2013



LEGEND: ■ EXCESS (+20% OR MORE) ■ NORMAL (+19% TO -19%) ■ DEFICIENT (-20% TO -59%)
■ SCANTY (-60% TO -99%) ■ NO RAIN [-100%] NO DATA

NOTES:

- (a) Rainfall figures are based on operational data.
- (b) Small figures indicate actual rainfall (mm.), while bold figures indicate Normal rainfall (mm.)
 Percentage Departures of Rainfall are shown in Brackets.

Source: Indian Meteorological Department, GOI