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Answer to the provisional admitted question for the Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. U354 raised by Shrimati Wansuk Syiem regarding "Contingency plans for drought prone districts"

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a) Whether with the Meteorological Department revising its monsoon forecast downwards from 93 percent to 88 percent Government is fully prepared to tackle the situation of lower crop yields this *kharif* season;

Yes. All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology (AICRPAM) under ICAR has been issuing weekly National Agromet Advisory Bulletins in collaboration with IMD, Pune. Further, daily progress of southwest monsoon during 2015 is monitored and communicated to the ICAR head quarters and different stake holders. In addition to this, districts where weekly rainfall is more than fifty percent deficit are identified for prioritizing the actions.