

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd July, 2009

DELAY IN MONSOON

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) how widespread is the delay in monsoon this year and what impact has it had on sowing operations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES,
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMANTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Southwest Monsoon-2009 has set in over Andaman Sea around its normal date on 20th May 2009 but it advanced over Kerala earlier than its normal date (1st June) by about 8-days on 23rd May 2009. Further advancement of Monsoon-2009 over parts of Karnataka, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, West Bengal and Northeastern States was realized by the 1st week of June. Subsequently, the monsoon advancement over other parts of the country was sluggish as monsoon entered into a weak phase of its activity. Details of delay in monsoon advancement so far realized are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Sub-Division	Normal Date of Monsoon Onset	Actual Date of Monsoon Onset during 2009 so far	No. of Days of Delay
1	Konkan & Goa	11 th June	21 st June	11
2	Telangana	12 th June	21 st June	10
3	Madhya Maharashtra	13 th June	21 st June	9
4	Marathawada	13 th June	26 th June	14
5	Vidarbha	14 th June	26 th June	13
6	Orissa	14 th June	26 th June	13
7	Jharkhand	16 th June	29 th June	14
8	Bihar	16 th June	29 th June	14
9	Chattisgarh	17 th June	26 th June	10
10	East Madhya Pradesh	20 th June	29 th June	10
11	Gujarat Region	21 st June	24 th June	4
12	East Uttar Pradesh	22 nd June	29 th June	8
13	Saurashtra, Kutch and Diu	22 nd June	24 th June	3
14	Uttarakhand	26 th June	29 th June	3

On the whole, a day of Monsoon-2009 advancement so far is found to be 1-2 weeks delayed from the respective normal date of onset in various parts of the country. It is believed that the realized delay of 1-2 weeks of monsoon onset does not have appreciable impact on the sowing operations in various parts of the country
