

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2789
TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016**

MONSOON FORECAST FROM AUSTRALIA WEATHER BUREAU

2789. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) **Whether government has a report on monsoon forecast from the Australia weather Bureau, if so, the report details thereof;**
- (b) **the forecast of Indian Meteorology Department (IMD) in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

- (a) **No sir. India Meteorological Department (IMD) did not receive any official advisory from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australia on monsoon forecasts.**
- (b) **IMD has issued forecasts for the second half of the season (August + September) on 01 August 2016 as under;**
- **Quantitatively, the rainfall over the country as a whole during the second half of the season is likely to be 107% of LPA with a model error of $\pm 8\%$. The rainfall during August is likely to be 104 $\pm 9\%$ of LPA as was forecasted in June.**
 - **The season (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 106% of LPA with a model error of $\pm 4\%$ as was forecasted in June. These forecasts are intimated to all Stake holders like Agriculture/Water Resources for their planning.**
