

## 1st Stage Long Range Forecast for 2016 Southwest Monsoon Rainfall

The main highlights of this forecast are as follows:

- Rainfall over the country as a whole for the 2016 southwest monsoon season (June to September) is likely to be above normal (104-110% of LPA).
- Quantitatively, monsoon season rainfall for the country as a whole is likely to be 106% of the long period average with a model error of  $\pm 5\%$ .
- There is 94% probability that the monsoon 2016 rainfall would be normal to excess (96% and above of LPA).
- There is only 1% probability that the monsoon 2016 rainfall would be deficient (less than 90% of LPA).



Dr. Laxman Singh Rathore, DGM/IMD, Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI, addressing the press conference on 12-04-2016 at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi regarding 1st Long Range Forecast for South West Monsoon 2016.