

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3920  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016**

**WITHERING EL NINO**

**3920. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Australia's Weather Bureau information on withering El Nino and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Meteorological official has warned floods in the country as a result thereof; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and comments of the Government thereupon to face such situation?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes Madam. Government is aware of the advisory from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australia on Withering of El Nino and setting up of La Nino conditions.**
- (b-c) India Meteorological Department (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.**
  - IMD, thus predicted on above normal monsoon rainfall during the second half of the monsoon.**

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