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**Special Advisories for South Gujarat for Cyclonic storm "Tauktae" DATE OF ISSUE: 16/05/2021** 

Weather Alert: Special Agromet advisories for South Gujarat region (*Navsari* District) in view of Cyclonic storm "Tauktae" on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

- ❖ The Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te) over eastcentral Arabian Sea moved nearly northwards with a speed of about 11 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 0830 hours IST of today, the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 over eastcentral Arabian Sea near latitude 15.7°N and longitude 72.7°E, about 120 km west-northwest of Panjim-Goa, 380 km south-southwest of Mumbai, 620 km south-southeast of Veraval (Gujarat) and 790 km southeast of Karachi (Pakistan).
- ❖ It is very likely to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 24 hours. It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and reach Gujarat coast in the evening hours of 17<sup>th</sup> & cross Gujarat coast between Porbandar & Mahua (Bhavnagar distric) around 18<sup>th</sup> May early morning.
- ❖ Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off south Gujarat & Daman and Diu coasts from 16<sup>th</sup> morning and gradually increase becoming Gale winds speed reaching 150-160 kmph gusting to 175 kmph over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off Gujarat coast (Porbandar, Junagarh, Gir Somnath, Amreli, Bhavnagar) and 100 -120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph over Bharuch, Anand, south Ahemedabad, Botad, Surendranagar, 90 -100 kmph gusting to 120 kmph over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Morbi districts of Gujarat from early hours of 18<sup>th</sup>. Gale winds speed reaching 70-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph likely to prevail along & off Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Kheda districts from 17<sup>th</sup> mid-night till

# 18<sup>th</sup> morning.

- ❖ Sea conditions very likely to be very rough to High along & off south Gujarat coast from 17<sup>th</sup> May morning and very high to Phenomenal from 17<sup>th</sup> midnight.
- ❖ Possibility of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

## In view of Cyclonic storm following agromet advisories are suggested to farmers

### **Crops:**

- Arrange for extensive drainage facilities to remove excess water from standing crop like Sugarcane, Paddy, Chilly, Okra and Brinjal.
- Avoid or postponed the sowing of Paddy and tropical tuber crops.
- ➤ Undertake propping in sugarcane and provide mechanical support to young plants to prevent lodging due to high winds.
- > Do not harvest crop till open the sky, if harvested cover the produce to save from the rain.

## **Fruit crops:**

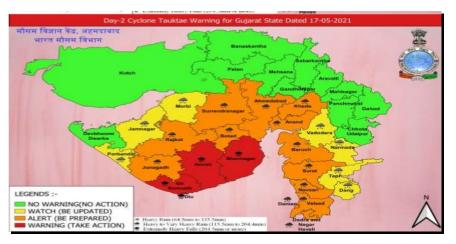
- ➤ Provide mechanical support to young fruit plants to prevent lodging due to high winds.
- > Staking of the main trunks should be done in the opposite direction of the pullback to prevent further movement.

#### **Animals:**

> Keep animals indoor during the period.

#### Fisherman:

Fisherman is advised not to venture along and off south Gujarat coast on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.





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