

Cyclone alert for Odisha, West Bengal, north Andhra Pradesh coasts

As per the IMD forecast, a 'extremely severe cyclonic storm' "FONI" is very likely to cross Odisha coast between Gopalpur and Chandbali, around Puri during 3rd May afternoon, 2019 with maximum sustained speed of 170-180 km/hour gusting to 200 km/hr. Moderate to heavy rainfall are also expected to occur over coastal Odisha and adjoining places of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh. Sea conditions are likely to be very rough off north Andhra Pradesh till 3rd May and over Northwest Bay off Odisha and West Bengal till 04 May, 2019.

As per the IMD forecast, damage is expected to paddy crops, banana, papaya trees and orchards over coastal Odisha and adjoining places of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.. Storm surge of height of about 0.5 m above astronomical tide is very likely to inundate low lying areas of s of Odisha at the time of landfall.

Action Suggested:

Crops:

- Repairing of drainage channel and provision of adequate drainage, so that chances of waterlogging of in crop field will be less.
- Store the harvested paddy crop before cyclone in safe places and harvest the remaining crop even if 80% of the grains in the panicles get matured.

Livestock:

- Farmers are advised to keep their livestock's at safe places. Remove dead or dying trees, anchor removable objects like lumber piles, loose bricks, garbage cans, sign-boards, loose asbestos sheets etc. near livestock shed. Any loose and dangling wire from the lamp post near the livestock shed should be strictly avoided.
- Make provision of sufficient fodder for livestock and farmers are advised not to send their cattle in outside for open grazing.

Fisheries:

- The fishermen are advised not to venture into deep sea areas of central Bay of Bengal during 2nd to 5th May, 2019. Those, who are out in deep sea areas are advised return to the coast.

General:

Keep everything that might blow away like kerosene tins, pesticide cans, agricultural implements, garden tools, land related documents etc. due to strong winds.