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**Contingency plans for deficit areas of the country
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Eastern and western Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, west Madhya Pradesh and east Rajasthan have recorded slight deficit rainfall so far. However, in most of these regions, the normal arrival of monsoon is during second week to third week of June and as such there is only slight delay. The following measures are suggested:

Eastern UP

- Paddy nurseries of medium duration varieties like Sarjoo 52, NDR 359, Pant 4 and Pant 10 may be raised. Where possible nurseries should be raised with 10 days duration 3 times so that in case of further delay of monsoon, seedlings will not become over aged.
- Earthing up in sugarcane to be done before onset of monsoon.
- Seeds of short duration varieties of paddy and pulses may be kept ready in case of further delay in monsoon.
- Irrigation need to be given for summer maize which are in tasseling/dough stage.

Central UP

- Sowing of nursery of medium duration rice varieties like NDR 359, Pant 10, CSR 27, Pant 12, Sarjoo 52 and Pro-agro 6444 (hybrid) may be done upon receipt of rains.
- Second cutting of mentha crop may be taken up and marketed.
- Harvest the dried pods of short duration pulses like greengram and blackgram and plough the bio-mass into the soil on receipt of rainfall.

Jharkhand

- In Jharkhand monsoon is weak. However, normal upland crops can be sown upto end of June without any major change. Upto 7th July, long duration rice varieties can be transplanted beyond which only medium and short duration varieties are recommended. In Zone V (Western Plateau region) very little rain has been received. Farmers are advised to get the seeds of upland crops ready for direct seeding when sufficient rains occur.

Western Madhya Pradesh

- The region has received some deficit rainfall but soybean plantings are in progress. As such, upto 15th July soybean can be planted without any change.

Eastern Rajasthan

- The normal onset is 1st July. However, in case further delay, groundnut can be planted upto 10th July, maize upto 15th July and sesame upto 20th July.