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### **RMSI Predicts Large Intra-seasonal Monsoon Rainfall Variability In Some States During Kharif 2018**

**New Delhi, India, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** RMSI, a global natural catastrophe and climate risk management consultancy predicts large intra-seasonal variability in the coming 2018 monsoon season.

Intra-seasonal variability (during the monsoon season of June to September) is an important factor as it can have an impact on crop yields in specific districts and states. Agricultural yield depends as much on the timing of rainfall as it does on the quantum of rainfall during a season. Despite normal rainfall during the overall four-month period, crop yield may be impacted negatively if rainfall is deficient in the sowing period, or excessive when the matured crop is ready for harvest.

RMSI said that there is a likelihood of decrease in acreage and production in a few districts of Himachal Pradesh and Kerala and North Eastern states due to a June-July rainfall deficit.

In Maharashtra, where farmers were hard hit due to erratic rainfall distribution during the last Kharif season, this year's July and August rainfall is again expected to be below normal in several districts.

As per RMSI, the states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are not likely to witness significant intra-seasonal rainfall variability during the monsoon season this year whereas Kerala and Telangana are expected to be under stress. Rainfall deficit is also forecasted in the months of July and August in a few districts of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab.

This forecast is based on PInCER™, a platform developed by RMSI for crop insurance providers. The platform provides district-wise monthly rainfall and crop yield forecast for more than 400 districts across India.

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**About RMSI:**

RMSI is a technology provider that manages risks associated with natural and man-made hazards, by applying innovative methods and global best practices. RMSI focus areas are: agriculture risk, property risk, urban risk, flood, earthquake and windstorm risk modeling. RMSI has nearly two decades of experience in this domain and has worked extensively with insurers, reinsurers, state and federal governments and multilateral funding agencies.

The company has an employee base of over 3500 resources and the highest levels of certifications and accreditations including CMMI Level 5, ISO 27001, ISO 14001, ISO 18001 and ISO 9001:2015. In addition to its state of the art development centers in India, RMSI has five fully owned international subsidiaries – RMSI North America Inc., RMSI Canada Inc., RMSI Ltd., U.K., RMSI Australia Pty Ltd. and RMSI Middle East Limited.

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