

Rainfall—1998

3. The performance of the monsoon during the last ten years is shown in Table 8.1 and Figure 8.1.

4. This year a number of States received excess rainfall of more than 20 per cent in the north and south, but some areas in the east remained at least 20 per cent deficient. Besides, there was a dry spell over many parts of north,

west, and central India for more than a month in the latter half of this season and there were heavy floods in the north and the south at the end of the monsoon period, affecting paddy potato and, onion crops. The cumulative rainfall during the post-monsoon season 1998 (Oct.-Dec.) was excess or normal in 33 out of 35 meteorological sub-divisions as compared to 27 sub-divisions in 1997. This augers well for Rabi production.

TABLE 8.1
South West Monsoon Performance
(1 June – 30 September)

Year	Number of Meteorological Sub-divisions@		Percentage of districts with normal/ excess Rainfall	Actual rainfall as % of normal rainfall (All India)
	Excess/ normal Rainfall	Deficient/ Scanty Rainfall		
1989	29	6	72	101
1990	32	3	88	119
1991	27	8	68	91
1992	32	3	65	93
1993	31	4	78	100
1994	25	10	77	110
1995	33	2	79	100
1996	32	3	82	103
1997	32	3	81	102
1998	33	2	81	106

@ Total number of Meteorological sub-division is 35.

Fig. 8.1 **DISTRICTS WITH ABOVE NORMAL AND BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL 1998-99**
(1 June—30 September)

