LOCUST SITUATION : During the routine survey, it has been observed that India is continued to be free from gregarious as well as solitary desert locust activities during the 1st fortnight of April, 2019. Total 50 nos. of spots were observed during the surveys which are plotted on the map.

No desert locust were seen during the survey

- Swarm movement: Nil
- Breeding: Nil
- Hoppers: Nil
- Scattered / Isolated adult: Nil
WEATHER AND ECOLOGY: No rainfall was reported in the Scheduled Desert Area of India. Survey teams observed green vegetation in the surveyed areas of Barmer, Jalore & Suratgarh and dry/drying at Jodhpur, Bikaner, Churu, Phalodi, Nagaur, Palanpur and Bhuj. Soil moisture observed almost dry.

PREPAREDNESS: India is prepared with sufficient trained man-power, vehicles, P.P. equipments, pesticides and 11 activated eLocust3 units for locust surveys/population monitoring and control operation.

FORECAST: Due to unfavourable ecological conditions, the gregarious as well as solitary locust activity is not expected. However, strict vigilance as per global situation will undertaken.

GLOBAL SITUATION (FAO BULLETIN NO. 486): The Desert Locust situation is improving along both sides of the Red Sea. Treated more than 80,000 ha during control operations.

SWAC REGION: Control operations were undertaken in southern Iran and Southwest Pakistan where breeding by adult groups and a few swarms was in progress.

FAO FORECAST FOR SWAC REGION: Breeding will continue in Iran and Pakistan, giving rise to hopper groups and bands.