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 December, 2018. Total 90 nos. of spots were observed during the surveys which are plotted on the map.

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. Greenness estimates of 1st decade of December, 2018 indicate fresh vegetation pockets in the SDA except Indo-Pak bordering area adjacent to the Jaisalmer. Survey teams observed green/drying vegetation and dry soil moisture in the survey areas.

FORECAST: Due to prevailing unfavourable ecological conditions, the gregarious as well as solitary locust activity is not expected. However, only routine surveys will continue.

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: 31st Session of South West Asia Commission on Desert Locust was held at National Agriculture Science Centre, New Delhi during 11th to 13th December, 2018