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 October, 2018. Total 168 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: Rainfall estimates (1-10 October, 2018) shows no rainfall in the SDA except light rainfall at Bhuj area. Greenness estimates of 1st decade of October, 2018 indicate widespread green vegetation in the SDA. Soil moisture has been observed dry except some places of Palanpur and Bhuj where it has been observed wet.

FORECAST: End of monsoon season and dry soil moisture indicates unfavourable ecological conditions for locust breeding, however, 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: IV Indo-Pak locust officers border meeting of the year 2018 was held at Munabao (India) on 4th October, 2018.

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