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 2nd fortnight of April, 2019. Total 50 nos. of spots were observed during the surveys which are plotted on the map.

Disclaimer : Demarkation of Scheduled Desert Area (SDA) is an indicative, hence can not be used for any legal purpose
WEATHER AND ECOLOGY: Rainfall estimates (11-20 April, 2019) shows light to moderate rainfall in the SDA except Jaisalmer. Greenness estimates of 2nd decade of April, 2019 indicate dry vegetation and survey teams also observed dry/drying vegetation except Suratgarh and Barmer. Soil moisture observed dry in the surveyed areas.

FORECAST: Ecological conditions are not yet favourable, therefore, the gregarious as well as solitary locust activities are not expected. However, strict vigilance as per global situation will be undertaken.

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.

GLOBAL SITUATION (FAO Updates 24th April): Desert Locust breeding is underway in the traditional spring breeding areas in southeast Iran, southwest Pakistan and in the interior of Saudi Arabia.

FAO OBSERVATIONS: Surveys should be maintained in all areas and control operations undertaken as necessary to reduce the scale of the breeding and any eventual migration to summer breeding areas along the Indo-Pakistan border.