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① Discuss the link between normal monsoon and its effect on food prices in the country.

India receives most of its rain from the traditional South West monsoon from June 1 to

sep 30

Importance:

Its importance comes from its arrival. Recent years has shown the Rainfall arrival and departure later

cultivation

Coverage ⇒ 60% on rice, 23-28% on pulses, 20% on coarse cereals
28-30% on oil seeds.

Irrigation cannot be depended fully as in case of late arrival. scope is limited.

Influence of monsoon arrival

Crop selection ⇒ Depending on arrival of rainfall.
Suitable crop is selected with required soil condition



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Normal monsoon

IMD showing 'normal monsoon' might be good, but not a good sign overall. Since India has diverse landscape, every region won't receive equal rainfall.

eg: Eastern states - eg. TN receives 48% of its rainfall from NE monsoon.

Low rainfall in UP, Bihar - may affect Rice cultivation.

Impact:

Area under cultivation goes down. Government has recently extended PMKMY - free food scheme till 2023.

From wheat stock, ^{it} has been shifted to Rice. due to geopolitical tensions in Ukraine. If there is a shortage in Rice ~~market~~ there is increasing pressure on stock _{market}.

Influence of MSP

MSP will be increased every year. This year also 5-8% increased on all crops, but as usual it is

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more skewed towards Rice & wheat due to direct PDS linkage.

current situation.

Rice has managed with a 40 million cultivation due to influence of MSP. But, pulses remain vulnerable.

Impact on Inflation

Inflation has been stable between 6.5-7% now. In case of shortage this is about to increase price & further inflation as rice & pulses carry weightage of 5-8% in CPI.

Addition to this is onions & tomato shortages due to later arrival of rainfall. Happening frequently about to further inflation.

So good monsoon might be good ~~Situa~~ news but not an absolute one in country like India. Government must understand such situation in policy making & prevent any future price hike.