Cyclone Phailin: Govt issues high wind-wave alert for states

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HYDERABAD: The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (Incois), Hyderabad, an autonomous body under the ministry of earth sciences, government of India has issued a high wind-wave alert for Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andaman, and Nicobar.

The forecast is valid for the period 1730 hours on October 10 to 1730 hours on October 12.

**Orissa:** The wave conditions off the entire Odisha coast are forecasted to be rough (3-4 m) from 11th morning and will become very rough (> 4.5 m) on 12th October 2013. The swell waves have a forecasted range of 3-3.6 m and surface currents of magnitude greater about 1.5 m/sec.

Under the influence of the cyclonic system, rainfall is forecasted at most places with heavy to very heavy falls; at a few places with isolated extremely heavy falls (= 25cm) would occur over coastal Odisha commencing from 12th October 2013 morning. Squally winds of speed reaching 45-55kmph gusting to 65kmph would commence along and off Odisha coast from 11th morning. It would increase in intensity with gale wind speed reaching 175-185kmph along and off coastal districts of south Odisha at the time of cyclone landfall.

Fishermen out at sea along the Odisha coast have been advised to return to coast.

**Andhra Pradesh:** The wave conditions off the entire north Andhra Pradesh coast are forecasted to be rough (3-4 m) from 11th morning and will become very rough (> 4.5m) on 12th October 2013. The swell waves have a range of 3-3.6 m and surface currents of magnitude greater than 1.3 m/sec.

Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur; at a few places over north coastal Andhra Pradesh commencing from 12th October 2013. Squally winds speed reaching 45-55kmph gusting to 65kmph would commence along and off Odisha coast from 11th morning. It would increase in intensity with gale wind speed reaching 175-185kmph along and off coastal districts of south Odisha at the time of cyclone landfall.

Fishermen out at sea along north Andhra Pradesh have been advised to return to coast.

**West Bengal:** The wave conditions along and off the entire coast of West Bengal are forecasted to be rough (3-4 m) to very rough (>4.5m) along and off West Bengal coast during the above period. The swell waves have a range of 3-3.6 m and surface currents of magnitude greater about 1 m/sec. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur over coastal areas of West Bengal.

Fishermen out at sea along West Bengal coast have been advised to return to coast.
Fishermen have been advised not to venture into sea.

**Andaman:** The sea conditions off the east and west coasts off the Andaman Island (between Ten Degree Channel to Coco Channel) are predicted to be rough to very rough with wave heights of 3-4.4 m; swell wave heights of 3-3.5 m and surface currents of around 1.2 m/sec.

Under the influence of the cyclonic system, rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls; at a few places an isolated extremely heavy falls (≥25cm) would occur over Andaman Islands during next 12 hours. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur in subsequent 24 hours. Squally winds speed reaching 45-55kmph gusting to 65kmph would continue to prevail over Andaman Islands and adjoining sea areas during next 24 hours.

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Fishermen have been advised not to venture into Andaman sea and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours.

**Nicobar:** The sea conditions off the west and east coasts off the Nicobar Islands (between Great Channel to Ten Degree Channel) are predicted to be rough to very rough with wave heights of 3-4.4 m; swell wave heights of 3-3.4 m and surface currents of around 1 m/sec.

Under the influence of the cyclonic system, rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls; at a few places an isolated extremely heavy falls (≥25cm) would occur over Andaman Islands during next 12 hours. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur in subsequent 24 hours. Squally winds speed reaching 45-55kmph gusting to 65kmph would continue to prevail over Andaman Islands and adjoining sea areas during next 24 hours.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into Andaman sea and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours.

**Tamil Nadu:** According to the advisory issued on Friday, high wind waves in the range of 2.5-4 meters are predicted during 11:30 hours on 11-10-2013 to 17:30 hours on 12-10-2013 along the Kolacahl to kilakarai of Southern Tamil Nadu.

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