SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0400 UTC OF 03.03.2022 BASED ON 0000 UTC OF 03.03.2022.

BAY OF BENGAL: DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL AND ADJOINING EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN

The well marked low pressure area over central parts of South Bay of Bengal and adjoining equatorial Indian Ocean moved west-northwestwards and concentrated into a depression and lay centered at 0000 UTC of today, the 3rd March 2022, over Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining equatorial Indian Ocean near latitude 5.3°N and longitude 84.0°E, about 470 km south-southeast of Trincomalee (43418), 760 km south-southeast of Nagapattinam (43347) and 870 km south-southeast of Puducherry (43331) and about 950 km south-southeast of Chennai (43279).

It is likely to intensify further into a deep depression during next 24 hours. It is likely to move northwestwards along and off east coast of Sri Lanka towards north Tamil Nadu coast during next 48 hours.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

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<th>DATE/TIME(UTC)</th>
<th>POSITION (LAT. °N/ LONG. °E)</th>
<th>MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED (KMPH)</th>
<th>CATEGORY OF CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE</th>
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<td>5.3/84.0</td>
<td>40-50 GUSTING TO 60</td>
<td>DEPRESSION</td>
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<td>6.7/83.0</td>
<td>45-55 GUSTING TO 65</td>
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<td>8.1/82.2</td>
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The intensity of the system is T1.5. Associated broken low/med clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over area bet lat 5.0N to 12.0N long 80.0E to 91.0E & Sri Lanka. Minimum cloud top temperature is minus 93 deg C. Convection is more in the northern sector of the system.

The estimated maximum sustained wind speed is 25 knots gusting to 30 knots. The sea condition is rough to very rough over Southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining equatorial Indian Ocean. The estimated central pressure is 1004 HPA.
A ship located near Lat 6.0 deg N/Long 93.1 deg E MSLP of 1005.0 HPA and winds of 80 deg/14 kts. Another ship located near Lat 5.3 deg N/Long 81.7 deg E MSLP of 1007.0 HPA and winds of 50 deg/14 kts.

Remarks:
Sea surface temperature is around 28ºC over South Bob. Tropical cyclone heat potential is around 60-80 KJ/cm² over the same region. The Madden Julian Index (MJO) currently lies in phase 5 with amplitude less than 1. It is likely to continue in the same phase for the next 2-3 days with amplitude remaining less than 1. The phase of MJO is conducive for enhanced convection over the Bob during next 2-3 days. Feeble easterlies (1-3 mps) are likely to prevail over southwestern Bob during next 2-3 days. No other equatorial wave is likely to prevail over the region during next 5 days.

Low level vorticity has increased significantly during past 24 hours and is around 150 X 10^-6 S^-1 to the northeast of system centre. Vertically it is extending up to 500 hpa level. Low level convergence is same during past 24 hours and is around 20 X 10^-5 S^-1 to the northeast of system centre. Upper level divergence is around 20 X 10^-5 S^-1 to the northeast of system centre. Wind shear is moderate to high (25-30 knots).

Most of the numerical models including IMD GFS, ECMWF, GEFS, NCUM (G), NCUM (R) and ECMWF Ensemble are indicating slight intensification of the system during next 24 hours. However, models are unanimous w.r.t. movement towards Tamilnadu coast during next 48 hours.

In view of all the above, it is inferred that the depression over southwestern Bob is likely to intensify marginally during next 24 hours and move towards Tamilnadu coast.

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