

## Proceedings of the Second Indo-Pak border meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 at Khokhropar /Munabao Border meeting point.

The second Indo-Pak border meeting of the year 2005 between the locust officers of India and Pakistan was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 at Khokhropar/ Munabao border meeting point at 0800 hours (IST)/ 0730 hours (PST). Following officers / officials attended the meeting:

### India

S. No.	Name of the Officer/ Officials	Designation
1	“ K.P. Singh	Deputy Director (Engineering), LWO Jodhpur
2.	“ Anil Sharma	Assistant Plant Protection Officer, LWO Jodhpur
3.	“ A.B. Roy	Wireless Supervisor, LWO Jodhpur

### Pakistan

S. No.	Name of the Officer/ Officials	Designation
1.	Mr. Syed Akhlaq Hussain	Entomologist (L), Mirpurkhas
2.	Mr. Bashir Muhammad	Assistant Entomologist (L), Karachi
3.	Mr. Ahmed Din Awan	Incharge wireless, Karachi

**Locust situation in India** (1st June,2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> June,2005) : Scheduled short, distant and border locust surveys in scheduled desert area of India and adjacent Indo-Pak border were conducted by the officers and staff of Locust Warning Organisation (LWO) which revealed that India continued to remain free from any solitary/ gregarious locust activity. Soil moisture was not suitable for locust breeding in border districts of Bikaner, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Palanpur.

### Weather:

- a) **Rainfall:** Light to moderate rainfall has been reported from some parts of the scheduled desert areas of India in the range of 3.9 to 18.0 mm. District-wise number of localities and rainfall data are given below:

S. No.	District (HQ)	Rainfall in mm
1.	Jodhpur	6.6
2.	Bikaner	18.0
3.	Churu	9.3
4.	Jaisalmer	3.9

- b) **Wind direction:** Wind direction at 300 m remained South West to North East during June, 2005.

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**Locust Situation in Pakistan** (8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 to 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2005): Pakistan remained free from gregarious locust activity during the period under report. However isolated solitary adult locusts at a density of **1 adult/1000 m** were observed at two localities of **Bitranwari (2750 N- 7002E) and Sanewari ( 2729N- 6946E)** in Nara Desert of Sukkur district on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June,2005 respectively.

**Weather:** Light rain occurred at isolated places ion Sindh, Punjab and Southwest Balochistan during the reported period. Detail report in accordance with quantum of rainfall is as under:

District (HQ)	Rainfall in mm	Frequency of rainfall	Date where highest rainfall occurred
Turbat	4-7	2	01.06.2005
Rahim Yar Khan	2.4-6.6	2	17.6.2005
Sukkur	3.1-10	4	21.6.2005
Lasbela	1.3-17	2	22.06.2005
Bahawalpur	4.0-14.2	2	22.06.2005
Khuzdar	8.3	1	30.06.2005
Umerkot	2-11.5	4	06.07.2005

**Forecast:** Desert locust activity is expected to remain calm in July in both the counties. However, population of solitary adults may increase with the advent of monsoon rains during the month. Hence strict vigilance is required in the scheduled desert area of India and Pakistan.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- 1 Fortnightly Desert Locust Situation Bulletins of both the countries were exchanged.
- 2 Both the delegates agreed to establish wireless communication at 11.00 hours (IST) / 10.30 (PST) with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 on the allotted frequency. If it is not matured then alternate time will be 13.30 hrs (IST) / 1300 hrs (PST).

**Venue of the next meeting:** The third border meeting of the year 2005 would be held at Munabao / Khokhropar border point on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 at 0730 hours (PST/ 0800 hours (IST).

#### **Acknowledgement:**

The locust officers of both the counties expressed their deep and sincere thanks to the BSF of India and Rangers of Pakistan for extending their full cooperation and support in arranging the meeting at Khokhropar meeting Hall in Pakistan side.. The Indian delegates thanked to Pakistan delegates for cordial welcome, hospitality and courteous dealing during the course of meeting.