Subject: Dust-Thunderstorm/ Rain Predicted in Upper & Central Parts of the Country from Tuesday to Thursday

Fresh PMD Press Release dated 20 April 2019 is enclosed at Annex A. All concerned are requested to remain Alert and ensure following precautionary measures to avoid any loss of life or property:-

a. Respective PDMAs to coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, FWO and C&W) for restoration of roads in case of any blockage / obstruction.

b. Tourists be apprised about weather forecast.

c. Relevant departments may issue necessary instructions to stakeholders in the light of fresh weather forecast.

d. In case of any eventuality, twice daily updates should be shared with NDMA.

2. Forwarded for information / necessary action, please.

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Press Release

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Met Office informed that westerly wave is likely to enter western parts on Tuesday and may affect upper and central parts till Thursday and persist over northern areas till Friday. Under the influence of this weather system:

- Widespread dust-thunderstorm/rain (few moderate to isolated heavy falls) associated with strong gusty winds is expected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Tuesday to Thursday, while in Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir from Tuesday to Friday.

- Dust-thunderstorm/rain associated with strong gusty winds is expected at scattered places in Northeast Balochistan (Quetta, Kalat, Zhob, Nasirabad & Sibbi divisions), Upper Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Faisalabad and Lahore divisions), Islamabad from Tuesday to Thursday, while in central/southern Punjab (Multan, D.G.Khan, Sahiwal and Bahawalpur divisions), at isolated places in Sukkur division on Wednesday and Thursday.

- Hailstorm is also expected at isolated places in upper Punjab, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Kashmir during the period.

Note: Farmers are advised to take precautionary measures during the forecast period.

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