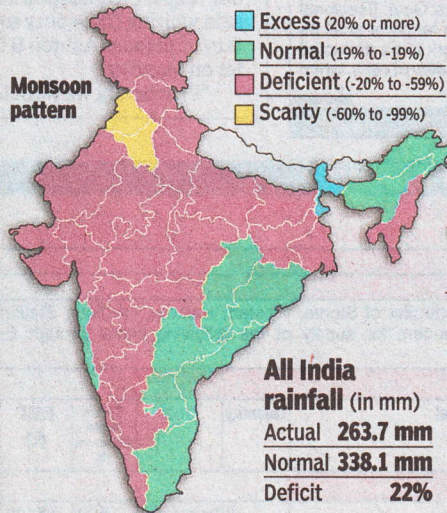
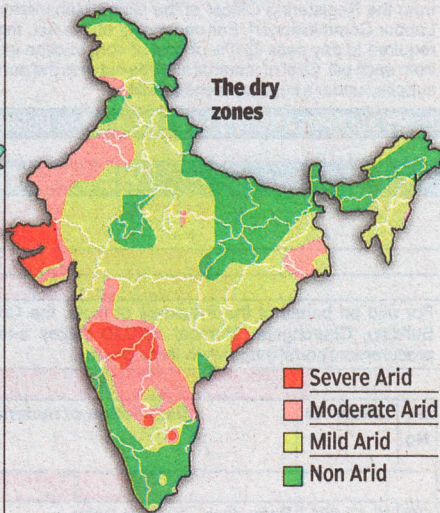


MAPPING RAIN AND ARIDITY

The seasonal monsoon map (left) and the aridity map show how inadequate rainfall this season has caused a drought-like situation in parts of the country



The monsoon deficiency (June 1 to July 19) this season paints a grim scenario for farmers. The national average figures hide the extreme deficiency in some parts of the country



The lack of rainfall has led to water stress in large parts of the country. Good farm production depends on moisture content in soil and air