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Introduction:

The aim of this paper is to provide an update on the status and developments of the satellite winds at India Meteorological Department, India. Cloud Motion Vectors are being derived operationally using KALPANA-1 and INSAT-3A IR data. CMVs at 00 and 07 UTC are derived from Kalpana-1 and 12 UTC CMVs from INSAT-3A IR data. These CMVs are regularly put on GTS and also stored at UK Met office for monitoring of CMVs. These CMVs are now covering larger area (45S to 45N and 40E to 140E). Efforts are also being made to derive the CMVs using Visible data at least once a day.

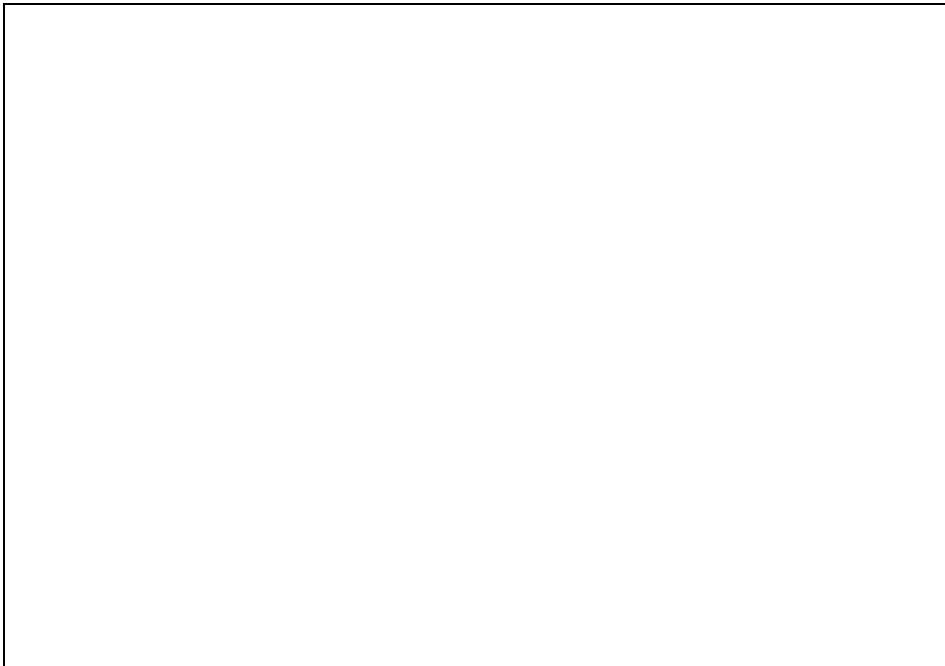
Derivation of Operational Cloud Motion Vectors

In order to forecast weather, knowledge of the current state of the atmosphere is essential. Conventional surface-based observations are sparse in both space and time, whereas satellite-based observations provide near global coverage at regular time intervals. The derivation of wind vectors from consecutive geostationary satellite images is an important source of global wind information. These data are regularly input into the large

computer models used for weather forecasting. They are especially useful over the world's oceans and the more remote continental areas.

CMVs derived from Kalpana-1 Satellite

RED- (1000-700hPa) Green- (700-400hPa) Blue- (400-100hPa)



CMVs derived from INSAT-3A Satellite

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IMD extracts wind vectors from Kalpana-1 and Insat-3A image data routinely. The scheme is based on the tracking of clouds in Kalpana-1 and Insat-3A image data, using sequences of consecutive images. Quality controlled sets of wind vectors for the 00 and 07UTC for Kalpana-1 and 12UTC for Insat-3A are distributed regularly over the GTS.