

Tropical Cyclone 06B

Tropical Cyclone 06B formed in the Bay of Bengal in mid-November then tracked northwestward into east-central India and attained peak intensity of 85 kt just prior to landfall. The cyclone subsequently dissipated rapidly while moving north into central India.

A Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert was issued at 130630Z November. JTWC issued the first warning at 140300Z November as a 40 kt system.

TC 06B tracked steadily northwestward at speed of 8 to 13 knots while intensifying. The cyclone attained a maximum intensity of 85 knots at 151200Z November, just before making landfall 30 nm southwest of Visakhapatnam, India. TC 06B quickly dissipated over land and JTWC issued the final warning at 160300Z November.

According to RSMC Darwin's Monthly Report, TC 06B cause two deaths and extensive crop and property damage in India.

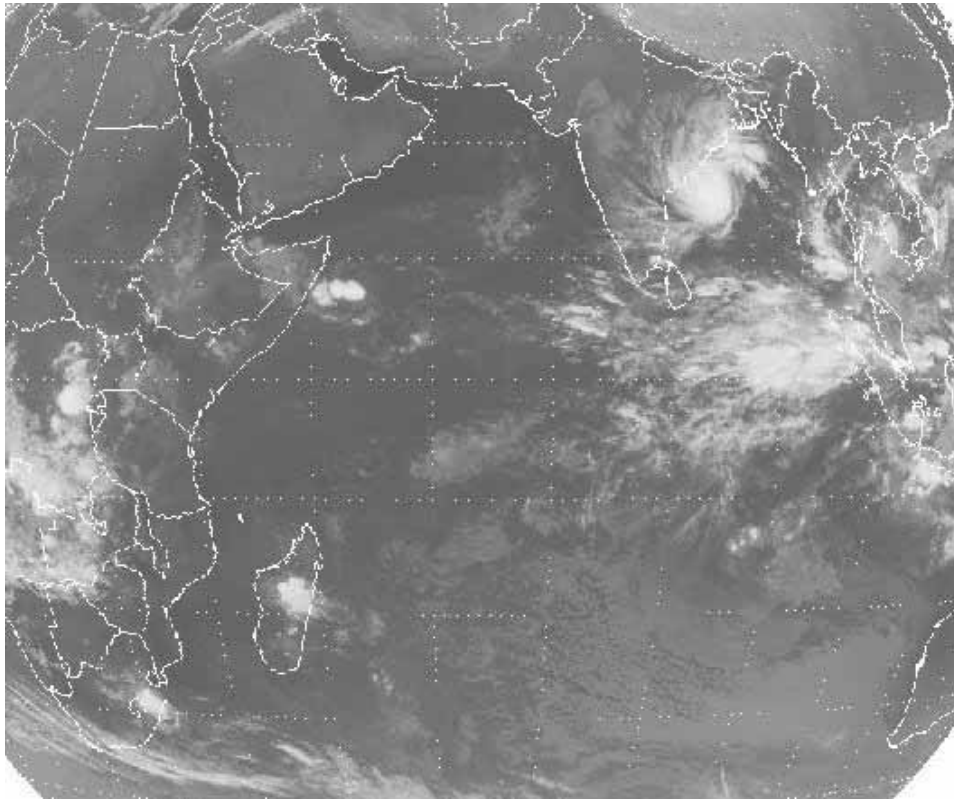


Figure 3-06B-1. Meteosat-5 depiction of TC 06B at 2030Z on the 14th of November, 1998 while TC 06B was a 70 kt system. TC 06B intensified to an 85 kt system within 12 hours.

