

- (b) the number of districts being declared as affected by drought in the State;
- (c) the impact of drought on foodgrains production in Kharif 2009-10 as compared to Kharif 2008-09 and estimate of loss, crop-wise;
- (d) the help extended by Centre to mitigate the impact of drought; and
- (e) during past 50 years, how many years have been drought free in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) As reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD), during South-West Monsoon 2009, while West Rajasthan received -42% of rainfall, East Rajasthan received -31%.

(d) During 2009-10, the Government of Rajasthan reported that 27 districts in the State have been declared as scarcity affected.

(c) As per 2nd Advance Estimates for Kharif 2009-10, as compared to Final Estimates for Kharif 2008-09, in Rajasthan, the production of foodgrains, oilseeds and pulses during Kharif 2009-10 is likely to be less than that of Kharif 2008-09.

(d) In addition to assistance of Rs. 1034.84 crores approved from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to Rajasthan for drought of 2009-10, the Government of India also took various measures to mitigate the impact of drought, which included steps to ensure availability of inputs, subsidy to use certified seeds to enable the State take up diversified crop plan in unsown/germination failed areas and permission to use funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for creation of agriculture infrastructure and facilitate taking up of specific crops strategy to achieve higher production.

(e) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that during past 50 years, only 6 years *i.e.* 1959-60, 1973-74, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1990-91 and 1994-95 have been drought free in the State.

#### **Development of port at Kerala**

2312. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has plan to give sanction for developing a port at Chettuva in Thrissur district of Kerala, especially for developing the fishing in the coastal area;

(b) if so, the allocation proposed for the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons for ignoring such an important project which has a potential for development of fisheries, export potential and job opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture has on 26th February, 2010 approved the proposal of Government of Kerala for construction of a minor fishing harbour at Chettuva in Trissur District at total cost of Rs. 3024 lakh with 75% Central financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. First installment of Rs. 300 lakh has been released to the Government of Kerala during the financial year 2009-2010.

(c) Does not arise.