

(a) whether the Panel constituted for addressing problems of farmers has submitted its report to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the main points of this report;

(c) whether Government is going to approve this report;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has not constituted any Panel for 'addressing problems of farmers' recently.

(b) and (e) Does not arise.

#### **Central assistance for modernization of Sasoon Dock**

2638. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of new harbours and renovation and modernization of Sasoon Dock, Mumbai fishing harbour was submitted by Maharashtra Government in June, 2009 for approval of Central assistance;

(b) if so, the reasons for delaying the administrative approval; and

(c) by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra in recent financial years had submitted three techno-economic viable proposals for construction of fishing harbours at Deogad (Anandwadi), Karanja and Arnala. The Ministry of Agriculture has accorded approval to these proposals and details are as below:—

( ` in lakh)						
Sl. No.	Name of the Fishing harbour	District	Date of approval	Approved project cost	Central Government Share	Amount released
1	Deogad (Anandwadi)	Sindhudurg	19.02.2008	3589.00	1794.50	Nil
2.	Karanja	Raigad	24.03.2011	6802.00	5101.50	400.00
3.	Arnala	Thane	25.03.2011	6156.00	4617.00	300.00

The Central Share in respect of Deogad (Anandwadi) fishing harbour project has not

been released, as the State Government has not confirmed that the land is free from encroachment and encumbrances.

The major fishing harbour at Sasoon Dock has been developed with 100 per cent funding from the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture has so far provided an amount of ₹ 1301.51 lakh to the Mumbai Port Trust for development of the fishing harbour and the management, maintenance and operations of the harbour has been entrusted to them.

The Ministry of Agriculture through the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore also has got formulated a report for renovation and modernization of Sasoon Dock Fishing Harbour and advised the Mumbai Port Trust to (i) frame the cost estimate and (ii) set up an institutional system to manage the fishing harbour in a professional manner to ensure quality services to the users.

#### **Non-availability of cold storages**

2639. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of food products get wasted due to non-availability of cold storage godowns;

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to increase the number of cold storage godowns; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has warned India about its depletion in food security matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) A comprehensive quantitative assessment of storage losses of agriculture produce at various levels were estimated by Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET) in its study conducted in 2010. The findings of the Study are:—

- The losses for selected cereals, constituting 94% of the national cereals production, were assessed to be in the range of 3.9% – 6.0%.
- Pulses exhibited higher losses as compared to cereals, range being 4.3% – 6.1%. The higher losses in pulses were mainly due to higher storage loss. Of all the selected pulses, black gram exhibited the highest harvesting (1.1%), collection (1.0%) and threshing (1.6%) losses.
- In case of oilseeds, the losses were in the range of 2.8% – 10.1%. Average loss for oilseeds was estimated to be 6.0%.
- Losses in farm operations in cereals, pulses and oilseeds constituted about two-thirds of the total losses.