

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2009-10	2011-12*
Rice	89.09	102.75
Wheat	80.80	88.31
Pulses	14.66	17.28
Foodgrains	218.11	250.42

\* Second Advance Estimates.

The Government offers to procure the agricultural produce at MSP if the market prices fall below that level. However, farmers are free to sell their produce in the open market if it offers a higher price.

**Post of Dy. Director (Official Language) in CMFRI, Kochi**

1890. SHRI P.R. RAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the staff strength of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Kochi, Kerala;
- (b) whether Government has sanctioned a post of Deputy Director (Official Language) in this institute;
- (c) whether Government has upgraded the Post of Assistant Director (Official Language) as Deputy Director;
- (d) whether there is any violation of existing norms and rules in allocating Deputy Director (Official Language) post in the institute; and
- (e) if so, the details of the appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) and (b) Instructions issued by the Department of Official Language on 22nd July, 2004 provide that one Hindi Officer of the rank of Assistant Director be posted in each attached/subordinate office having 100 or more ministerial employees. The sanctioned strength of ministerial employees of CMFRI, Cochin is 143 and an Assistant Director (Official Language) is in position as per norms.

(c) to (e) In a recently carried out cadre review, six additional posts of Deputy Directors (OL) have been approved for the ICAR as a whole. Their deployment has been done keeping in mind administrative exigencies and in the interest of work relating to official language.