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### Rain Havoc, Road Damage

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MLA demands free ration for those hit by heavy rain

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Rain-related damage, rehabilitation and relief works, and the condition of roads in rural and urban areas dominated the district development committee meeting here on Saturday.

Eldho Abraham, MLA, demanded that free ration should be provided to those hit by heavy rain. He said that the actual damage caused by the rain was being assessed now and free ration would be a great relief to the people whose houses had been damaged and who had lost their farming areas. He also said that officials of the District Disaster Management Committee should visit Manippara area in Paingattoor panchayat where there was a landslide in 2012. There are nine families near the Parithappuzha check dam who face flood threat and they should be rehabilitated.

The drinking water wells that had been flooded dur-

ing the rain should be cleaned up, he added. Besides, he said that the rural roads that had been damaged should be examined and report should be submitted at the earliest.

P.T. Thomas, MLA, demanded that there should be no discrimination when adding names on the voters' list. He said that all those who have a right to be in-

cluded in the voters' list should be included on the list and no discrimination should be shown. The MLA also pointed out that there were some areas of Thrikakara, which were flooded during the rain. The flooding was largely due to the encroachment of canals in the area. He said that these encroachments should be cleared fast. He also said that

the road encroachers in the area between Aroor and Edappally should be evicted.

Antony John, MLA, said that fencing should be completed quickly to bring relief to people, who have complained of wild animal attacks in Kottappady and Kutampuzha areas.

The MLA also said that the condition of the Canal Bund Road near Vadattupara was bad and needed immediate attention.

V.P. Sajeendran, MLA, said that the authorities should take steps to bring relief to people who may be affected by rise in water levels if the dams are opened in the wake of heavy rain. K.J. Maxi, MLA, said that the Revenue Department authorities had carried out their works well in the coastal areas of Chellanam, which were affected, by the rain. Anoop Jacob, MLA, said that repair works on the Piravom bridge should be carried out on an emergency basis.

### 'Cattle with FMD being sold'

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Eldhos Kunnappilly, MLA, has urged the Veterinary Department to pay attention to reports that cattle afflicted with foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) were being sold off cheaply for meat.

He said that the practice posed a serious health threat and that action should be taken in this re-

gard. The issue was raised at the meeting of the district development committee here on Saturday.

He also said that there was a complaint that farmers were not getting insurance compensation if cattle died of foot-and-mouth disease.

He appealed to the department to ensure that vaccination works were carried out properly.