

(b) How much amount was incurred by the Centre in subsidising the allotted rice and by cash payment to the Travancore-Cochin State for the year 1953?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) At the beginning of the year 1953 the Travancore-Cochin Government had estimated their deficit of cereals for 1953 at 565 thousand tons. This included both rice and wheat. But later on they estimated that their deficit of rice will be met by the import of 3 lakh tons rice. No specific demand for wheat was made. Against this they actually received during the year 1953, 340 thousand tons rice and 26 thousand tons wheat.

(b) As the Government of Travancore-Cochin have not yet furnished the accounts of losses incurred on the sale of rice during 1953, it is not possible to give an answer.

### बैंगनों की कमी

\*१९०२. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बैंगनों की कमी के कारण चीनी मिलों तक गन्ना पहुंचाने में बड़ी कठिनाई आ रही है; और

(ख) क्या सितम्बर, १९५३ में मुजफ्फरपुर में हुए रेलवे अधिकारियों के एक सम्मेलन में चीनी मिलों के मालिकों को यह आश्वासन दिया गया था कि उन्हें बैंगनों की कमी के कारण कोई कठिनाई नहीं उठानी पड़ेगी ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) No.

(b) At a meeting held in September 1953, requirements of siding and other facilities for loading sugarcane at various stations on the North Eastern Railway were discussed.

### CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CUTTACK

\*1905. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Rice Research Institute at Cuttack has evolved any improved varieties of paddy;

(b) if so, whether that paddy can thrive in the flood areas; and

(c) what is the average yield in maunds per acre of the improved paddy?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishappa):**

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) 40 maunds per acre for the superfine improved *aman* variety and 28 maunds per acre for the improved *beali* variety. The yield is calculated on three years average.

### RAILWAY WORKSHOP, MYSORE

400. **Shri N. Rachiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Works Manager Mysore called for a list of persons from the Employment Exchange Mysore for filling 100 posts in the Railway workshop during January, 1954?

(b) Is it a fact that a list of 400 persons was sent to the Works Manager accordingly?

(c) Is it a fact that this list was not at all considered by the Works Manager?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No recruitment of Khalasis has been made by the Works Manager as yet. When recruitment is made the persons suggested by the Employment Exchange will also be considered.