

Jonab Amjad Ali: With regard to the answer to part (a) of the question may I know whether any chemical analysis has been made in order to ascertain the food value of tapioca?

Shri Kidwai: Yes, Sir.

Jonab Amjad Ali: What is the result? What relation does it bear to rice?

Shri Kidwai: It is claimed, and analysis also shows, that it has got as high nutritive value as rice.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know the cost of producing 1 lb. of synthetic rice from tapioca?

Shri Kidwai: Well, I have no information about that, but I can supply the information if a question is put.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Is the hon. Minister aware that Travancoreans relish pure tapioca better than this synthetic rice?

Mr. Speaker: The information is taken.

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether the Government of India has advised Travancore-Cochin not to allow tapioca to be transported from Travancore-Cochin State?

Shri Kidwai: I will consider the suggestion.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Has synthetic rice been produced in marketable quantities?

Shri Kidwai: No, Sir.

POWER LIFT IRRIGATION

*1491. **Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have started power lift irrigation;

(b) the aid each of such States is now getting from the Government of India on account of this; and

(c) to what other States the Government of India propose to extend the same?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). Power lift irrigation is now in vogue in all the States. A statement showing the financial assistance so far given to States during 1952-53 for power lift irrigation is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 32.]

(c) Requests for financial assistance from other States will be considered, when received.

Jonab Amjad Ali: Has the Government received any representation from the Government of Assam in this respect?

Shri Kidwai: Assam has been given some grant.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Has the Government of Madras sent any application with respect to Madras?

Shri Kidwai: Madras is also on the list of States which have received both the grant and the loan.

MADURA-BODINAYAKANUR RAILWAY LINE

*1493. **Shri K. S. Gounder:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of restoration of the dismantled Madura-Bodinayakanur Railway Line has been taken up;

(b) if so, at what stage the work stands at present; and

(c) when is it expected to be completed?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary works for restoration of the line were commenced in October 1951 and are nearing completion. Actual linking of the track is expected to be commenced by 15th July 1952.

(c) The work of restoration is expected to be completed during 1953-54.

Shri Kandaswamy put a question in Tamil.

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question. He may give a translation of his question.

Shri Nambiar: I will translate it.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: May I translate it?

Mr. Speaker: No, no. Next question.

POTATO CULTIVATION

*1494. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of land were under potato cultivation during the year 1951-52;

(b) whether there will be any increase during the current year; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). The 1951-52 Final Estimates of Potato are scheduled to be released in October