

VANASPATI

310. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total production of Vanaspati during January to April, 1952?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The production of Vanaspati during January to April, 1952 was 59,462 tons as follows:—

January '52	15,658	tons.
February '52	16,178	"
March '52	14,755	"
April '52	12,871	"
Total	59,462	tons.

THEFT OF COPPER WIRES

311. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the penal provisions of the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Possession) Act 1950 have come into force;

(b) how many persons have so far been apprehended under the Act; and

(c) whether there is an appreciable fall in the Copper Wire thefts as a result of the application of the Act?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) About eighty persons are known to have been apprehended so far.

(c) No.

FOOD GIFTS

312. Shri P. T. Chacko: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains sent to India by voluntary relief agencies in America during the year 1951-52; and

(b) whether private agencies in any other country have sent food materials to India and if so, the countries which have done so and the amount of foodgrains sent by private agencies in each country?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) During April, 1951 to March, 1952, approximately 1,660 tons of foodgrains, donated by organisations and individuals in U.S.A., were received in India for relief purposes.

(b) Yes. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

	T	C	Q	L
(1) Australia	232	0	0	0
(2) Brazil	457	0	0	0
(3) Burma	973	15	2	14
(4) British East Africa	11	0	0	0
(5) British Guiana	300	0	0	0
(6) Ceylon	2	14	3	14
(7) Ethiopia	500	0	0	0
(8) France	2	0	0	0
(9) Fiji	102	6	5	0
(10) Germany	0	0	4	0
(11) Goa	9	0	0	0
(12) Malaya	17	13	3	0
(13) Thailand	1854	13	2	13

FOREST LAND

313. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of forest land which has been brought under cultivation since August, 1947; and

(b) whether Government propose to bring any more forest land under cultivation during the current year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Central Tractor Organisation started jungle clearance operations in the Tarai area of Uttar Pradesh in the 1950-51 reclamation season. An area of 20,265 acres has so far been made ready for ploughing, and out of this area 18,414 acres have been prepared for receiving seed in the 1951-52 season. The latter acreage will be brought under actual cultivation in the next *khari* and *rabi* seasons.

Besides, a total area of 6,19,844 acres of forest land has been brought under cultivation in the various States since August, 1947, according to information received from the State Governments. Information has not so far been received from the Governments of U.P., Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

(b) As far as the Central Tractor Organisation is concerned, no further operations on forest lands are proposed to be undertaken this year. According to information received from State Governments, they propose to bring 23,735 acres more of forest land under cultivation this year.