

**Jonab Amjad Ali:** May I know from the Government whether this Grow More Food Campaign has been a uniform success throughout the country?

**Mr. Speaker:** That will be more or less a matter of opinion.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** What were the main methods employed for the Grow More Food Campaign this year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Main methods?

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Yes, for example tube-wells, etc.

**Shri Kidwai:** I think the hon. Member wants to know what were the main methods employed in this Grow More Food Campaign during the last year. I think most of the money was to be spent in providing irrigation water in places where water was not available.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know whether electricity will be supplied in the southern Districts of Madras where now electricity is not given by the Government of Madras for irrigation purposes?

**Shri Kidwai:** That depends upon the availability of electricity and the decision of the Madras Government.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether the integrated plan of growing more food along with more jute is now abandoned and a new scheme formulated by the hon. Minister?

**Shri Kidwai:** Sir, this question was about the money advanced to the different States for the Grow More Food Campaign, and I have given a reply to that.

**श्री जांगडे :** क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि अधिक अन्न उपजाओं आन्दोलन के बहाने मालगुजारों ने जंगलों को बरबाद कर दिया है और उन जंगलों को बरबाद करने के बाद उस में काष्ठ कुछ भी नहीं करते हैं।

[**Shri Jangde:** Will the hon. Minister please state whether it is a fact that under cover of the "Grow More Food Campaign", the Zamindars have destroyed forests and have done no cultivation there afterwards?]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. I don't think it arises out of this question.

**Shri Hukam Singh:** What actual incentive besides giving grants and loans was given to the actual cultivator to grow more food?

**Shri Kidwai:** His desire to increase his income is always an incentive.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know the specific steps taken for that.

**Shri Kidwai:** He was helped in bringing new land under cultivation.

#### MUKERIAN-PATHANKOT RAILWAY LINE

\*340. **Shri Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total capital expenditure incurred in the construction of Mukerian-Panthankot Railway line in the Punjab?

(b) Is it proposed to run any fast train also on this track for passengers bound for Kashmir?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) The construction of Mukerian-Pathankot line is estimated to cost Rs. 3.77 crores approximately. Of this, a sum of Rs. 2.67 crores was spent upto 31st December 1951.

(b) Kashmir Mail between Delhi and Pathankot runs via this route.

**Shri Hukam Singh:** Is it any part of the railway line that remains to be constructed, or is it only the construction of railway stations and other amenities that remains to be provided?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I shall require notice.

**Shri Hukam Singh:** What volume of mileage shall be saved by the traveller by taking this route?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I want notice.

#### CHINESE PADDY

\*341. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether a proposal is under consideration to try the cultivation of different varieties of Chinese paddy in India?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** Yes.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the States where Chinese paddy is going to be tried out this year?

**Shri Kidwai:** It is being tried in many States such as Kashmir, Bombay,

Madras, Bihar, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Mysore and Delhi.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know what has been the average yield of Chinese paddy compared to our indigenous paddy?

**Shri Kidwai:** It is still under experiment, but some varieties have been found to give better yields than the local seeds. A variety of seed has been experimented in Bihar which is now being distributed to cultivators. About others further experiments are going on and after some time results will be available.

**Shri S. N. Das:** What are the specialities of this Chinese paddy?

**Shri Kidwai:** There are different varieties under experiment and it is said that when introduced in India the yield will be more per acre.

सठ गोविंद दास : इसका तजुर्बा सरकारी फ़ार्मों में कहाँ कहाँ किया गया है और कहाँ कहाँ के किसानों को यह बांटा गया है ?

[Seth Govind Das: Which are the places where such experiments have been carried out on Government farms and where has it been distributed among the *kisans* for cultivation?]

श्री किडवाई : मैं ने अभी स्टेट्स का जिक्र किया कि जहाँ सरकारी फ़ार्मों में तजुर्बा किया गया है और बाज़ बाज़ जगह खुसुसन बिहार में ऐसा तजुर्बा हो चुका है और किसानों में सीड बांटा जा रहा है ।

[Shri Kidwai: I have just mentioned the States where these experiments have been carried out on Government farms. At some places—particularly in Bihar—these have been completed and the seeds are being distributed among the *kisans*.]

#### IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

\*342. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains arrivals in India from abroad since 1st January, 1952; and

(b) the total quantity of internal procurement of foodgrains during the same period?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 21.6 lakh tons of foodgrains arrived in India from abroad during the period 1-1-52 to 15-5-52.

(b) For the period 1-1-52 to 17-5-52, 22.9 lakh tons of foodgrains were procured internally in India.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the quantity of foodgrains imported as also the quantity of internal procurement during the corresponding period of 1951?

**Shri Kidwai:** The figures for 1951 are not available—if the hon. Member wants the information he may table a separate question.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know what are the reasons which led to the decline of internal procurement of foodgrains this year?

**Shri Kidwai:** This year the procurement has not declined.

श्री राधेलाल व्यास : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि अभी तक बाहर से जो अनाज यहाँ आया है और जो स्टेट्स में संग्रह किया गया है उस में से सेंट्रल रिजर्व में कितना अनाज रखा गया है ?

[Shri Radhelal Vyas: May I know the total quantity retained in the Central Reserve out of the foodgrains imported from abroad or procured from the various States?]

श्री किडवाई : सिवाय इसके कि राशनिंग एरिया में जो माहवार खर्च होता है बाक़ी सब रिजर्व में है ।

[Shri Kidwai: Barring the quantity required for consumption every month in the rationed areas, the rest is kept in the Central Reserve.]

**Dr. Jaisoorya:** What is the proportion of procurement to internal production?

**Shri Kidwai:** It varies from State to State. Some States like Bombay and Madras have got more effective and efficient machinery for procurement...