

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...

**Dr. Jaisoorya:** All-India average?

**Shri Kidwai:** In other States where the machinery is not so effective the procurement is less in proportion to the local production.

**Mr. Speaker:** Can he give the all-India average?

**Shri Kidwai:** I am afraid it is not possible.

#### RAILWAY LINES IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

\*343. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lines for the proposed Railways in the Travancore-Cochin State are finally fixed; and

(b) whether the construction work will start immediately?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) The construction of the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway has been approved of.

(b) Arrangements are being made to carry out the final location survey first. Construction will be taken in hand, after the alignment has been finalised and estimate sanctioned.

**Shri Velayudhan:** With regard to part (a) of my question, may I know whether the survey work is finished or not?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** The preliminary part of it has been finished but the final survey will take some time more.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know when the actual construction will begin?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** During 1952-53, we expect.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether the materials required for the construction of this railway have been ordered?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I do not know if the actual order has been placed, but in any case there will be no difficulty in getting the necessary materials.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know whether the contemplated line will pass through the coastal belt or will be through central Travancore.

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

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know which are the works that are expected to be

completed with the funds already allotted in the Budget this year?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a much wider question. This question refers to the Travancore-Cochin State only.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** No, Sir. I am asking in respect of the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway only, what are the works that are expected to be completed, with the funds already provided for in the Budget this year.

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** The funds allotted are for the preliminary survey work only. The estimated total cost will come to Rs. 8 crores and 23 lakhs. Thus, the provision in the Budget is only for the preliminary and final surveys.

**Shri Velayudhan:** What is the reason for this two-year delay even in conducting the survey? How long more will it take?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** As I told the hon. Member everything has been completed. The only thing that remains to be done is the final location survey. This year this will be done and construction will commence thereafter.

Several Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Speaker:** I am going to the next question.

#### EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL STAFF (RECRUITMENT)

\*344. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure followed for the appointment of extra departmental staff to man the village post offices;

(b) what is the total number of persons appointed in the various categories of staff during 1951-52 giving circle-wise figures; and

(c) whether applications were invited for the above mentioned appointments and whether any examinations were held by any authority?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) The Extra Departmental Staff are selected ordinarily from amongst the local residents of the village where they are proposed to be employed. Generally the men are engaged either by inviting applications or through District or Village authorities. Persons with independent means, such as Government pensioners, teachers etc. are selected.