

(b) In what States is it produced and what is the approximate acreage under cultivation at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Tapioca contains about 38.7 per cent. Carbohydrates, 0.7 per cent. protein, 0.2 per cent. fat, 1 per cent. minerals, and moisture 59.4 per cent. Its calorific value per ounce is 45 and it is deficient in vitamins.

It is mainly used as a supplementary food in Travancore and the Malabar district of Madras.

(b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No. 30.]

TELEGRAPH STATIONS FOR SUB-DISTRICT OF SAHARSA

*354. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar and some public organisations of Bihar had requested the Government of India for opening of telegraph stations at Garpatgani, Pratabganj and Basarpatty in the sub-district of Saharsa?

(b) Is it a fact that the Government of Bihar had also undertaken to meet the deficit, if any, in running the aforesaid Telegraph Offices?

(c) Is it a fact that the Government of India also accepted the proposal and sanctioned their opening?

(d) If so, do Government propose to state the reasons why those telegraph offices have not so far been opened?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) to (c). Yes.

(d) Due to shortage of funds and stores the works could not be completed. It is expected that the offices will be opened in about four months.

POST OFFICES IN ORISSA

*359. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices of all nomenclatures in each district of the State of Orissa;

(b) whether all the Post Offices are located in Government buildings; and

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(c) if any Post Offices are located in the private buildings, the annual rent paid therefor?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 31.]

(b) No.

(c) The total annual rent paid for post offices in Orissa located in rented buildings is Rs. 34,607/3/-.

KHOWANG-NUMALIGARH NATIONAL HIGHWAY

*360. **Shri Beli Ram Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what proportion of National Highways falls within the State of Assam?

(b) Are Government aware that the portion of the National Highway within the State of Assam from Khowang to Numaligarh, about 100 miles, has been damaged by the last great earthquake and that no steps have been taken to repair this portion of this road?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) About six per cent.

(b) So far as I am aware, this section was not damaged by the great earthquake of 1950; and there is no indication that it is not being adequately maintained.

SPECIAL POLICE ESTABLISHMENT

*361. **Shri N. C. Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred per year from the year 1947 on the Special Police Establishment of the Government of India; and

(b) the total fines realised in cases which were investigated into by the said Establishment?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 32.]

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*३६२. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी :
क्या संचरण मंत्री उन बड़े और छोटे नये डाकघरों की संख्या बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे, जो पिछले वर्ष सारे भारत में खोले गये ?