

APROCA Cultivation

5711. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States growing tapioca in the country;

(b) the production of tapioca during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the production of tapioca has declined;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether tapioca can be used as a fuel to run the vehicles; and

(f) the status of the research in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Tapioca growing states and production during last three years are given in Statement attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) does not arise.

(e) and (f). Tapioca can be used as a motor fuel in the ration of 75 to 80 parts of petrol and 20 to 25 parts of tapioca alcohol. The Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has standardised technology on production of alcohol from tapioca.

STATEMENT

Production of Tapioca in States during last Three years

Sl. No.	Name of States	Production (thousand Tonnes)				
		Years				
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91		
1.	2	3	4	5		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	122.7	102.9	146.1		
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.0				
3.	Assam	8.4	8.4	9.8		
4.	Karnataka	10.6	10.0	8.3		
5.	Kerala	3165.3	3054.0	2799.0		
6.	Meghalaya	23.7	23.8	23.1		
7.	Mizoram	0.6	1.2	1.2		
8.	Nagaland	0.9	0.9	0.9		
9.	Rajasthan	0.6	0.4	0.6		
10.	Tamil Nadu	1477.8	1747.0	2107.9		
11.	Tripura	2.2	2.2	2.2		

Sl. No.	Name of States	Production (thousand Tonnes)					
		Years					
1.	2	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	3	4	5
12.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.9	1.9	1.9			1.9
13.	Pondicherry	12.9	9.3	10.2			
	All India	4832.5	4962.0	5111.2			