

during past three years ending 1978-79 is given below:

Year	Production in lakh tonnes
1976-77	63.75
1977-78	56.88
1978-79	60.53

(b) Quantities used for food and manufacture are not available. As regards exports, these are in the form of tapioca chips, tapioca flour, tapioca starches and tapioca and sago and substitutes. Tapioca is mainly exported in the form of tapioca chips. And in terms of tuber production, it roughly accounts for 4 per cent of all-India production.

(c) to (e). Central Tuber Crop Research Institute, Trivandrum has been developing a process for manufacturing power alcohol from Tapioca and the commercial aspects have not yet been examined.

#### Establishment of Institute of Agriculture at Banaras Hindu University

3106. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a proposal has been submitted by the Banaras Hindu University to the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education for the establishment of Institute of Agriculture there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the University Grants Commission and ICAR have cleared the proposal; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal has been examined by Government. As it involves amendment of relevant Statutes of the Banaras Hindu University, action is being taken to obtain the approval of the President, in his capacity as the Visitor of the University, to the required amendments.

#### Anganwadies

3197. SHRI B. K. NAIR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadies in the country, the children and nursing mothers attended to therein and the number of employees, State-wise;

(b) the pay scales applicable to the employees;

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise their scales;

(d) if so, on what lines;

(e) whether these institutions are prepared to be placed on a permanent footing as an item of our social welfare programme; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A Statement indicating State-wise the number of Anganwadis functioning in the country, the children and nursing mothers being attended to and the number of employees therein, is attached.

(b) The Anganwadi Workers and the Helpers, who manage the anganwadis, are honorary workers. Matriculate Anganwadi workers get an honorarium of Rs. 175 Per Month and Non-Matriculates get an honorarium of Rs. 125 Per Month. Helpers get an honorarium of Rs. 50 Per Month.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.