

(ग) जी नहीं। जो प्रसुचिताने दूर की जा सकती है उन्हें बकर दूर कर दिया जाता है।

(घ) सबाल नहीं उठता।

#### Power Supply for Assam

\*1212. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have asked for any Central assistance for 11,000 k.w. thermal power for meeting their immediate needs; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 5.]

#### Supply of "Atap" Rice in Tripura

\*1213. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unboiled rice (Atap) is not being supplied from the ration shops of Tripura at present; and

(b) if so, what arrangement is being made to provide unboiled rice to the Hindu widows who are not expected to eat boiled rice?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Though to general consumers boiled rice is being issued at present from ration shops in Tripura, unboiled rice is available for Hindu widows on demand.

#### Green Manure

\*1215. Shri Keshava: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous varieties of rice respond better to green manure than fertilizers; and

(b) what steps are taken to encourage the use of green manure?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No. The experiments have only indicated that green manure is as efficacious as fertilizers under special circumstances such as in swamp rice cultivation.

(b) The various steps adopted by the Centre and States include:

- (i) Advice through propaganda (promotion literature, and other audio-visual media) on the plants to be used for green manuring and the practices to be adopted;
- (ii) Large scale distribution of green manure seed packets among farmers;
- (iii) Subsidy by the Government of India @ Rs. 2 per maund to State Governments and Union Territories for production and multiplication of green manure seeds during the last two years of the Second Plan (1959-61); and
- (iv) Rebate in charges on water used for green manuring operations.

#### Potatoes

2218. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1782 on the 12th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the All India Final Estimates of Potato for 1958-59 has been prepared; and

(b) if so, the estimated production of potatoes for 1958-59 (State-wise)?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No. The Estimate is scheduled to be released by the end of October, 1959.

(b) Does not arise.