

**Production of Pepper in Kerala**

	Year	Value in '000' of Rs.
2172. {	1959-60	81812
	1960-61	84970

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of pepper in Kerala;

(b) the total exports in 1959-60 and 1960-61, year-wise;

(c) if there is decline in production, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned in 1959-60 and 1960-61 on account of export?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food & Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) The total production of pepper in Kerala during 1961-62 was of the order of 26,550 tons.

(b) The total quantity of exports from India during 1959-60 and 1960-61 was as under:—

Year	Qty. in '000' kg.
1959-60	20,672
1960-61	17,202

(c) There was a nominal decrease of about 0.2% in 1961-62 as compared to the production in the preceding year, i.e. 1960-61. The production in Kerala State for these two years was as under:—

Year	Production (in tons)
1960-61	26,600
1961-62	26,550

The decline of about 50 tons has been reported due to unfavourable weather conditions at the time of flowering and growing period of the crop.

(d) The amount of foreign exchange earned during 1959-60 and 1960-61 is as follows:—

**Pepper Price**

2173. {	Shri A. K. Gopalan:
	Shri Umanath:
	Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the price of pepper during the last 3 years;

(b) the market price at present; and

(c) if the prices have declined, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Food in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) A statement showing the month-end prices of pepper during the last 3 years at selected centres viz., Cochin and Madras is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 52].

(b) The month-end price for May, 1962 for Cochin is Rs. 114.02 per maund.

(c) The current prices of pepper are lower than 1960 and 1961 prices but are higher than the prices in 1959. The prices in 1960 and 1961 were high as there was a larger demand for our exports owing to a decline in production in Indonesia.

**Kariankode Bridge**

2174. {	Shri A. K. Gopalan:
	Shri Umanath:
	Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kariankode bridge on the West Coast Road has been completed;

(b) if not, the probable time when it will be completed;

(c) when the work was undertaken; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):**  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge is likely to be completed by March 1963.

(c) In early 1955.

(d) The work on this bridge could not proceed according to schedule, as in the course of construction, it was found that the rock was not available at a reasonable depth and the bearing capacity of the clay met with was too poor to support the originally proposed spans of 82 feet. The design of the bridge had, therefore, to be modified substantially. This led to the suspension of the work between July 1957 to May 1959. The work is now in progress.

#### **Bridges on National Highways in Kerala**

**2175. Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges under construction on National Highways in Kerala;

(b) causes of delay in completing construction; and

(c) steps taken to expedite the work?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):**  
(a) Five. (1) Thottappally Bridge. (2) Danapady Bridge. (3) Karipuzha Bridge. (4) Kannetttil Bridge. (5) Manali Bridge.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Co-operation as a Course of Study**

**2176. Shri Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools, colleges and universities where the introduction of Co-operation as a subject of study has been accepted by his Ministry;

(b) the universities which have already introduced "Co-operation" as a separate optional subject in their commerce degree courses;

(c) the universities which took part in the national debating contest on the subject of co-operation which was held in February 1962 at Delhi; and

(d) the university which stood first in the said debating contest?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri S. D. Misra):** (a) The Ministry have decided in consultation with the Ministry of Education that the subject of Co-operation should be introduced in the curriculum of schools, colleges and universities in the following manner:—

(i) Teaching of Co-operation through simple stories in Standards I to V.

(ii) A more detailed treatment of the subject in the subject of social studies for children of age group 11 to 14 (standards VI to VIII).

(iii) Inclusion of the elementary knowledge of cooperation in the core subject of social studies, at the higher secondary stage.

(iv) Introduction of Cooperation as an optional subject for B. Com., B. Com., (Hon), B.A., and B.A. (Hon) Degree course in Cooperation and Allied subjects.

(v) Provision for an intensive study of the subject of Co-