

new starts. The outlay envisaged for minor irrigation works in the public sector during the current year is Rs. 206 crores.

The estimated cost of the 70 new projects for the current year is Rs. 351 crores. Central assistance to the States is in the form of block loans and grants which is not related to any sector of development or specific project.

#### **Compensation to victims of forced Sterilisation**

168. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications so far received for payment of compensation from the victims of forced sterilisation; and

(b) the number of persons so far given compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAG-DAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) It is not the policy of the Government to give any cash compensation to a person who claims to have been subjected to sterilisation forcibly. The Government, however, have a scheme for providing recanalisation facility to those who seek it and free treatment of post-operative complications. A record of such applications as seek payment of compensation only on grounds of forcible sterilisation is, therefore, not being maintained. There is, however, a provision for *ex-gratia* payment to the dependents of those who die as a result of post-sterilisation complications.

#### **Production of Tapioca**

169. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum has recently made a claim to the effect that tapioca pro-

duction may be increased four times by adopting a new technique; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes Sir, the Director of the Institute has reported that the "Mukibat system" of tapioca cultivation may result in 3 to 4 fold increase in production.

(b) A system of planting known as Mukibat, after the Indonesian farmer who evolved it, is the basis of this claim. In this system Ceara rubber (*Manihot glaberrima*) is grafted on tapioca cuttings. The resultant plant has a far bigger leaf area and greater photosynthesis on account of the scion. The tapioca root portion can transform this photosynthate into greater root yield. The Institute initiated investigations in 1975 and the preliminary studies show that with this system, in tapioca Hybrid H-165 yield per plant increased from 4.8 kg to 14.9 kg and in Hybrid H-226, from 2.4 kg to 10.2 kg. The yield is the average of 12 plants studied in the two Hybrids. Intensive studies on quality, acceptability and yield are in progress at the Institute.

#### **Over payment to contractors by DDA**

170. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any complaints against the Delhi Development Authority for making over payment to the contractors; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKAN-