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LOANS OF FORMER COCHIN STATE

*426. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state whether any of the State Loans of the former Cochin State have been taken over by the Government of India, and if so, what are those loans and what are the amounts involved?

THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND CIVIL EXPENDITURE (SHRI M. C. SHAH): Under the Federal Financial Integration arrangements, Government of India agreed to assume liability for the Public Debt of the former Cochin State to the following extent:—

Name of Loan	Liability assumed by Government of India (In lakhs of Rs.)
3½% Loan 1956—61	4
3% Loan 1953—55	70
3% Loan 1955—58	12
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SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: May I ask whether these loans were issued as tax-free loans by the former Cochin State Government?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: I have not got that information, Sir.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: May I ask whether, in any event the Government of India have ordered that the tax should be deducted at source in respect of all these loans?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Always a tax is deducted at source.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: But may I know, if the loans had been issued as tax-free loans, whether the Government are within their rights to issue such instructions?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Income-tax has nothing to do with the conditions of the State Government. Maybe tax-free but then the State has to pay the tax. Anybody who gets interest has to pay tax if that comes within the range of income-tax.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: That is not the question.

†MILK SUBSTITUTE FROM GROUNDNUT

*383. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Food Technological Institute at Mysore has evolved a substitute for milk from groundnut; and

(b) if so, how this substitute compares in quality and cost with genuine milk?

THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The milk substitute has a high food value and it is only slightly inferior to cow's or buffalo's milk. Its cost will be a third or fourth of that of cow's milk.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, what amount of milk will be got from one pound of groundnut?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I have not got that information with me just now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

†Postponed from the 20th December 1955.