

the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 is as follows:—

(In lakh tons)

1951-52 . . .	14.97	
1952-53 . . .	12.97	
1953-54 . . .	6.02	Up to 7-2-54)

The total production during 1953-54 will be known at the close of the season.)

(b) Sugar in retail was sold at varying prices at different places during these years. The retail prices are not available for all places.

(c) The production of *gur* during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 was 32.40 and 28.77 lakh tons, respectively. The production during 1953-54 will be known at the close of the season.

(d) The retail prices are not available.

(e) The minimum price of sugarcane fixed for 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 seasons was—

	Price per maund		
	Rs.	A. P.	
1951-52 . . .	1	12 0	
1952-53 . . .	1	5 0	for gate delivery;
		1 3 0	for rail centres-
1953-54 . . .	1	7 0	for gate delivery
		1 5 0	for rail centres.

(f) The quantity of sugar imported during 1951-52, 1952-53, and 1953-54, and the foreign exchange involved in the same, are as follows:—

Year (Nov.- Oct.)	Quantity imported	Foreign Exchange involved
		Tons (Rs. crores)
1951-52 . . .	Nil	Nil
1952-53 . . .	59,226	3.35
1953-54 (Up to Feb. 54)	1,91,095	9.99

RICE TECHNICIANS SENT TO JAPAN FOR TRAINING

• 109. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the training of Indians in Japan in the Japanese method of rice cultivation;

(b) the names of the persons who were sent for the training;

(c) the names of the places where they have been posted after their return; and

(d) what was the period of training of these technicians in Japan?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) A sum of Rs. 5,059, being half the to and fro travel expenses from India to Japan and back of the three rice technicians, was met by the Government of India and the State Governments concerned. The remaining half of the to and fro travel expenses as also living and travel expenses for the period of their stay in Japan were met by the F.A.O.

(b) 1. Dr. N. Parathasarathy, Director, Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack.

2. Shri M. B. Venkatanarasinga Rao, Paddy Specialist, Government of Madras, Madras.

3. Shri A. B. Saran, Assistant Rice Specialist, Government of Bihar, Patna.

(c) As at (b) above.

(d) About 3 months.

UNSERVICEABLE AERODROMES IN MYSORE

110. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aerodromes in Mysore State which are unserviceable for regular aircraft operations; and

(b) the names of the places where these aerodromes are located?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) All the aerodromes in Mysore are being maintained in a serviceable condition.

(b) Does not arise.