

figures in respect of ammunition and cartridges are 2,138 and 28. This is a very difficult proposition. The hon. Member had better go to Telangana and see for himself.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is it not a fact that the landlords of Telangana are being armed by Government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order. Next question.

MYSORE MIXTURE

*481. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the ^Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of Mysore mixture (Mysore flour) has been supplied to all the different States up to date; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that this mixture is not adulterated with -wheat flour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) : (a) 16 tons of the mixture has been supplied to the Madras Government for feeding in food deficient areas and samples of seven pounds of mixture have been supplied to each of the Governments of Rajasthan. Assam, Pepsu, Ajmer, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bombay, Hyderabad, Madhya Bharat. Bihar. Travancore-Cochin, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for Preliminary trials.

(b) The possibility of adulterating the mixture with wheat flour does not arise as the mixture is made under the supervision of the State Government concerned and no material has been supplied to private parties. Besides wheat flour is more expensive than the Mysore mixture.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What are the constituents of this Mysore mixture?

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is Mysore mixture?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Mysore mixture is a mixture which contains 75 per cent, tapioca flour and 25 per cent, groundnut flour.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Is it one of I the inventions of the Central Food Research Institute? I want to know whether this is one of the great contributions made by the Central Food Research Institute.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes. Sir, The synthetic and nutritive nature of this mixture has been discovered and established by this Institute.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What kinds of vitamins does this mixture contain?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Mostly Vitamin B has been added.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is Vitamin C added?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No information.

SHRI B. RATH: If there is 5 per cent, tapioca and 25 per cent, groundnut, what about the rest?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I said, 75 per cent, tapioca flour. The hon. Member perhaps did not hear me.

SHRI RAMA RAO: Is it or is it not a fact that recently a Junior Minister of Government tasted it. and said that he or she would never eat it again?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not aware.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What is the cost of production per ton?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The cost of production per ton cannot yet be finally assessed because there are still various details and machines which have to be gone into. When that is done, and when the tapioca also is grown abundantly, we can establish quite low cost. But tentatively it is

somewhere between Rs. 200 and Rs. 350 per ton.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Has the Government any definite programme in this respect?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes. Sir. Government are making further investigations to ascertain the possibility of its commercial production.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know what preparations are made from this mixture?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There are various dishes made out of this mixture; for example, puris, chapatis, <muddes and doshas, and also various ether dishes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All the dishes made of wheat flour are also made of Mysore mixture.

Sur.i D. NARAYAN: Has the hon. Minister tasted all of them?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Many of them

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: The hon. Minister said he had to set up machines for the manufacture of this mixture. May I know if this process is complicated, or whether the 75 per cent, tapioca flour and 25 per cent. groundnut flour are just brought together?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: No. it is not complicated.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: Can the Minister at least assure us that this mixture is cheaper than natural rice or wheat?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes. It is cheaper than wheat flour and the present price of rice.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is this mixture very wholesome?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Otherwise Government would not go in for it.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know whether there is any difference in nutritive value if the 75 per cent, tapioca flour and 25 per cent, groundnut flour are taken separately?

(No reply.)

REGIONAL COUNSELLOR IN HYDERABAD

*482. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for STATES be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the post of Regional Counsellor in Hyderabad has been abolished?

THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND STATES (DR. K. N. KATJU): The post of State Coun-soller in Hyderabad is at present vacant. The question whether this office should be continued or held in abeyance is under consideration.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is there a persistent demand from the Hyderabad Government for the abolition of this post?

DR. K. N. KATJU: The Hyderabad Government has made no such formal representation, but they have said so informally, and so far as I am concerned, I am perfectly orepared to fall in with their wisnes.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Have they whispered it or said it aloud?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is there a demand that if the Counsellors are retained, they should not be drawn from Government services?

DR. K. N. KATJU: I have not heard of it.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLOMBO PLAN FUND

*483. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Nepal have complained to the Government of India that the Canadian con-