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deepening the canal opposite certain wharves was made in 1918, but that the Port Officer, Cocanada, did not consider the work necessary.

Experimental weaving factories in the Presidency.

2 Q.—Mr. ANKINEDU PRASAD: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development—

(*a*) whether the Government have perused the article on the hand-loom weaving industry by Sir Alfred Chatterton that appeared in the *Madras Mail* dated 13th January 1921; and

(*b*) whether there are any factories in the Presidency like the experimental weaving factory maintained by the Mysore Government at Bangalore.

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) There is at present no such factory.

Irrigation projects in Ganjam.

3 Q.—Mr. S. BISWANATH DAS: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Public Works (Irrigation)—

(*a*) to state if any investigation of possible irrigation projects was ever made in the Ganjām district;

(*b*) to place the connected reports on the table; and

(*c*) if the Government have considered the desirability of taking up any irrigation project this year with a view to provide labour and also to improve the irrigation facilities in the affected areas.

A.—(*a*) A list of irrigation projects investigated in the Ganjām district is laid on the table.*

(*b*) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by placing the reports on the table. If the Member wishes to see the report on any particular project, it will be furnished to him.

(*c*) The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

The Member began reading the question from the printed list.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT (*interrupting*):—"The Honourable Member need not read the question. He will be taken to have read it. That is why it has been printed. If he has any supplementary questions to ask, he can do so; probably he has none."

Mr. S. BISVANATH DAS:—"I beg your pardon. I have got a supplementary question. Will the Government be pleased to state what is the source of information regarding the famine-affected areas of Kallikota and Surada?"

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think it hardly arises out of this question."

Collection of premium from the ryots in the Kistna district.

4 Q.—Mr. K. GOPALAKRISHNAYYA: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(*a*) How long the labours of the special Ayacut Department in the Kistna district would continue and at what cost;

* Vide Appendix I on pages 39—41 infra.