

opinion held as to its nature is that it is one of the deficiency diseases caused by the loss of a certain important constituent—probably of the nature of a vitamin—of the nutritious seed-coat of the rice-grain which is removed by the high polishing the grains are subjected to in the rice-mills. The affected districts of Guntur and Kistna also happen to have the largest number of rice-mills in the Presidency.

The investigation of this disease has been undertaken by Col. McCarrison, I. M. S., at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor and we understand Dr. R. V. Norris, Government Agricultural Chemist, is collaborating with him by an investigation on the chemical side. We hear, highly interesting results have already been obtained. We are sorry, however, to notice that this is one of the subjects on which the Inchcape axe has descended and that this work is to be stopped soon on grounds of retrenchment—a very sorry commentary on the degree of importance which is attached to research work in general in this country—and a circumstance which is extremely regrettable indeed in the case of a piece of original research concerning the welfare of thousands of suffering humanity.

Activities of the Union.

At a meeting held towards the end of May, the Working Committee elected the various committees for Games, Reception, Entertainment and Subscription in connection with the celebration of the ensuing College Day and Conference. Mr. H. Shiva Rao is to be the Captain of the volunteers. At another meeting held on the 13th June, allotments for the various items of expenditure in connection with the College Day were made and a rough programme for the conference was arranged. We are glad to announce that a fairly large number of papers have been promised for the conference.

Departmental Notes.

Appointment:—

1. Mr. K. S. Ramana Bai, Lower Subordinate IV Grade, to officiate as Upper Subordinate V Grade, vice Mr. K. Unnikrishna Menon officiating in the Madras Agricultural Service, with effect from 1-5-1923.

2. Mr. T. G. Anantarama Ayyar, Lower Subordinate IV Grade, to officiate as Upper Subordinate V Grade *vice* Mr. C. V. Sessa Acharya officiating in the Madras Agricultural Service with effect from 1-5-1923.

3. Mr. M. Chinnaswami Nayudu, Lower Subordinate IV Grade, to officiate as Upper Subordinate V Grade, *vice* Mr. T. Budharidheya Rao Nayudu officiating in the Madras Agricultural Service with effect from 1-5-1923.

4. Mr. V. Achyutam Pantulu, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, transfer from III Circle to II Circle.

Leave:—

1. Rai Bahadur K. Ranga Achariyar, Government Lecturing Botanist, a further extension of leave on average pay on medical certificate for four months in continuation of the leave already granted.

2. Mr. V. N. Viswanatha Rao, Deputy Collector and Statistical Assistant to the Director of Agriculture, leave on average pay for one month from 18-6-1923.

3. Mr. J. Srinivasa Ayyar, Assistant in Mycology, leave on average pay for 8 days from the 15th June with permission to avail the holidays on the 23rd and 24th.

4. Mr. T. K. Balaji Rao, Assistant in Economic Botany, Aduturai, leave on average pay for three weeks from 25-6-1923.

5. Mr. K. L. Ramakrishna Rao, Assistant on Cotton Work leave on average pay for one month from the 3rd June 1923.

6. Mr. T. V. Narayana Rao, Farm Office Manager, Central Farm, extension of leave on average pay for 13 days.

7. Mr. L. S. Natesa Ayyar, Farm Manager, Central Farm, leave on average pay for two months from or after 20-6-1923.

8. Mr. A. Chinnathambi Pillai, Farm Manager, leave on average pay from 3-5-1923 to 23-5-1923 (both days inclusive) in continuation of the leave already granted to him by the Sierra Leone Government.

9. Mr. T. S. Venkataram Ayyar, Agricultural Demonstrator, Kadambur, leave on average pay from 10th to 24th June 1923 (both days inclusive.)

10. Mr. Bhairya Siva Rao, Agricultural Demonstrator, IV Circle, extension of leave for one month.

11. Mr. T. R. Venkaswami Rao, Agricultural Demonstrator, Tiruvalur, leave on average pay for one month from 15-5-1923.

12. Mr. A. Chidambaram Pillai, Farm Manager, Paddy Breeding Station, leave on average pay from 11th June 1923 to 29th June 1923 (both days inclusive).

13. Mr. C. V. Sankaranarayanan, Sub Assistant in Economic Botany, leave on average pay for 20 days from 4th June 1923.

14. Mr. G. R. Venkatachalapathi Raja, Asst. Agricultural Demonstrator, IV Circle, leave on average pay for four months and half average pay for two months in continuation thereof from the date of relief.

15. Mr. V. Achyutam Pantulu, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, Sandyal, leave on average pay for 12 days from 5th May 1923.

16. Mr. A. S. Nithyakalyana Reddi, Assistant Farm Manager, Palur, leave on average pay for one month from 10th June 1923.

17. Mr. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, Tanjore, leave on average pay for 12 days from 20th May 1923.

18. Mr. H. Narahari Rao, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, Bhavani, leave on average pay for 20 days from 13th June 1923.

19. Mr. N. Narayana Ayyar, Assistant Farm Manager, Central Farm extension of leave on average pay for one week.

20. Mr. M. Singara Royan, Head Artist to the Government Lecturing Botanist leave on average pay for 20 days from 4th June 1923.

21. Mr. J. Sundara Rao Bhutgoswami Artist, Govt. Entomologist's office, an extension of leave of one month and six days.

22. Mr. P. H. Rama Reddi, Deputy Director of Agriculture, an extension of leave on average pay for four weeks in continuation of the leave already granted to him.

Editorial Notes.

Birthday Honours—Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu.

On behalf of our Union and on behalf of our department, we beg to convey our heartfelt congratulations to the Hon'ble Rai Bahadur Sir K. Venkata Reddi Nayudu, Kt.—our Development Minister—on the richly deserved honour bestowed on him by His Majesty the King Emperor on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday. Our department will always be grateful to the Minister for the paternal care with which he has been fostering it and will never forget the zeal with which he has been for the last three years protecting and defending it from unfair and uncharitable criticism both