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Polavaram.—Tobacco gardens under wells in a few villages are thriving well.

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FODDER.

Bhadráchalam.—Sufficient in the river-side villages. Insufficient elsewhere.

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