

storage of such heavy machinery, in future. These are being implemented.

Reports of Commissioner of S.C. and S.T.

97. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports of the Commissioner of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the years 1962-63 and 1963-64 have not so far been presented to Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite their presentation?

The Minister of Law and Social Security (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) to (c). The Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has submitted his report for the year 1962-63, to the President. As this report has not been printed yet it has not been possible to place copies of this report on the Tables of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Steps are being taken to expedite the printing of this report.

The report of the Commissioner for the year 1963-64 expected to be submitted to the President on or about 30th September, 1964.

Autonomous Body for Social Welfare Work

98. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create an autonomous body for social welfare work;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Law and Social Security (Shri A. K. Sen): (a) There is already the Central Social Welfare Board which enjoys autonomy;

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Rice Production

99. **Shri R. G. Dubey:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 23 blocks have been selected in Punjab for the implementation of the programme of intensive cultivation of rice during 1964-65 to increase its production; and

(b) how the scheme is progressing and whether Government propose to extend this scheme to other States?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme was launched only during the Kharif season of the current year. It is, therefore, too early to assess the results. Similar schemes have also been introduced in the other States.

Air India Boeing 707-320B

100. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Jashvant Mehta:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India's new boeing 707-320B arrived here on the 29th May, 1964, after a non-stop flight from London; and

(b) how this new Boeing compares with the existing ones?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new aircraft has the Pratt & Whitney JT3D-3B Turbofan engines installed, which have higher take-off thrust rating by 500 lbs. per engine. Together with the improved features like full length leading edge flap, modified wing tips and main flap of larger area the higher rated thrust engines enable the aircraft to take-off and land at lesser runway length than

707-437 by about 10 per cent to 15 per cent, depending upon the temperature conditions.

In cruise conditions, due to the higher cruise thrust availability of P&W JT3D-3B engines, the aircraft can attain a given speed earlier than 707-437 and on long sectors like London-New York, this results in a lower flight time by about 15 to 20 minutes.

Another important feature of the aircraft is its comparatively lower fuel consumption, due to the characteristic advantage of Turbofan engine over the pure jet or bypass engine. Consequently, for a given mission, the fuel consumption for this aircraft is about 10 per cent less than the 707-437 with its Rolls Royce Conway 508 engines, or alternatively it can fly for a longer distance than 707-437 at an equal take-off gross weight.

**New Delhi-London Air Service
Via Moscow**

101. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start an air service between New Delhi and London via Moscow; and

(b) if so, whether there have been any talks between Russia and India in this matter?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. Air India have plans to operate two flights per week between New Delhi and London via Moscow. The first such service will operate ex New Delhi on October 2, 1964.

(b) Inter-airline discussions between Air India and Aeroflot were held in Moscow in June, 1964 when agreement was reached for the operation of this service by Air India.

Grow More Food Campaign

102. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether special fertiliser quotas had been allotted to various States/Union Territories for the current crop, as a part of the grow-more-food-campaign and if so, to what extent;

(b) whether some of the States have failed to lift their quotas of fertilisers in due time and if so, which ones, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether similar quotas are being allotted for the coming kharif crops also and if so, to what extent and what are the assessed requirements of each State/Union Territory in this respect?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) In addition to quarterly allotments made in favour of the State Governments in the usual course, additional quotas were sanctioned to some State Governments vide Appendix 'A' of the statement laid on the Table of the House (Placed in Library. See No. LT-3005/64] to meet the increased requirements of their agricultural programmes. In addition, allotments were also made vide Appendix 'B' to meet the special requirements of Jute, cotton, tobacco, tea coffee and rubber.

(b) In a few cases very small quantities have not been lifted by the State Governments. The quantities not lifted and the reasons therefor are shown in Appendix 'C' of the statement.

(c) As usual, allotments will be made on quarterly basis in future also. The requirements as assessed by the State Governments for the next two quarters viz October-December 1964 and January-March 1965 are given in the Appendix-'D' of the statement.

भूमिहीन किसान

103. **श्री बागड़ी :** क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में भूमिहीन किसानों की संख्या क्या है;