

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Profits of Air India

*7. **Shri Bishanchander Seth:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the profits of the Air India during 1961-62 have declined in comparison to the previous years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken to check further losses?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The profit earned by Air India during 1961-62 was less than that during 1960-61, but more as compared to 1958-59 and 1959-60.

(b) The year 1961-62 was a year of transition for international air transport industry as a whole. While many airlines sustained losses during the year 1961-62, profits of some others dropped during the same period. Compared to this, the performance of Air India cannot be considered unsatisfactory.

(c) The Air India apart from intensifying their sales efforts have also taken steps towards more effective control over their expenditure wherever possible.

Sugar Shortage

*8. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar shortage is being felt in some of the States for some time past;

(b) if so, which are those States; and

(c) the quantity of sugar realised during December 1962 and January 1963, State-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement giving the required data is placed on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-796/63.*]

Fertilizer Distribution Corporation

*13. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether formation of a fertilizer distribution corporation is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Details will be worked out if and when the proposal has been accepted in principle by Government.

Rail Concessions to Sports Teams

*14. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail concessions to sports teams have been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from sports organisations in this connection; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was considered appropriate in the present emergency.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The representations have been noted and the concessions will be re-introduced as early as possible.