

land reforms and ensure credit and other facilities to the farmers and to provide the right personnel for the Intensive Agricultural District Programme;

(b) if so, the measures suggested by Government to the States for its improvement; and

(c) the extent to which these suggestions have been accepted and implemented by the State Governments?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) In a general reference about the steps to be taken for accelerating the pace of progress in agricultural production, the need for quick improvements in the tenurial system, at least in the Intensive Agricultural district Programme was emphasised. It was also pointed out that timely availability of credit and other facilities to the farmers and the question of keeping the staff in position in the selected district for sufficiently long periods was important for the success of the programme.

(b) The Conference made a number of recommendations which have been communicated to the State Government for implementation. A statement indicating summary of recommendations is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3361/64].

(c) It is too early to say how far these have been accepted and implemented.

Delhi-Moscow-London Air Service

*46. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Warior:
Shri Daji:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.K. has objected to Air-India carrying passengers from Moscow to London on their New Delhi-Moscow-London service inaugurated some time back;

(b) if so, the reasons on which these objections are based; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). United Kingdom Government were prepared to permit the picking up of traffic from Moscow if there was an intermediate halt between Moscow and London. This did not suit Air India which wanted a direct flight to save time and attract through passengers. U.K. Government then wanted that in order to protect the interests of British European Airways who had developed the route Moscow/London and until British Overseas Airways Corporation provided service to India through Moscow, Air India should carry only stop-over traffic between London and Moscow. Since this suited Air India better than permission to lift traffic with an intermediate stop, it was agreed to.

Delhi Milk Scheme

{ Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:
*47. { Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Dr. Saradish Roy:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question

No. 57 on the 8th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether all the recommendations of the committee on the working of Delhi Milk Scheme have since been accepted and fully implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, how far that has improved the present milk supplying capacity of the Delhi Milk Scheme?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Most of the recommendations of the Team of Experts have been accepted and action is in hand for their implementation. A statement showing the action taken so far in regard to the implementation of the main recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3362/64].

(b) The recommendations aim at a major re-organisation of the Scheme and it will be some time before they are fully implemented. However, according to present indications, the implementation of the recommendations will go a long way in improving the milk supply position of the Delhi Milk Scheme.

Prices of Foodgrains

Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri Jashvant Mehta:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Daji:
 Shrimati Vimla Devi:
 Shri Gulshan:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Dr. Ranen Sen:
 *48. Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
 Dr. Saradish Roy:
 Shri Jai Bahadur Singh:

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
 Shri Solanki:
 Shri Buta Singh:
 Shri Kapur Singh:

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

(a) whether the prices of food-grains, pulses, and vegetable oils have increased during the past two months;

(b) if so, to what extent and how the present prices compare with those in the corresponding months last year; and

(c) the steps being taken to stabilise the prices?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b) There was an increase in the market prices of foodgrains, pulses and vegetable oils during the months of September, 1964 but in October, 1964 they have declined. The All India Index Number of wholesale prices of cereals which rose from 144 in the month of August 1964 to 150 in September declined to 148 in October. The Index Number of pulses rose from 159 to 197 during the same period but declined to 183 in October, 1964. The prices are, however, higher this year as compared to corresponding period of the last year.

(c) Some of the more important steps taken to stabilize the prices are as follows:—

- (i) Announcement of producers' Prices for paddy, wheat, gram, jowar, bajra and maize for 1964-65 season and fixation of statutory maximum prices of paddy at which such stocks could be requisitioned;
- (ii) Fixation of maximum wholesale and retail prices of rice;
- (iii) Increased distribution of food-grains to fair price shops;
- (iv) Stepping up of imports of foodgrains and arrangement for import of edible oils from U.S.A.;