

Food Situation

- *411. **Shri D. S. Patil:**
Shri M. Malaichami:
Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

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

(a) the recommendations made by the Chief Ministers' Conference held on the 8th November, 1965 regarding the food situation in the country; and

(b) the steps taken for their implementation?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) on behalf of the **Minister of Food and Agriculture:**

(a) No specific recommendations on the food situation have been made by the Chief Ministers' Conference held at New Delhi on 8th November, 1965. Advantage was however, taken of the Chief Ministers' presence in New Delhi for an exchange of views on the current food situation in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaints against the I.A.C.

*412. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the number of complaints against the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) whether Government have recently examined the working of the I.A.C. departmentally or through any other means; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir, except for complaints regarding delays.

(b) and (c). The Engineering and Stores Organisation of the Corporation have been examined by a departmental committee which has suggested certain improvements in the organisational set up, maintenance and overhaul procedures and material provisioning. The recommendations of the Committee are under examination.

Cases of delays to the services of the Corporation during the period 1st April to 15th July, 1965 have also been studied and causes therefor analysed. The principal cause of delays is inadequate capacity. This will be overcome progressively as the Corporation acquire additional aircraft.

Drought Conditions in the Country

- *413. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri D. S. Patil:
Shri Linga Reddy:
Shri Jashvant Mehta:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri D. D. Mantri:
Shri Sonavane:
Shri B. D. Deshmukh:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri M. L. Jadhav:
Shri Baswant:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri Lonikar:
Shri T. A. Patil:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kishan Pattnaik:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a drought over a large part of India adversely affecting food production;

(b) if so, whether any estimate has been made for the loss of crops as a result thereof; and

(c) the relief measures undertaken?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) on behalf of the

Minister of Food and Agriculture:

(a) Drought conditions have been reported from the States of Mysore, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

(b) A precise quantitative estimate of the damage done to the crops would become available when the Final Estimates of production, based on crop cutting surveys, are received from the States. However, the present indications are that the current kharif crop output might have a shortfall exceeding 3 million tonnes, from last year's record production.

(c) States are undertaking necessary relief measures.

National Food Distribution Scheme

*414. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a national food distribution scheme to successfully distribute food-grains to the States; and

(b) whether this scheme has been approved by the Chief Ministers of the States?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) on behalf of the Minister of Food and Agriculture: (a) and (b). An emergency Food Distribution Plan is under preparation and the Chief Ministers of the States will be consulted before its finalisation.

Attainment of Self-Sufficiency in Food by U.S. Aid

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

(a) whether the U.S.A. is aiding India to boost agriculture in order to enable the latter to attain self-sufficiency in food;

(b) if so, the nature of different schemes and the extent of aid rendered so far in respect of each such scheme;

(c) whether U.S.A. will also supply surplus agricultural implements, as in the past; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines of the schemes formulated in this regard?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) on behalf of the Minister of Food and Agriculture:

(a) It is true that the U.S. Government has given substantial aid to India for its programmes of agricultural production, but no specific mention of the attainment of self-sufficiency has been made in that connection.

(b) Since the signing of the Indo-U.S. Technical Cooperation Agreement in 1952, the U.S. Government has provided assistance in various fields of Agriculture to the extent of Rs. 61.35 crores. A statement giving details of assistance made available is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5213|65].

(c) Under O.A. No. 22, the U.S. Government had made available agricultural machinery, implements etc. of the value of \$ 114,652.15 upto December, 1962. At present there is no offer from the U.S. Government for supplying Agricultural implements, as in the past.

(d) Does not arise.

हरिजन आदिवासी तथा पिछड़े वर्गों के विद्यार्थी

1091. श्री मधु लियये :

श्री बागड़ी :

क्या सामाजिक सुरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने प्रारंभिक, उच्च माध्यमिक और विश्वविद्यालय स्तरों पर पढ़ने वाले हरिजन, आदिवासी तथा पिछड़े वर्गों के विद्यार्थियों संबंधी आंकड़े इकट्ठे किये हैं, जिस प्रकार पढ़ने वाली लड़कियों के संबंध में आंकड़े इकट्ठे किये गये हैं ;