

Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6379/66.]

Accident to I.A.C. Caravelle

*1744. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Braj Bihari Mehrotra:
Shri Brij Basl Lal:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Airlines Caravelle on flight from Delhi to Madras on the 24th April, 1966 met with an accident when all the four tyres on the left side burst, as the plane touched down the runway;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. The four main tyres of the port under-carriage burst after the aircraft had landed. No other damage was caused.

(b) The incident is under investigation.

(c) The aircraft was made serviceable after the replacement of the four wheels and the corresponding brake assemblies of the port under-carriage and it took off for Bombay as a ferry flight on the following day i.e. 25th April, 1966.

Election in Goa

*1745. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of **Law** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the date for holding elections in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Law (Shri G. S. Pathak): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Edible Oils

*1746. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the *Statesman* of the 2nd May, 1966 to the effect that large quantities of edible oils are being smuggled into Tibet and Pakistan via Simla, Jammu & Kashmir and U.P.;

(b) if so, whether Government have verified the correctness of the report; and

(c) whether the prices of oils have increased largely on account of this smuggling of oils out of the country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the concerned Customs authorities, no smuggling of edible oils either to Tibet or Pakistan has come to notice and no seizure of edible oils has been made at the concerned borders recently.

(c) The main reason for the rise in the prices of edible oils is the steep fall in production of oilseeds during 1965-66 and the consequent reduction in the availability of edible oils.

Clearance of Ceylon-bound Passengers arriving by Rameshwaram Express

*1747. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several passengers arriving by Rameshwaram Express and bound for Ceylon, were