

**Shri Shinde:** I have already stated the factual position. This year's production is likely to be higher by about 40,000 to 50,000 tons. It is not expected to go much beyond that.

**Production of Wheat and other Cereals**

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\*125. **Shri Hukam Chand**

**Kachhavaia:**

**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**

**Shri Jagdev Singh**

**Siddhanti:**

**Shri Linga Reddy:**

**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of wheat and other cereals during the rabi crop in 1965-66 and how does it compare with the last year's production; and

(b) the likely rate of growth to be achieved in the food production this year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Mishra): (a) and (b). A statement containing the available information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

**Statement**

(a) Firm estimates of production based on crop cutting surveys of wheat and other rabi cereals during 1965-66 are expected to become available only sometime in July, 1966 after the close of the agricultural year (July-June). However, on present indications the production of wheat and other rabi foodgrains is expected to show a decline during 1965-66.

(b) According to tentative estimates based mainly on qualitative reports, total food production in the country this year is expected to show a decline of about 12.5 million tonnes or nearly 14 per cent over the previous year's record output of 88.4 million tonnes.

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** उपमंत्री जी ने अपने वक्तव्य में बताया कि 14 प्रतिशत की उपज की कमी हुई तो इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकारों को खाद्यान्न का उत्पादन ज्यादा बढ़े उस के लिए उन्हें कितनी धनराशि दे रही है ?

**श्री श्यामधर मिश्र :** इस सम्बन्ध में योजना बनाई जा चुकी है पंचवर्षीय योजना में। प्रगले साल की भी योजना बनाई गई है, काफी अधिक धन दिया जा रहा है बाकी वह संख्या कितनी है उसकी इस समय जानकारी नहीं है।

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** गेहूँ का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा किन किन राज्यों को सहायता दी गई है ?

**श्री श्यामधर मिश्र :** जो राज्य उत्पादन कर रहे हैं, पंजाब, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान, यह तीन राज्य हैं गेहूँ के सम्बन्ध में उन को सहायता दी जा रही है।

**श्री बड़े :** मध्य प्रदेश भी तो है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** कितनी सहायता दी जा रही है ?

**श्री श्यामधर मिश्र :** वह संख्या हमारे पास अभी नहीं है।

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** What is the additional area of land brought under the plough this year and what is the estimated production out of this land?

**Shri Shyam Dhar Mishra:** The additional area under high yielding varieties programme for the next year in the Plan is about 4.5 million acres.

**Shri R. S. Pandey:** What is the criterion adopted in this matter? Is the potentiality for more production is also taken into consideration while giving more help to the States?

**Shri Shyam Dhar Mishra:** The help is determined on the basis of performance of States and the possibilities of production in those States.

Ilyushin 18 for L. A. C.

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\*126. **Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**  
**Shri Bagri:**  
**Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:**  
**Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Karni Singhji:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1950 on the 7th December, 1965 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken for the purchase of Ilyushin 18 from the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, its details;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) to (d). No decision could be taken as Government are still awaiting additional particulars of this aircraft, with particular reference to the modifications suggested by the Corporation and the cost of the aircraft as a result thereof.

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस मामले पर गवर्नमेंट द्वारा कब तक फसला ले लिया जायगा और रास्ते में क्या बीज बाधा डाल रही है ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** I would request the hon. Member to repeat his question.

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** कब तक फसला ले लिया जायगा और रास्ते में कौन सी बीजों बाधा डाल रही है ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** We have made certain suggestions to the manufacturers in USSR. As soon as we receive their reply as to the modifications that could possibly be adopted in this particular type of aircraft and the resultant extra cost that would arise thereby, we would be able to take a decision on the matter.

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** क्या इस तरीके से किसी दूसरे देश से भी बातचीत चल रही है और यदि चल रही है तो उन देशों से मिलने वाले जहाजों की कीमत इल्युशिन 18 के मुकाबले में सुविधाजनक होगी ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** At the moment we are considering the purchase of other types of aircraft also but this particular aircraft is found to be very suitable for certain trunk routes. All these available details would be carefully examined before a decision is taken.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Desert Development Authority

\*127. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Linga Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Desert Development Authority has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the basis of its composition, its functions as well as the estimated outlay and expected results of the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri**