

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Figures of all-India yields per hectare of important crops during three years 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66 are given below:

(Kg. per hectare)

Crop	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
Foodgrains	690	757	647
Sugarcane (in terms of gur)	4695	4696	4304
Cotton (lint)	121	123	108
Jute	1283	1292	1079
Oilseeds	478	560	416

It will be seen that the yields per hectare in 1965-66 were generally lower than those in 1964-65 and 1963-64. This is mainly because of severe drought conditions in most parts of the country in that year.

(b) and (c). Increased production of foodgrains as well as of commercial crops is sought to be attained generally through adoption of intensive cultivation measures aimed at increasing productivity. The emphasis is on adoption of package of practices involving the use of irrigation, fertilisers, improved seeds and plant protection measure in selected areas which have a high potential for increased production. These programmes are known as Intensive Agricultural District Programme and the Intensive Agricultural Area Programme. A new High Yielding Varieties Programme has also been taken up which is designed to step up the yields per hectare of foodgrains substantially. Similar programmes are also being taken up for commercial crops. Necessary outlays have been provided in the IVth Five Year Plan.

I.A.C. Caravelles

*300. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**
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Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation have made arrangements to replace the Caravelles that it has lost during the year; and

(b) if so, by when the two Caravelles would be commissioned into service?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) No replacement aircraft has yet been ordered for the Caravelle lost on 4th September, 1966 in view of the studies being made about a Viscount replacement and the fact that a replacement would not be immediately available but only after a year or so. Orders for two Caravelles were placed by the Indian Airlines Corporation in April, 1966, one in replacement of Caravelle lost on 15th February, 1966 and the other in lieu of withdrawal of Boeing charter by Air India.

(b) One of the two Caravelles ordered was delivered on the 29th October, 1966 and is being used at present for refresher training and additional non-scheduled flights. The second aircraft is due to be delivered early in December, 1966. Both the aircraft will be put into regular service as soon as possible in December, 1966.

Fish Trade in Kerala

1300. **Shri Imbichibava:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information about the margin pocketed by the middlemen in fish trade in Kerala;

(b) the average price for various varieties of fish, namely, sardines, mackerels, seer fish (Scombronus) sharks and rays, ribbon fish obtained by the actual fishermen and the average prices paid by the consumers in various towns in Kerala like Calicut, Trichur, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Quilon and Trivandrum;