

(c) what are the other terms of the agreement?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The FOB cost of the three units of 23 MW Gas turbines, including spares, is Rs. 3.05 crores. The first unit will be despatched in 7 months from the date of the order and thereafter the remaining two at two months' interval each.

(c) The main terms of the agreement are contained in the Statement laid on the Table of the House, [See Appendix I, annexure No. 78.]

खाद्यान्न के उत्पादन में वृद्धि

२२४. श्री किशन पटनायक : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हीराकुद बांध से जलसंचन के फलस्वरूप अनाजों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) क्या इसका अनुसन्धान सरकार ने किया है ;

(ग) क्या ऐसे क्षेत्र में परती जमीन को कृषि योग्य बनाने के लिये कोई योजना है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कहां-कहां उसको कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अ० म० थामस) : (क) से (घ) पूछी हुई जानकारी उड़ीसा सरकार से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलने पर सभा की पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Calcutta—Assam Freighter Service

825. Shri P. C. Boroah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of freighter aircrafts in causing huge accumulation of Second fresh tea in Assam waiting to be airlifted to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). The position regarding airlift of Second Fresh tea from Assam was stated to be apprehensive during May and June partly due to shortage of aircraft and partly due to weather conditions. Indian Airlines Corporation operated additional flights during last month and it is understood that the Indian Tea Association now consider the position satisfactory. The Booking Agents have no pending Tea Airlift commitment.

Shipping Space for Tea Exports

826. Shri P. C. Boroah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient shipping space has not been made available for tea exports from Cochin and that large quantities had accumulated in Cochin port in the last two weeks of July; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to ease the situation?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government took up the matter with the Malabar Coast/U.K.—Continent Conference and as a result shipping space as required by the Tea Trade was provided. The Tea Trade Association of Cochin has since informed Government that the conges-