

(b) if so, what steps Government contemplate to take to enforce the affixing of these meters on scooters in Delhi to stop malpractices in charging increased fares and to avoid inconvenience and harassment to the public?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Only a limited number of meters for scooter-rickshaws are available in the country.

(b) The State Transport Authority, Delhi, have already decided that fresh permits for scooter rickshaws will be issued only if the vehicles are fitted with fare-meters approved by them. The question of making the fitment of fare meters in the existing scooter rickshaws compulsory is under the consideration of that Authority. Before such a requirement is prescribed, it is necessary to ensure that a sufficient number of meters is available. There are at present about 3,500 scooter rickshaws on road in Delhi but the enquiries made by the Delhi Administration reveal that only about 1,200 fare meters have been imported into India. The possibility of getting some additional meters imported is being explored by the Administration.

Development of Deep Sea Fishing

927. Shrimati Vimla Devi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to Develop deep sea fishing during the Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) the results so far achieved; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Centre in this respect?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) During the Third

Five Year Plan, the Government of India originally proposed to acquire 20 additional fishing vessels to strengthen the existing Deep Sea and Offshore Fishing Stations and to open four new stations at Veraval, Mangalore, Paradwip and Port Blair. The stations at Veraval and Mangalore have already started functioning with the existing vessels. An order for fabrication of one trawler has been placed. Proposals for procuring more trawlers are still under consideration. These could not be procured so far due to scarcity of foreign exchange.

(b) Private industry has taken up fishing on an extensive scale during the past two years as a result of the new and better fishing grounds discovered by Deep Sea and Offshore Fishing organisation of the Government of India.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 1,68,600 has been incurred during the first year of the Third Five Year Plan.

Construction of Godowns

**928. { Shri Mantri:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:**

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

(a) whether Government have any programme for the construction of godowns for storing foodgrains; and

(b) if so, how many godowns are to be constructed in different States in 1963?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes.

(b) The programme of construction of Government godowns in 1963, in the various states is as under:

State	Capacity in '000 M. tonnes	Approximate no. of godowns
1. Andhra Pradesh	8.84	3
2. Assam	6.60	3
3. Bihar	30.58	8
4. Delhi	19.81	5
5. Gujarat	5.08	1
6. Kerala	10.16	2
7. Madras	26.16	8
8. Maharashtra	117.18	28
9. Punjab	17.78	4
10. Uttar Pradesh	68.17	22
11. West Bengal	54.15	13
TOTAL	364.51	97

Price of Fertiliser

929. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent price cut of C. A. N. fertiliser has any effect on the relative increase in the sales of this fertiliser; and

(b) how many fertiliser demonstrations were held so far in the country and how many of them were for the propagation of C. A. N. fertiliser?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) 11.3 lakh fertiliser demonstrations were held in the country between 1954-55 to 1961-62. Out of this an estimated number of 93 thousand demonstrations were held with Calcium Ammonium Nitrate for its propagation. Demonstrations with Calcium Ammonium Nitrate were started in 1957-58.

Bottlenecks on Railways

930. **Shri P. C. Boroah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways were confronted with some bottlenecks when fighting broke out in NEFA in September last; and

(b) if so, what measures have since been taken to gear up the railways to meet both defence needs and civil sup-

plies, particularly in the North Eastern region?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Accident to Air India Boeing 707

931. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up to enquire into the fire which broke out in a Boeing aircraft belonging to Air-India at Santa Cruz Airport on 1st December, 1962 has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Lighthouse in Mangalore

932. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct a lighthouse in Mangalore in view of its being developed as a major port in the western seaboard of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the steps taken in this regard?