

**Area under Fruit Crops**

1583. Shri Rane: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under fruit crops in India; and

(b) the total annual production of fruits?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). No regular all India estimates are at present prepared in respect of the various fruit crops. However, according to the latest land utilization data for the year 1963-64, the total area under fruit crops was placed at 1305 thousand hectares. Besides, ad hoc annual estimates of area and production for banana, papayya and cashewnut are received from the State Governments. The latest information for these three fruits relates to the year 1964-65. This is indicated below:

	Area ('000 Hectares)	Production ('000 tonnes)
1. Banana	195	2670
2. Papayya	7	240
3. Cashewnut	157	142

**Paddy Cultivation in Laccadives**

1584. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to experiment paddy cultivation in Laccadives; and

(b) if so, when and the incentives proposed to be given to the farmers in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The Government do not have any such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

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**Wheat and Sugar Supply to Rajasthan**

1585. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Uliaka:  
Shri K. Pradhani:  
Shri Heerji Bhal:

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

(a) the quantity of wheat and sugar allotted and actually supplied to Rajasthan during 1966-67; and

(b) the quantity of wheat and sugar allotted to Rajasthan for the first quarter of 1967-68?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The quantities of imported wheat and sugar allotted and actually despatched or released to Rajasthan during 1966-67 (April-March) were:—

	(In '000 tonnes)	
	Allotment	Despatched or released
WHEAT	355.0	352.8
SUGAR	110.0	107.8

(b) The quantities of imported wheat and sugar allotted including further likely allotment to Rajasthan for the first quarter of 1967-68 (April-June, 1967) are:—

	(In '000 tonnes)	
Grain	Allotment	
WHEAT	71.5	
SUGAR	18.7	

**Agriculture-oriented Education**

1586. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Uliaka:  
Shri K. Pradhani:  
Shri Heerji Bhal:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.