

Area under Fruit Crops

1583. Shri Rana: 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 Annasahib 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 Annasahib 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 Annasahib 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.

480 on the 4th April, 1967 on Agriculture-oriented Education and state:

(a) whether the results of the deliberations of the Working Group have since been received; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The deliberations of the Working Group have not been received so far. Their final recommendations are therefore awaited;

(b) Does not arise

Hindustan Shipyard

1597. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri K. Pradhani;
Shri Heerji Bhai;

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to expand the Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam for increasing its production capacity from four to six ships per year; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) No, Sir. It is necessary to hold further investigations before a final view can be taken.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Road Board

1598. Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai;

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 483 on the 4th April, 1967 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken regarding the proposal to constitute a Central Road Board; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The matter is still under consideration.

Import of Tractors

1599. Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Heerji Bhai;

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 489 on the 4th April, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the question of importing the balance of 8,000 tractors from U.S.S.R. has since been considered; and

(b) if so, the number of tractors imported so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The question of import of 8,000 tractors is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Primary Marketing Societies

1599. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai;

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

(a) the number of primary marketing societies proposed to be set up in the country during 1967-68; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) 38.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-596/67].