

(b) whether this amounts to over representation to certain areas and under representation to others; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take early steps to remove this disparity?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, so far as Parliamentary and Metropolitan Council constituencies are concerned. Two statements in this behalf are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1194/67]. So far as the Municipal Corporation wards are concerned, the figures are not available.

(c) The Government do not consider it would be feasible to take early steps to remove this disparity because, without an amendment of the relevant laws no fresh delimitation of constituencies can be made before the next decennial census.

### भूमि को कृषि योग्य बनाना

6655. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

श्री क० मि० मधुकर :

श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह :

श्री भोगेन्द्र झा :

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हमारे देश में राज्यवार कितने एकड़ भूमि ऐसी है जिसे कृषि योग्य बनाने की आवश्यकता है ;

(ख) अब तक कितने एकड़ भूमि कृषि योग्य बनाई जा चुकी है ; और

(ग) भूमि को कृषि योग्य बनाने के लिये क्या कायदाही की गई है तथा कृष्यकरण योजना किस तारीख तक पूरी हो जायेगी तथा यदि उस योजना की कार्यान्विति में देरी के कोई कारण हैं, तो वह क्या हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहेब शिन्दे) : (क) से (ग). एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या LT-1195/67]

### Airport at Ootacumund

6656. **Shri Nanja Gowder:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a new air-port at Ootacumund in Nilgiris which is a famous place of tourist importance and health resort;

(b) if so, when and at what cost; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh):** (a) No, Sir, Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is an airport at Coimbatore which is about 30 miles from Ootacumund and connected to it by good road. In view of this no need has been felt for an airport at Ootacumund.

### Supply of Foodgrains to Bihar

6657. **Shri Raj Deo Singh:**

**Shri Shambhu Nath:**

**Shri Nageshwar:**

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

(a) whether Government are aware of a press report purporting to allege that since last April till June there are differences of thousands of maunds between the despatch and receipt figures of foodgrains allotted to Bihar by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the persons responsible therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). A press report alleging discrepancies in the despatch and receipt figures in respect of foodgrains allotted to Bihar each month has come to the notice of Government. Foodgrains are despatched to Bihar against monthly allocations from various ports such as Kandla, Madras, Visakhapatnam, Calcutta and Bombay, involving transit period of several days. The quantity of foodgrains despatched during any particular month will not necessarily be the same as the quantity actually received by the State Government against those despatches at various destinations during the same month. Very considerable quantities remain in transit at the end of each month and are received by the State Government only during the following month.

(c) Does not arise.

### केन्द्रीय फार्म

6658. श्री नाथ राम अहिरवार : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछली तीन पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं की अवधि में प्रत्येक केन्द्रीय फार्म में कितनी उपज हुई ;

(ख) उक्त अवधि में प्रत्येक फार्म पर, मद् वार, कितना खर्च आया ; और

(ग) इनमें से प्रत्येक फार्म में प्रति एकड़ उपज कितनी हुई ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) से (ग). जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और प्राप्त होते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी !

### Assistance from Nepal for Drought Areas

6659. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance from Nepal to India other than the supply of foodgrains during the recent famine in India, has been received; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Calcutta-London Bus Service

6660. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any bus service from Calcutta to London; and

(b) if so, the details about its time-schedules, fare and the countries through which it passes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) and (b). There is no regular bus service from Calcutta to London or vice versa. However, according to their agents in India, M/s. Contiki Travel Ltd., London, offer "Boomerang Overland Tours" from London to Calcutta through England, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and (West) Pakistan. According to a brochure issued by M/s. Contiki Travel Ltd., the fare for the London-Calcutta journey is £ 95 and the coach-tour starts from London in September and from Calcutta, in March.