

(c) whether Government propose to institute an enquiry into failure of the Sindri Rationisation Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE : (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; there is a proposal to close down the Sindri Rationisation Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India and write off the capital investment of Rs. 58.50 crores and accumulated losses of Rs. 86.10 crores attributable thereto. A decision is expected to be taken shortly.

(c) No, Sir.

Foodgrains Production

1005. DR. DATTA SAMANT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of foodgrains in the year 1987-88; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to meet the shortage of foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Final estimates of production of foodgrains for the year 1987-88 have not yet become due from the States. However, according to current assessment, production of total foodgrains in the country during 1987-88 may show a decline of 7 to 10

percent as compared to the last year's level of 144.1 million tonnes.

(b) The Government have initiated special programmes to increase foodgrains production during the rabi season of 1987-88 to make up to the extent possible the shortfalls sustained in the kharif season due to unfavourable weather conditions. It is also keeping close watch over the food position in the country and keeps open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Expansion of Cochin Airport

1006. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI SURESH KURUP:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to State:

(a) the number and type of aircrafts/flights operated by domestic Airlines from Cochin Airport;

(b) whether the Cochin Port Trust and the Naval Authorities have recommended expansion of the Cochin Airport;

(c) whether State Government of Kerala have communicated their views for the expansion of Cochin Airport; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) Presently, Indian Airlines are operating the following services to/from Cochin.

Services to/from Cochin

Service No.	Sector	Freq.	Type of a/c
1	2	3	4
IC-161/162	Bombay-Cochin	D	B-737
IC-165/166	-do-	D	B-737
IC-191/192	-do-	D	B-737
IC-598/597	-do-	Thu, Fri, Sat	B-737