

Increase of Fare by I.A.C.

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 Shri Morarka:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Ramam:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
 Shri K. B. Malvia:
 Maharajkumar Vijaya
 Ananda:
 Shri Amjad Ali:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation is contemplating to increase its fare;

(b) if so, by how much and from what date;

(c) what are the reasons for this increase; and

(d) the expected yield due to this increase?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised Viscount fares will come into force from 1st September, 1961 and the increase will not generally exceed the taper design recommended by the Air Transport Council by more than 10 per cent. The question of revising passenger fares on a similar basis on all other routes, excepting the services operated by Dakotas in the Assam and Tripura areas, is under consideration.

(c) On account of increased cost of operations arising out of increase in cost of fuel, cost of spares and the recent sizeable increase in Wage Bill.

(d) The expected yield from the revision of Viscount fares is estimated at about Rs. 40 lakhs.

Production of Wheat and Rice

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 Shri Rami Reddy:
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that this year there has been a record production of wheat and rice in India;

(b) if so, full details State-wise; and

(c) how does it compare with the annual requirements of foodgrains in the country?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving State-wise production of rice and wheat during 1960-61 and 1959-60 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15].

(c) The production estimates of all the foodgrains for 1960-61 have not yet become available. However, on a rough basis, it is estimated that the foodgrains production may fall short of the current year's requirements by two to three million tons which can be easily made good from Government stocks and imports.

Cheap Tourist Buses for Agra

*124. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no arrangement for cheap regular tourist buses from Delhi to Agra and Mathura; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make arrangements in the future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A direct tourist coach service is being run daily by the U.P. Govt. Roadways between Delhi and Agra. In