

Due to labour trouble and other difficulties, the regularity and punctuality of the services have been affected to some extent during the last year. Constant efforts will continue to be made to further improve the efficiency and quality of service of the I.A.C.

Demand for Small Tractors

489. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Hirji Bhai:

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

(a) the present demand for small tractors in the country; and

(b) the extent to which it is being met and the manner thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) It was originally estimated that during 1967-68 7,500 tractors would be required in the H.P. range 10-20, considering, however the actual size of the demand, it has been decided to make efforts for the import of 10,000 tractors in this range

(b) There is no indigenous production of tractors in this range and the requirement has to be met by imports. Arrangements have already been made for the import of 2000 tractors from U.S.S.R. and the question of import of the balance is under consideration.

Prices of Foodgrains

490. Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri Rajdeo Singh:
Shri Shambhu Nath:
Shri Nageshwar:
Shri Y. G. Gowd:

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

(a) the landed price of the imported foodgrains and the procurement

price of the indigenous foodgrains in the various States;

(b) the sale price realised by Government on both these types of foodgrains; and

(c) how the difference between the two prices, that is, between the landed and the procurement prices on the one hand and the sale price realised on the other hand is accounted for?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The landed price of foodgrains imported from different countries during 1966-67 (Post devaluation) is estimated as under:—

Foodgrains	Landed price (Rs. per quintal)
Wheat	66.46
Rice	102.50
Milo	52.10
Maize	60.86

The procurement prices of indigenous foodgrains in various States are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library See No. LT-223/67].

(b) The issue prices at which these various foodgrains are supplied to the consuming State from the Central stocks are as under:—

Foodgrains	Issue Price (Per quintal)
Wheat (imported)	Rs. 55.00
Rice	Rs. 72.00 (Imported and to indigenous rice is pooled and sold at the same price) Rs. 81.00
Milo (imported)	Rs. 40.00
Maize (imported)	Rs. 45.00

(c) The difference between the landed and the procurement prices on one hand and the sale price realised thereon on the other hand is accounted for as subsidy i.e., loss in Trading borne by the Government in the distribution of foodgrains.

Fishing Harbours

491. Shri P. Viswambharan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishing harbours included in the Third Five Year Plan and fully financed by the Central Government and the number of those proposed to be included in Fourth Five Year Plan and fully financed by the Central Government;

(b) whether Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour in Kerala is one of the projects financed by the Centre; and

(c) the amount allotted for the Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour Project for the year 1966-67 and the amount so far spent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). Sixteen fishing harbours were included in the Third Five Year Plan and they were financed according to the prescribed pattern of assistance which provided for fifty per cent of the expenditure being covered by a grant and the remaining fifty per cent by loan. Construction of Vizhinjam harbour was commenced in 1963 and it has accordingly been financed under this pattern of assistance. In the Fourth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to continue work on the harbour schemes taken up during the Third Plan period and also take up about twenty-five additional harbours. According to the pattern of assistance proposed to be adopted from 1967-68, the harbours will be fully financed by the Central Government.

(c) No amount has been specifically allotted for the Vizhinjam Fishing harbour for the year 1966-67. A plan

outlay of Rs. 66 lakhs was proposed for the year 1966-67 for the scheme "Landing and Berthing Facilities at Minor ports" for Kerala, and the State Government had made budget provision accordingly. The amount spent on this project during 1966-67 upto January, 1967 is Rs. 8.145 lakhs and the amount estimated to be spent by 31st March is Rs. 22 lakhs.

Rice For Kerala

492. Shri P. Viswambharan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total stock of rice with Government of Kerala on the day on which President's rule in that State ended; and

(b) the weekly requirement of rice in Kerala for distribution through ration depots?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The total stocks of rice and paddy in Kerala on 6th March, 1967, were:—

Rice	—	5,822 tonnes
Paddy	—	14,992 tonnes.

(b) About 17,500 tonnes.

यमुना और चम्बल नदियों पर पुल

493. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाहा :
श्री अर्जुन सिंह बघोरिया :

क्या परिवहन तथा मौजहल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) झिण्ड (मध्य प्रदेश) से इटावा (उत्तर प्रदेश) को जाने वाली सड़क पर यमुना और चम्बल नदियों पर पुलों का निर्माण कार्य निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ;

(ख) इन में से प्रत्येक पुल पर कितनी राशि खर्च होने का अनुमान है और केन्द्रीय