

Tubewells Organisation drilled 15 exploratory bores of which only 11 yielded satisfactory discharge of water.

Air Service to Baroda

911. Shri Manibhai J. Patel: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air flights to Baroda have been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and when the flights will be resumed;

(c) whether the Air strip of Baroda is not in working order; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). The airstrip at Baroda has become unserviceable for operations. Estimates for improving the runway have been sanctioned and the work awarded this month. The work is expected to be completed in about 18 months time. The question of resumption of air services through Baroda will be examined as soon as the work is completed.

Area under Sugarcane Cultivation

912. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the area under sugarcane cultivation, State-wise, during the years 1965-66, 1966-67 and 1967-68;

(b) the sugar production, State-wise, during 1965-66 and 1966-67, and

(c) the quantity of sugar likely to be produced during 1967-68, State-wise?

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

required information for 1965-66 and 1966-67 is given below. Estimates of area under sugarcane during 1967-68 are not yet available:

State	Area under sugarcane (000' acres)		Total production of sugar (000' tonnes)	
	1965-66	1966-67 (2nd East)	1965-66	1966-67 (up to 15-5-67)
U.P.	3660	3059	1370	714
Bihar	420	368	371	210
Punjab	887	887	159	85
Assam	74	75	9	6
W. Bengal	97	81	13	8
Orissa	115	129	11	9
M. P.	169	155	36	7
Rajasthan	140	119	18	8
Maharashtra	387	370	764	620
Gujarat	87	78	55	40
Andhra	295	211	294	146
Madras	213	124	228	159
Mysore	190	183	145	78
Kerala	23	21	23	8
Pondicherry	5	Not available	12	7

(c) It is too early to give any estimate of production of sugar during 1967-68.

Relief to Famine Areas in Bihar and U.P.

913. Shri P. Parthasarathy:
Shri R. D. Reddy:

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

(a) the foreign countries which have extended sympathy and help to give relief to the famine affected areas in Bihar and U.P.; and

(b) if so, the total assistance received in rupee value from abroad?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the