

(iii) Training has been given to 17 fishermen in operation and management of mechanised boats;

(iv) 5 mechanised boats have been issued;

(v) These centres come under Tirurangadi, Tanur and Tirur blocks and each block pays emphasised attention to fisheries with the help of Fisheries Extension Officers.

(vi) Five Primary Producer Fishermen Cooperative Societies have been established with a total membership of about 800, to organise deep sea and off shore fishing. These Societies have been given loans for the purchase of Nylon (Rs. 8,820), Boats (Rs. 9,250) and Fishing Units (Rs. 12,400) at Tanur and Tirurangadi.

(vii) Rs. 25,000 have been made available to Tanur block to start two Cooperative Fishing Units at Kootayi and Paravanna which will start before 31-12-1965.

(viii) 5 tons ice plant and 40 tons cold storage plant have been established at Tanur to handle the increased catches in better and more hygienic way. These plants have started functioning from 26-9-1965.

Indore Airport

709. **Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia:**
Dr. Chandrabhan Singh:
Shri Chandak:
Shri Parashar:
Shri Mahesh Dutta Misra:
Shri J. P. Jyotishi:
Shrimati Minimata:
Shri Daji:
Shri Wadiwa:
Shri R. S. Tiwary:
Shri Bade:
Shri A. S. Saigal:
Shri Shiva Dutt Upadhyaya:
Shri U. M. Trivedi:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation

be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 605 on the 14th September, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the improvement of runway at Indore airport has since been completed;

(b) whether the air service from Bombay to Indore has been resumed; and

(c) if so, when this service is likely to be extended to Bhopal?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) On further consideration, the Corporation have decided not to extend the service from Indore to Bhopal. The Corporation have, however, planned to operate a Viscount service four-times a week from 1st January, 1966, along the route Delhi-Lucknow-Bhopal-Nagpur which will connect with the Viscount service Calcutta-Nagpur-Bombay.

Rationing

710. **Shri Kajrolkar:**
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:

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

(a) whether uniform scales have been laid down for the supply of foodgrains under the rationing scheme introduced in the various States; and

(b) if so, what is the quota per adult per month?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). It is proposed to fix a more or less uniform scale of ration of about 2 Kgs. per adult per week in all the statutorily rationed areas. Statutory rationing has been introduced so far in three towns viz. Calcutta, Madras and Coimbatore. The scale in Calcutta is 1,900 grams and that in Madras and Coimbatore 2000 grams per adult per week.