

(c) The firms engaged in the production of dehydration of vegetables as well as those which want to set up new units for this purpose, are given all possible encouragement and are being assisted to equip themselves with improved processing plants in order to make them competitive and economically viable.

#### Scholarships or Agricultural Research

3566. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students at present awarded Government scholarships by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for research work in agriculture etc. during the last year; and

(b) the number out of them who belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research did not award any Government scholarship during the last year for research work. The Council, however, awarded 192 fellowships for research work out of their own funds.

(b) The Council's fellowships are awarded purely on the basis of merit and as much, there is no column in the applications of the candidates to show that they belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates who were awarded fellowships during the last year is not, therefore, available.

हलों का आयात

3567. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :

नया खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा

सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत को 640 हल दिये जाने के लिए चेकोस्लोवाकिया के साथ हाल में एक करार किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री श्यामधर मिश्रा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता ।

#### Cut in Rice Quota by States

3568. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have decided to effect a cut in their rice quota; and

(b) if so, the total saving by this cut?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. Some States have reduced the quantum of rice issued from ration/fair price shops.

(b) The actual saving depends not only on the quantum of issue but on the number of persons drawing and the quantity actually drawn. It is, therefore, not possible to estimate the actual saving by this reduction in the quantum of issue.

I.A.C. Dakota Damaged at Kathmandu Airport

3569. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport, Avai-

tion, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an I.A.C. Dakota on its scheduled flight to Kathmandu had its propeller damaged as it landed at Kathmandu airport on the 9th March, 1966; and

(b) if so, the causes of the accident?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir. During landing at Kathmandu both propellers of the aircraft hit the ground and their tips were damaged. No other damage was caused.

(b) The incident is under investigation.

#### Indian Ships in Collision in Singapore

**3570. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four ships including an Indian liner were involved in a series of collisions in Singapore harbour on the 9th March, 1966;

(b) if so, the causes thereof; and

(c) the total amount of loss?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The "State of Madras" was lying moored at Singapore Harbour on 9th March, 1966. A British vessel, M.V. "BOMBALA" was approaching her berth when she came into collision with a Japanese vessel S. S. "Azuchisan Maru" which was lying moored near the "State of Madras". Due to the impact of the collision, the Japanese vessel broke her moorings and collided with "State of Madras". As a result of this sudden impact the "State of Madras" in turn broke her moorings

and came into collision with German vessel, M.V. "Munchen", which was also nearby.

(c) The exact cost of damage to "State of Madras" is not yet known but it is estimated to be not beyond Rs. 40,000.

**इंडियन एयर लाइन्स कारपोरेशन के इकोटा विमान का बेबसी में नीचे उतरना**

**3571. श्री प्रोफ़ार लाल बेरबा :** क्या परिबहन, उड़डयन, नीबहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स कारपोरेशन के एक इकोटा विमान को, जिसने 5 मार्च, 1966 को प्रातः 9 बजकर 35 मिनट पर दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी, बेबसी में पटना के समीप गंगा नदी के किनारे पर उतरना पड़ा; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण थे ?

**परिबहन उड़डयन, नीबहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री संजीव रेड्डी):** (क) और (ख). 4 मार्च, 1966 को प्राई० ए० सी० के एक विमान बी०टी०सी०इ०ए०को पटना के पूर्व दक्षिण पूर्व में 48 मील दूर गंगा नदी की सूखी तलहटी में बेबसी में उतरना पड़ा। विमान में बेटे मभी, अर्थात् विमान कर्मीदल के 4 सदस्यों और 15 यात्रियों को कोई चोट नहीं घ्राई। विमान को कोई क्षति नहीं पहुंची। विस्तृत जाच हो रही है।

#### Desert Development Board

**3572. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**  
**Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposal to form a Board