

ferry service for transporting Trucks, buses and motor cars between Mahendra Ghat and Paleza Ghats; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The information has been called for from the Government of Bihar and will be placed on the table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

Central Desert Development Board

2340. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Dighe:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) whether Government have set up a Central Desert Development Board to ensure rapid development of desert areas in the country;

(b) if so, the composition of the Board;

(c) the States and areas to be covered by the scheme; and

(d) the functions of the Board and its actual working?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT16790/66].

दिल्ली में चलाये जाने वाले स्कूटरों के किराया सूचक मीटर

2341. श्री बड़े :

श्री प्र० च० बल्ला :

क्या परिवहन, उड्डयन, नौवहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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(क) क्या दिल्ली में चलाये जाने वाले सभी स्कूटरों में मीटर लगे हुये हैं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो कितने स्कूटरों में मीटर लगे हैं और कितने स्कूटरों में नहीं . ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि स्कूटर चालकों ने मीटर लगाये जाने पर आपत्ति की है क्योंकि स्कूटरों की कीमत अब दुगुनी हो गई है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि मीटरों के न होने के कारण जनता को बड़ी कठिनाई हो रही है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

परिवहन उड्डयन, नौवहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री संजीव रेड्डी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) 1-8-1966 तक 1793 स्कूटर रिकशाओं में किराया मीटर लगाये जा चुके हैं और 3831 स्कूटर रिकशा बगैर किराया मीटरों के हैं ।

(ग) स्कूटर मीटरों के मूल्यों में कोई वृद्धि नहीं हुई है ।

(घ) जी हां ।

(ङ) इस बात का सुनिश्चय करने के लिये कि दिल्ली में चलने वाले सभी स्कूटर रिकशाओं में 31-3-1967 तक किराया मीटर लगा दिये जायें दिल्ली के परिवहन विभाग ने एक योजना बनाई है । स्कूटर रिकशा के बारे में उस के चलाने के लिये ठीक होने का प्रमाणपत्र तभी पुनर्नवीकृत किया जायेगा। जब कि उस में किराया मीटर लगा होगा या उस के चालक/स्वामी ने ऐसे मीटर के लिये आर्डर बुक किया होगा । 1-8-1966 तक 1479 मीटरों के आर्डर बुक किये जा चुके हैं। यह उन 1793 स्कूटरों के

अतिरिक्त है जिन में किराया -मीटर लगे हुये हैं।

Food situation in the Andamans and Nicobar Islands

2342. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of a large scale influx of settlers from the main land, the population of the islands of Andamans and Nicobar has far outstripped the agricultural production there, and the islanders are faced with a food scarcity of a more or less permanent nature; and

(b) if so, the special steps taken recently to step up food production in the said islands in order to alleviate the sufferings of the people there?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) Though it is a fact that as a result of considerable influx of labour from the main land in recent years the population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has far outstripped agricultural production, there is no food scarcity in these Islands.

(b) Every effort is being made to increase production of foodgrains in the Islands by popularising intensive cultivation methods among the cultivators and supply of improved paddy seeds and other agricultural requisites at subsidised rates.

Package and I.A.D. Programme

2343. Shri H. C. Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the areas covered by the Package and Intensive Agricultural District Programme in the country in the Second and Third Five Year Plan periods;

(b) the impact of the same on agriculture in the country;

(c) whether the same would be extended to new areas in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount so far spent and proposed to be spent under these schemes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The Intensive Agricultural District Programme (Package Programme) was launched in the beginning of Third Plan period in seven selected districts—one in each state. Subsequently, the programme was extended to one district in each of the remaining States as well, except Kerala where two districts were taken up. The district covered by the programme are as follows:—

State	District
<i>A. First Group of District</i>	
1. Andhra Pradesh ...	West Godavari
2. Bihar ...	Shahabad
3. Madhya Pradesh ..	Raipur
4. Madras ...	Thanjavur
5. Punjab ...	Ludhiana
6. Rajasthan ..	Pali
7. Uttar Pradesh ...	Aligarh
<i>B. Second Group of Districts</i>	
8. Assam ..	Cachar
9. Gujarat ..	Surat
10. Jammu & Kashmir	Six blocks—three each in Jammu & Anantnag districts.
11. Kerala	Alleppey and Palghat
12. Maharashtra ..	Bhandara
13. Mysore ...	Mandya
14. Orisa ..	Sambalpur
15. West Bengal ...	Burdwan

(b) The working of the I.A.D.P. has been recently reviewed by the Expert Committee on Assessment and Evaluation of the Intensive Agricultural District Programme in a comprehensive manner. The findings of the Committee were incorporated in the Second Report on Evaluation of I.A.D.P. (1960—65) published in May, 1966. The Committee has expressed the view that judged from