

**Tractors lying idle in Purnea District, Bihar**

**113. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of powerine or its substitute, a large number of tractors in the Purnea district of Bihar have been lying idle for some time past with the result that neither the jute nor maize has been sown in large area;

(b) if so, the number of tractors that are lying idle;

(c) the estimated area which is lying fallow and the anticipated loss of jute or maize crop; and

(d) the steps being taken by Bihar State to meet the demand of the agriculture to ensure the cultivation of jute and maize?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) to (d). The required information has been called for from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

**Yield Per Acre**

**114. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the crop-wise area of each State during 1964-65;

(b) the yield of each crop per acre of land during 1964-65 State-wise; and

(c) the Highest market rate of each kind of crop that prevailed at any time in each State during 1964-65?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) and (b). A statement showing Area and Yield per hectare of principal crops statewide is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6470/66].

(c) A statement showing the highest level of wholesale prices of important crops during 1964-65 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6470/66].

**Calcutta-Assam Water Route**

**115. Shri Raghunath Singh:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta-Assam river route plan which was referred to the Central Water and Power Commission has been given up; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) and (b). The proposal for having an alternative river route to Assam by providing a connecting link between the Ganga and Brahmaputra is still under consideration.

**Bombay-London Air Service**

**116. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:  
Shri Bagri:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri Maurya:  
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4404 on the 26th April, 1966 regarding Bombay-London air service and state:

(a) whether the time-table and other details regarding the proposed Bombay-London air service have been finalised; and