

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. I. A. C. were to operate 22 services ex-Calcutta during the period of the Calcutta Bundh on 22nd and 23rd September, 1966, out of which only 1 Caravelle service and 3 Viscount services were operated and the other services were cancelled.

In the case of Air-India, 3 services were scheduled to arrive and depart from Calcutta of which only 1 could operate through Calcutta according to schedule while the remaining 2 had to be cancelled.

(b) Due to the call for 24 hour Bundh on 22nd and 23rd September, 1966, throughout West Bengal, it was apprehended that there would be serious difficulty in transporting crew, other staff on duty, and passengers between the city and the airport.

Procurement of Foodgrains by Co-operatives in Mysore

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

(a) whether co-operatives in Mysore State have been assigned bigger rôle in the matter of procuring foodgrains; and

(b) if so, what reorganisation has taken place in the set-up of the co-operative organisations there?

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

(b) The financial base of the marketing societies, participating in procurement operations is being strengthened by way of additional share capital contribution from the Government. The State Bank of India

has also been approached to sanction funds to the Mysore State Co-operative Bank for procurement operations.

F.A.O. Regional Conference

790. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was represented at the Eighth F.A.O. Regional Conference for Asia and the Far East held in Seoul (South Korea) from the 15th September, 1966; and

(b) if so, the outcome of that Conference with special reference to India?

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

(b) The Conference discussed a number of common problems of food and agriculture in Asia and Far East Region. The subjects discussed included development of fisheries, financing of agriculture development, international trade in agriculture and forest commodities, malnutrition, prevention of waste, land reforms and World Food Programme. India has a special interest in all these subjects, particularly in view of the stress being laid on agriculture development in the country. The Conference offered an opportunity for useful exchange of information between the countries of the region in regard to their common problems and also for making recommendations to the FAO.

Agricultural Prices Commission

791. Dr. P. N. Khan:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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