

by that Department to the Administrative Reforms Commission for further action.

#### Food Statistics

**2566. Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state the manner in which the food production statistics are collected by his Ministry?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): The estimate of production of a crop is obtained by multiplying the area under the crop with the yield rate. The production of various foodgrain crops is aggregated to arrive at the total food production.

Estimates of acreage under crops are compiled on the basis of complete field-to-field enumeration i.e., complete census by primary revenue agencies in all the States except West Bengal, Orissa and Kerala. The work of primary agencies is supervised by the superior revenue officers of the States. The village figures are aggregated to obtain the figures for successive administrative units, like the tehsil, district and the State. In Kerala, Orissa and West Bengal, where such elaborate agencies do not exist, the estimates of acreage under crops are based on sample survey.

Statistics of yield rates of principal food crops are based on the method of random sample crop-cutting surveys. The field work of the surveys is done by the staff of State Revenue, Land Records, Agriculture Departments.

The estimates of area and production of foodgrain crops framed by the individual States and Union Territories are consolidated at the Centre.

#### River Route to Assam

**2567. Shri Priya Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Ship-

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ping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for connecting the rivers Ganga and Brahmaputra for facilitating riverine transport connection between Assam and the rest of India circumventing Pakistan water ways has been included in Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when it will be taken up and by what time it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). A multipurpose project for the construction of a barrage across the river Tista with a right bank canal joining the river Ganga and a left bank canal joining the river Brahmaputra is under investigation by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power. The stage has not yet been reached when the project can be included as such in the Fourth Five Year Plan. It is not possible to indicate at this juncture when the project will be taken up and by what time it will be implemented.

#### Dum Dum Airport Restaurant

**2568. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a letter published in the *Statesman* of the 19th September, 1966 about conditions at the Airport Restaurant, Dum Dum; and

(b) whether any inquiry will be held into these and similar public complaints about the catering service at Dum Dum?

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

(b) The complaint is being looked into by the Controller of Aerodromes, Calcutta Region, Dum Dum.