

considered in consultation with the State Governments.

International Tourist Year

*915. **Shri B. S. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state the money spent on publicising the International Tourist Year?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): An amount of Rs. 1,11,460.00 was spent by the Department of Tourism during the year 1966-67, in connection with the International Tourist Year celebrations throughout the country. For the current year a provision of Rs. 2,35,000 has been made in the budget of the Department for this purpose.

Paradeep Port

*916. **Shri Srinibas Misra:**
Shri S. Kundu:
Shri Ram Charan:

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

(a) whether unloading of fertilisers and loading of iron ore is being given priority over unloading of foodgrains at Paradeep Port;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are aware that this has delayed and will delay unloading of foodgrains from the ships that are due to arrive soon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) to (c). So far only one foodgrain vessel has called at the Port on 23rd May, 1967, for lightening wheat into Liberty ships. While the vessel was discharging, an iron ore ship arrived at the Port on 26th May. As the unloading of foodgrains was expected to take 13 to 15 days, the Port authorities decided to clear the iron ore vessel first. Two other iron ore vessels arrived immediately thereafter. The foodgrain vessel was brought alongside on the

8th June after the iron ore vessels completed loading.

In order to avoid intermittent unloading of foodgrain vessels or loading of iron ore vessels, the Port authorities have been instructed not to remove a vessel from the berth until it has completed loading or unloading. Instructions have also been issued to the authorities concerned to regulate the arrival of foodgrain and iron ore vessels properly to avoid bunching and consequent delays to ships. Priority will be given to foodships depending on the needs of the situation.

The Port is not being used to unload fertilisers, nor are there any plans for the same.

Rice Supply to Kerala

*917. **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**
Shri C. Janardhanan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice sent to Kerala from 1st June to 15th June, 1967 from Andhra, Madras and Orissa respectively;

(b) what was the supply planned for the second-half of June; and

(c) whether full quantity (160 gms) of ration supply has been restored in Kerala?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) 28,007 tonnes from Andhra; and 3,431 tonnes from Madras. No rice was to be sent from Orissa to Kerala.

(b) The plan was to move as much of the balance of allocation as possible.

(c) No, Sir.