

"Zafiro" were damaged following a head-on-collision at the mouth of the Cochin Harbour in June, 1965; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter by the port authorities and if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. But the "President Adams" was broadside on to the bows of the "Zafiro" and therefore the collision was not technically "head on".

(b) A preliminary inquiry has been conducted by the Deputy Conservator, Cochin Port Trust, under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The collision occurred as a result of conflict between a practice and a directive resulting into diverse action taken by each of the two pilots. The Cochin Port Trust are being requested to review the present practice as well as the directives issued by them to the pilots.

Jute Crop

1168. { **Shri Ram Sewak:**
Shri P. G. Sen:

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

(a) the prospects of Jute crop this year; and

(b) the acreage covered under this crop?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No estimates of area sown under jute crop and the likely production this year have so far become available. However, the weather conditions have not been very favourable for the crop this season.

Construction of Ship 'Jawahar'

1169. { **Shri Ram Sewak:**
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of **Transport** be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on the Rs. 10 lakh ship 'Jawahar' of the Sea Cadet Corps has been completed; and

(b) if not, when it will be completed?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Sea Cadet Corps, Bombay, is a voluntary youth organisation in the private sector. According to the information received from the Corps, the construction of their building 'Jawahar' which is shaped like a ship is expected to be completed by the end of September, 1965.

Maize for Poultry Feed

1170. **Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the World Food Programme for the supply of 20,000 tonnes of maize for poultry feed in India;

(b) what part of the demand for maize is being met by the production in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import of maize for purposes other than poultry feed is on the increase during last three years; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of maize in the country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The requirement of course grains including maize which are generally used as poultry feed ingredient are met from internal production. A serious shortage of poultry feed was, however, experienced towards the latter part of 1964-65 as a result of failure of crops in certain producing areas. It was only with