

has asked why have we sent the delegation. Since we are members and we have not come out of the Convention it is desirable that we should go there stress our point gently and like gentlemen come out. Perhaps other countries will also understand our viewpoint if we do that

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Central Wheat Pool

*456. Dr. Karni Singh:
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

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

(a) whether Government have laid down any specific policy to govern contribution by the States to the Central Wheat Pool,

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, and

(c) the total quantum of wheat proposed to be collected under this pool?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) All the States have been requested to offer maximum quantities of foodgrains possible to the General Pool. No separate policy has been laid down for wheat

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No target has been fixed for collection of indigenous wheat under Central Pool

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*459. Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri K. Ramani:
Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenses of the Indian Airlines Corporation on

imports and payment of instalments have gone up after devaluation;

(b) if so, the extent of the rise;

(c) whether Indian Airlines Corporation is likely to incur loss as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) to (c). As a result of devaluation the liability of the Corporation has gone up by Rs 1084.42 lakhs. The consequential loss during 1966-67 has been estimated at Rs 200 lakhs.

(d) The proposals submitted by the Corporation for increasing the fares and freights to offset, *inter alia* the effect of devaluation is under examination

Subsidies on Food and Fertilisers

*460 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri Bhogendra Jha:
Shri K. M. Madhukar:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri D. S. Patil:
Shri K. Ramani:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to curtail subsidies on food and fertilisers;

(b) if so, the extent of the curtailment; and

(c) the circumstances which led the Government to take this decision?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-620/67]