

remaining period is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Agricultural University in Kerala

*106. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Umanath:

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

(a) whether the Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research held discussions with the Kerala State Government Officials recently regarding the setting up of an Agricultural University in Kerala;

(b) if so, the outcome of this meeting;

(c) when such a University is likely to be set up by Government; and

(d) the proposed location of such a university in Kerala?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research accompanied by the Secretary, I.C.A.R. and Dy. Director-General (Crop Sciences) visited a number of Research Institutes in Kerala during the month of February, 1967. They also visited the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vellayam, and had some discussions with the officials of the State Government. The officials included the Agricultural Production Commissioner, Directors of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and the Principal, Agricultural College and Addl. Director of Agriculture (Research). The Director-General mentioned about the recommendations of the Education Commission to the effect that one Agricultural University should be established in every State during the Fourth Plan period. It was pointed out to the

State Government that the I.C.A.R. will be willing to extend full cooperation in the establishment of an Agricultural University in Kerala. Provision had also been made in the budget of the I.C.A.R. for financing Agricultural Universities—the existing ones as well as the new ones that may come up.

(b) The Agricultural Production Commissioner mentioned that the State Government had not so far made up its mind in favour of starting an Agricultural University. He, however, assured that he will keep an open mind and consider the suggestion later. The officials of the I.C.A.R. mentioned that they will be prepared to send the officers concerned with this project in the Council to Trivandrum for a detailed discussion, if necessary.

(c) and (d). It is not known whether the Kerala Government has ultimately made up its mind either to have or not to have an Agricultural University during the Fourth Plan period. If any request is received from the State Government, the I.C.A.R. will be willing to extend necessary help and assistance. The location of the University is to be decided by the State Government themselves. It is, however, quite obvious that the two existing campuses, the one at Vellayani for agriculture and another near Trichur for veterinary sciences, will both become campuses of the University if the Government decides to go in for an Agricultural University. It is for the State Government to decide where the headquarters will be located.

Market arrivals of Foodgrains

*107. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Hirji:

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

(a) whether the market arrivals of foodgrains have shown any improvement during the last three months; and

(b) if so, how the prices have behaved as a result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Market arrivals of important foodgrains during the three months ended February 1967 in the selected markets of the country were generally lower than those in the corresponding period of the previous season.

(b) During the same period, prices of these grains have been generally higher than last year.

Demands of I.A.C. Employees

*108. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a charter of demands was given recently by the I.A.C. employees;

(b) if so, their main demands; and

(c) the steps taken to fulfil them?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands relate to revision of pay scales and allowances, and terms and conditions of service.

(c) After negotiation, settlements have been reached with the Air Corporations Employees Union, Indian Aircraft Technicians Association, All India Aircraft Engineers Association, and the Indian Flight Engineers Association.

Negotiations with the remaining 3 Unions are in progress.

Polling Figures in General Elections

59. Shri Sradhakar Supakar: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the total votes secured by each of the recognised parties for the Lok Sabha seats in the last General Elec-

tions in each of the State and Union Territories; and

(b) how do the votes cast for each party compare on percentage basis with the votes cast in 1962 General Elections?

The Minister of Law (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) and (b). The information required is being compiled by the Election Commission.

Training Centres in Community and National Extension Service

60. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Hirji:

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

(a) the number of training centres for the officials and non-officials set up in the country at present in the Community and National Extension Service; and

(b) the expenditure involved in maintaining these centres during the year 1965-66?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-115/67].

Exploratory Tubewells in Orissa

61. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Hirji:

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

(a) the number of exploratory tubewells sunk in Orissa till the end of December, 1966; and

(b) the number, out of them, found satisfactory?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri