

(b) if so, what is the damage caused to the aircraft and the loss of life?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Corporation Fokker Friendship aircraft operating the Vizag/Bhu-baneshwar/Calcutta service on the 29th June, 1967, swerved at the end of the waterlogged runway, due to heavy rain, during landing at Bhuba-neshwar airport. None of the passengers or crew were hurt. The aircraft was substantially damaged. The accident is under investigation.

**AIR LINK BETWEEN NAGPUR AND HYDERABAD**

\*174. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air link between Nagpur and Hyderabad has been cancelled; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inadequate commercial traffic.

**CUT IN QUOTA OF FOODGRAINS TO BIHAR**

\*175. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: SHRI B. N. MANDAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the full quantity of the monthly quota of foodgrains allotted to Bihar was not supplied by the Centre during the period June-July, 1967;

(b) if so, the quantity of monthly quota allotted to Bihar and the quantity of actual supply made to them during the above period; and

(c) the reasons for this cut in the quota of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRI-

CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) The difference between the quantity of foodgrains allotted and despatched to Bihar during June 1967, was marginal. Figures of despatches of food-grains to Bihar for July will be available only in the 1st week of August 1967.

(b) Against 2,14,800 tonnes allotted to Bihar for June actual despatches were 2,00,300 tonnes. The allotment for July is 2,16,400 tonnes.

(c) No cut has been made in the quota. The low despatches were due to delay in arrivals of ships carrying imported grains.

**CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

♦176. SHIR R. S. KHANDEKAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the main decisions regarding food arrived at the Chief Ministers' Conference held recently in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): At a meeting of the Standing Committee of Chief Ministers and of other Chief Ministers held on 7th July 1967, the food situation was reviewed and the difficulties regarding supplies of food-grains, especially of rice, during the months of July, August and September, as a result of the closure of the Suez Canal and other factors beyond our control, were explained. In view of the likely shortage of supplies, the Chief Ministers were informed that it would not be possible to increase the present order of monthly distribution to the various States. In this context it was generally agreed that special efforts in the field of internal procurement would be necessary both in the surplus and deficit States to meet the situation.