

(c) The procurement prices of wheat have been fixed for the major producing States as follows:—

	Rs. per Qtl.
Punjab and Haryana average of	.. 70—75
Uttar Pradesh	.. 80—85
Madhya Pradesh	.. 65—77
Rajasthan	.. 67—75

For Gram, procurement will be made in Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab by the Food Corporation of India at suitable prices.

SOUND AND LIGHT PROGRAMME AT RED FORT

43. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether the script of sound-and-light (Son-et-lumiere) programme projected at the Delhi Red Fort is approved by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): Yes, Madam. The script of the 'Son-et-Lumiere' spectacle was approved by the then Ministry of Transport in consultation with the Historical Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

AIR SERVICES BETWEEN JAMMU AND SRINAGAR

44. SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu airport is not sufficiently equipped to enable the Viscount to land;

(b) whether the Dakota and Fokker-friendship are unable to gain the height required in cloudy weather to cross the Banihal; and

(c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what

steps Government propose to take to facilitate the air services between Jammu and Srinagar?

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

(b) No, Madam. Dakotas and Fokker Friendships are capable of gaining sufficient height in cloudy weather to cross the Banihal. The main difficulty is in the Dakota not being pressurised and as such it is not possible to climb above 10,500 feet for unpressurised flying. Fokker Friendships are pressurised and there is no difficulty about clearing the Banihal in the event of bad weather.

(c) The aerodrome at Jammu is owned and maintained by the Indian Air Force. The feasibility of developing the aerodrome for operating Viscount type of aircraft is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence.

45. [Transferred to the 30th May, 1967.]

KERALA AS A PLACE OF TOURISM

46. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are most beautiful centres of tourist attraction especially for foreign tourists on the hill side as well as sea shore and along the back waters in Kerala State;

(b) if so, whether there are any schemes envisaged and/or already implemented to develop Kerala State into a major tourist centre; and

(c) whether any survey had been conducted as to the foreign exchange that could be earned by developing tourism in Kerala State and the expenditure to be incurred for it?