

Ministry to see to this but in fact these border roads are given priority.

Shri Ranga: Have Government constituted the Natural Calamities Insurance Fund for these two States and, if so, have the Government been able to draw upon it in order to feed the two local governments in these crises?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have stated the other day that there is a pattern of financial assistance to States affected by natural calamities. Each State Government is enjoined to provide a particular amount for famine relief and relief for other natural calamities. As far as the Central Government is concerned, for any outlay above Rs. 1 crore, a particular pattern of assistance is laid down and any State which has to incur such an expenditure may get assistance from the Central Government.

श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : अनावृष्टि के कारण जो अकाल राजस्थान आदि इलाकों में पड़ता है भविष्य में उस को रोकने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है और अकाल के कारण जिन गांवों में बेकारी और भूख-मरी पैदा हो गई है उस को रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या योजना बनाई है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: In regard to Rajasthan, I gave all details in answer to a short notice question.

Mr. Speaker: Calling-attention Notice. Shri Sharma.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshan-gabad): On a point of clarification, Sir. We could not catch the tail-end of the reply of the hon. Deputy Minister to my supplementary question (No. 597). He said, "solidarity of something". Solidarity of what?

Mr. Speaker: Probably it will be better to consult the records. I also could not follow. I agree with him.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I could see from your expression. He said "free countries" or something.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Sharma.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Circular Railway in Calcutta

*584. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri P. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the scheme for Circular Railway in Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether any discussion has taken place in regard to the implementation of the scheme with the Government of West Bengal;

(c) whether financial implications were also discussed; and

(d) if so, how this scheme will be financed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No decision has been taken in this matter.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Cooperative Societies

*585. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether an elaborate scheme has been drawn up for organisation, revitalisation and rehabilitation of cooperative societies;

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

(c) the steps taken to implement the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.