Agricultural Credit Stabilization Funds

Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
*625. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
| Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a scheme to strengthen agricultural credit stabilisation funds with the state and Central Co-operative banks has been circulated to the States for implementation;
- (b) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme:
- (c) whether any steps have been suggested by the Centre for an early implementation of this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the particulars thereof and the result achieved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir. The Reserve Bank has circulated a scheme to the state Governments.

- (b) The broad outlines of the scheme are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3701/64].
- (c) and (d). The Central Government is considering as to how best the scheme could be implemented in the light of available resources.

Air Services to Assam

*626. Shri J. N. Hazarika: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the I.A.C. Viscount service No. 213 to Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) has since been cancelled on account of the repair work of the Air strip;
- (b) whether the I.A.C. service No. 217/218 also to Dibrugarh has been cancelled with effect from the 28th November, 1964;

- (c) whether Government have received representations from the public to the effect that great inconvenience has been created as a result of the cancellation of these air services; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to resume the service as immediately as possible?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The need for providing additional capacity for Mohanbari is recognised and the feasibility of operating a service through Chabua airfield is under examination.

Supply of Fertilizers

*627. Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is going to be a serious shortage of fertilizers supply to the farmers in the country for the year 1965 which will affect the food production programme;
- (b) if so, the anticipated deficit in supply of fertilizers; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take to supply adequate quantity of fertilizers to the farmers?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c).

Nitrogenous Fertilisers: -

A short-fall to the extent of about 20 per cent is expected in the total supplies planned for the year 1965-66. Efforts are, however, being made to augment supplies through additional imports to the maximum extent possible.