Chief Minister of Orissa on the 12th March, 1965, at an annual function of the Utkal University that he did not want the extension of the life of the present Assembly to the General Elections in 1967 but wanted the Assembly elections to be held in May, 1966; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Law (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) No, Sir. Neither the Government of India nor the Election Commission have any information about the statement said to have been made by the Chief Minister of Orissa on 12th March, 1965.

(b) Does not arise.

Delhi-Calcutta Air Service

1988. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a)whether it is a fact that the Air service from Delhi to Dum Dum (Calcutta) via Kanpur-Banaras and Patna is likely to be stopped from 1st April, 1965;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether several representations protesting against this have been received; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

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

- (b) Due to poor Ioad factor between Kanpur|Banaras, Kanpur|Patna and Kanpur|Calcutta a service Delhi|Kanpur|Lucknow|Banaras | Gorakhpur has been operating since 1st April, 1965 instead.
 - (c) No, Sir.
 - (d) Does not arise.

Development of Hill areas

1989. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allotted to each of the Governments of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh during 1964-65 for the development of hill areas; and
- (b) the reasons for the disparity, if any, in the allotment of such funds?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) A provision of Rs. 4.92 crores and Rs. 8.80 crores has been made in the Annual Plan of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh respectively for 1964-65 for integrated development of hilly areas. Out of this, amounts of Rs. 1.07 crores and Rs. 2.35 crores are for Agricultural Development for these States respectively.

(b) It is not possible to compare the outlays for Himachal Pradesh and hilly areas of Punjab as the entire area of Himachal Pradesh is hilly whereas Punjab is only partly hilly.

Cooperative Farming Societies

Shri Gopal Datt Mengi:
1990. { Shri Samnani:
 Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:

Will the Minister of Community

Development and Cooperation be

pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of co-operative farming societies functioning in the country at the end of March, 1964;
- (b) the total number of farmers involved in such farms;
- (c) the average production of rice and wheat in these farms and also the maximum quantity of foodgrains produced in any single unit during 1963-64; and
- (d) how these figures compare with the average production by individual farmers during the same period?