(b) whether NAFED has given only to one Indian company the Commission agency; and

(c) if so, give reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUL-TURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) Export of onions is canalised through NAFED. As a canalising agency, NAFED can undertake exports themselves or through their associates and Government's permission is not necessary.

- (b) According to information furnished by NAFED, the answer to this question is No. Sir.
  - (c) Question does not arise.

## Financial Assistance to Tamil Nadu slum clearance Board

3021. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUS-ING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank and the Gentral Government have been giving financial assistance to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board during the last three years;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken to popularise the grant?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH):
(a) to (c). No direct financial assistance is given by the World Bank and Central Government to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. Slum Clearance Improvement is a state subject. Under the Madras Urban Develodment Project I & II

assisted by the I.D.A./World Bank, there is a component of slum improvement being executed by the State Slum Clearance Board. The I.D.A. Credit for the above project is passed on by the Central Government to the State Government in the form of additional plan assistance according to a prescribed formula. The slum improvement component in the Madras Urban Development project I & II is estimated to cost Rs. 606.00 lakhs and Rs. 2587.30 lakhs respectively.

## Housing shortage in Rural and Urban areas

3022. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated housing shortage in rural and urban areas;
- (b) the provision under the sixth plan to solve the housing shortage in the country;
- (c) whether the world bank has advanced loan for the prupose; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) On the basis of 1971 census and population projections made by Registrar General of India thereon for 1981, the estimates of housing shortage, as worked out by the National Buildings Organisation, are as under:—

Rural . 16' 5 million

Uraban . 4.8 million

Total . 21'3 million

(b) The public sector outlay on housing in the Sixth Plan is Rs, 1490 87 crores.