

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). A study group for this purpose was set up by the Reserve Bank of India in 1978. The Group submitted its report in April, 1981. The report revealed that while the overall picture of Societies ceded to the commercial banks was not bright, such societies appeared to have done better in some states. The Group observed that the scheme has failed to achieve its major objectives and could not make any perceptible impact on the functioning of the such ceded societies. The Agricultural Credit Board of the Reserve Bank of India has suggested that it would be practical to let the societies themselves decide whether they would like to continue their links with the commercial banks or they would like to opt for retransfer to the concerned district Central Cooperative Banks to which they were affiliated earlier.

The recommendations of the Study Group as well as the decisions of the Agricultural Credit Board are being communicated to all concerned.

Aircraft fleet for Vayudoot Service

2163. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the size of Vayudoot fleet at present;

(b) whether Government propose to enter into negotiations with some foreign aircraft companies of West Germany, Australia, Spain etc., in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the programme of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHAR-

MA): (a) Vayudoot operations are at present being carried on with two aircraft taken on lease from Indian Airlines and two more are being taken on lease.

(b) and (c). A Committee has been formed by the Government to select a suitable aircraft for Vayudoot and negotiate with foreign companies. The details would be available only after a decision is taken on the recommendations of the Committee.

Permission to Cotton Textile Export-oriented Unit to Sell their products

2164. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed cotton textile export-oriented units to sell 25 per cent of their production in the domestic market; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). No, such decision has yet been taken.

Work Allocation in various Sections of J.C.B.

2166. SHRI KESHAORAO PARDHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in Joint Cypher Bureau, the staff in the pay scale of Rs. 260—400, Rs. 330—480, Rs. 330—560 and Rs. 425—600 are doing the same cypher jobs and are shouldering the same responsibilities which are also being done by Technical Assistants in the pay scale of Rs. 425—800, which seems to be borne out from work allocation registers/work distribution records maintained various sections of JCB?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): No, Sir.