

these agricultural aircraft will be released by the Bank.

#### Popularisation of Cooperative Movement

578. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn out any scheme of action for universalizing the co-operative movement for activating its membership and for cutting down the deadwood of a defunct unit ;

(b) whether any inquiry is proposed at national level in order to foster people's faith in the movement ; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in this direction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN UP MANTRI) (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) Growth with stability being the key note of the Fourth Plan, agricultural cooperatives on the one hand and consumer cooperatives on the other occupy a central position in the strategy of cooperative development in the Country. It has been recognised that it is important for planned development to bring about the growth of cooperatives in all parts of the country and to ensure the coordinated operations of various types of cooperative organisations including activation of existing societies by increasing their resources and membership and by weeding out units which have no chances of rehabilitation or revival. The Plan includes various programmes towards this end.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of Government at present.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Membership of Trade Union Organisation

579. SHRI A. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) which national trade union organisation has the largest membership in the

country and what is the method to ascertain this membership ; and

(b) whether Government are in a position to state the membership of the various national trade unions as on the 31st March, 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) The Indian National Trade Union Congress has the largest membership in the country in terms of the verified membership as on the 31st December 1968. The membership of trade unions affiliated to the four Central Trade Union Organisations, namely, the Indian National Trade Union Congress ; the All India Trade Union Congress ; the Hind Mazdoor Sabha ; and the United Trades Union Congress, is verified in accordance with the procedure for verification adopted in pursuance of decision taken at the 16th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held in 1958.

(b) No, Sir. The verification of membership is undertaken once in two years on calendar year basis instead of financial year.

#### Assessment of Unemployment Position

580. SHRI A. P. SHARMA :  
SHRI SEZHIYAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unemployed persons (both educated and uneducated) in the country as on the 31st March, 1971 ;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to provide employment to these persons ; and

(c) whether they are going to be employed in phases or whether Government have chalked out some scheme for their employment, State-wise and District-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR