CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER BRIDGE OVER GANGA

5915. SHRI YOGESH CHANDRA MURMU: Will the Minister of SHIP-PING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to build another bridge on the river Ganga as there is lot of bottleneck on the bridge at Mokameh;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted; and
- (c) what are the findings of such surveys and where is it contemplated to be constructed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KU-MAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). The Member is perhaps having in mind a road bridge over the Ganga near Bhagalpur, Monghyr or Sultanganj Each of these bridges would fall on a State The Government of Bihar are, therefore, primarily concerned in the matter. The Government of India have no information regarding the bottlenecks, if any, on the bridge at Mokameh as well as about the surveys, if conducted by the State Government for the bridges in question.

TRIBAL COOPERATIVE CORPORATION IN BIHAR

5916. SHRI JAGANNATH MISH-RA: Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to start Tribal Co-operative Corporation in the State of Bihar; and
 - (b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE):
(a) A State level Tribal Cooperative Development Corporation, with head-quarters at Ranchi, is already functioning in Bihar.

(b) This Corporation was established in 1969 and is functioning as an apex body of such forest labourers' cooperative societies that have 100% membership of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes and multi-purpose cooperative societies having at least 90% membership of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes. The Corporation plays essentially a promotional role and its main objects include provision of financial, technical managerial assistance as well as marketing facilities to the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes organised cooperatively. It helps the cooperative societies in obtaining settlements of forest coupes and other minor and major forest produce from the Forest Department of the State Government. The Corporation intends to arrange for supplies, including agricultural requisites and consumer articles, to the tribal and to undertake development work in all fields connected with forestry and social and economic life of the tribals.

CLOSURE OF SUGAR MILES AT

5917. SHRI PRABODH CHAN-DRA:

SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Asia's biggest sugar mill plant at Yamunanagar tace, closure on account of acute shortage of hard coke; and
- (b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to prevent its closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA):
(a) and (b). The Government of Haryana had reported in January, 1974 about the shortage of hard coke in the sugar factory at Yamunanagar, District Ambala, The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Steel & Mines,