

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rural Indebtedness in Tripura

2172. **SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN:** Will the Minister of **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of rural indebtedness in Tripura was lately made and, if so, when and with what result;

(b) how does the percentage of rural people in Tripura found indebted compare with the all-India figures;

(c) the arrangements in Tripura at present for rural credit to ensure banking facilities to the rural people and to what percentage of such people banking credit facilities are not available; and

(d) what further steps are envisaged to make proper banking facilities available to all the rural population in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No such survey has been conducted by the Reserve Bank of India or the Central Government;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There were 387 agricultural and 7 non-agricultural Primary Coop. Credit societies as on 30th June 1968 besides 4 offices of the Tripura State Cooperative Bank. During the year 1966-67 the number of Primary Agricultural Coop. Credit Societies increased by 20. There is also a cooperative land mortgage Bank. In addition to this United Commercial Bank the United Bank of India are also operating in Agartala and the

Branch of the State Bank of India is also functioning at Dharamnagar. These banks are at present providing banking facilities in Tripura. The Primary Cooperative Credit Societies had advanced short and medium-term credit to the extent of Rs. 76 lakhs by the end of the Third Five Year Plan and during the year 1966-67, short and medium-term advances were made to the extent of Rs. 24.30 lakhs. Target for short and medium-term credit for 1967-68 through the Primary Cooperative Credit Societies was Rs. 40 lakhs. The amount outstanding by way of long-term credit provided by Cooperatives was Rs. 15.16 lakhs by the end of the Third Five Year Plan. Long-term loans advanced by cooperatives during the year 1966-67 were Rs. 2.63 lakhs.

Out of the total rural population of 10.39 lakhs in 1965-66, the Cooperative Credit Societies served 3.10 lakhs in 1965-66. The percentage of rural population served by Cooperatives thus comes to 29.84.

(d) The cooperatives are being strengthened. Credit accommodation from the Reserve Bank of India is made available to the State Cooperative Bank on the Government guarantee. A Bill enabling the establishment of the State Agricultural Credit Corporations introduced in the Parliament, provides for the establishment of such a corporation in the Union Territory of Tripura also. The Corporation, when established, would serve areas which are not at present served by the cooperative credit structure, or where the cooperative credit structure is weak.

Cooperative movement in Tripura

2173. **SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN:** Will the Minister of **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the cooperative movement in the various spheres in Tripura;