

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;

(b) the facilities available for promoting the cooperative movement in the different aspects of human life in Tripura; and

(c) the details of the schemes for promoting cooperative movement in the different spheres in Tripura for the current year and the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) At the beginning of the Second Plan the number of cooperative societies in Tripura was 150 with 9398 members and share capital of Rs. 4.34 lakhs. This increased to 570 societies with a membership of 66082 and share capital of Rs. 26.97 lakhs at the end of the Second Plan period. At the end of the Third Plan period there were 659 societies with 81369 members and Rs. 41.20 lakhs as share capital. As on 30th June 1967, there were 673 societies with a membership of 87661 covering 35 per cent of the population.

(b) As in the rest of the country, the cooperatives in Tripura are provided assistance in the shape of share capital managerial subsidy, working capital etc. on the approved patterns.

(c) The annual programme for 1968-69 for Tripura is given in the attached statement. Details of the Fourth Five Year Plan are still under formulation.

STATEMENT

ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 1968-69 FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN TRIPURA

1. Organisation of 50 viable|potentially viable or primary credit societies.

2. Strengthening (by share capital, loan and managerial subsidy etc.) of—

- (i) Apex Cooperative Bank
- (ii) Land Mortgage Bank.

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(iii) Primary Marketing Societies.

(iv) Central consumer stores.

(v) Department stores.

3. Grant to State Cooperative Union for Training, Member education, publicity and propaganda.

4. Setting up of one Marketing Federation.

5. Organisation of 10 branches of consumer stores.

6. Organisation of 2 Farming Societies.

7. Organisation of 1 (District level) Labour Cooperative.

8. Organisation of 1 Rickshaw Pullers Society.

9. Extension of the scheme of distribution of consumer articles in rural areas by marketing and village cooperatives.

10. Constitution of Credit Stabilisation Fund.

Minister's visit to Agartala

2174. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he paid a visit to Agartala on the 12/13th June, 1968 and if so, the purpose of his visit;

(b) whether his attention was drawn to the various problems of economic backwardness, particularly, regarding industrial backwardness, unemployment, tribal welfare and lack of means of communications;

(c) if so, what specific problems of Tripura were brought to his notice and what were his observations in that regard; and

(d) whether any memoranda of demands for development of Tripura were presented to him and if so, by which organisations and the sum and substance thereof?