

sharing accomodation ? How many allottees have sub-let the Government accomodation ? My question was about something different whereas the reply from the Minister is entirely different.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR : It is not so. We are looking into these cases of sub-letting. If a Government employee has been allotted a Government flat and he has rented out the entire house, it becomes a case of sub-letting. In other case, if a Government employees is allotted Government accomodation and another Government employee is living with him, then it is a case of sharing. In the third case, a Government employee lets out the entire flat to a person who otherwise is not eligible for allotment of Government accomodation... try to understand it...

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : It will be 12 O' clock before you could make us understand.

MR. SPEAKER : For today, it is already 12 O' clock.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Opening of co-operatives throughout the country to sell agricultural products

***827. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering opening of a chain of co-operative all over the country, particularly in the remote rural areas, through National Co-operative Development Corporation or any other agency to market the wheat and other agricultural products so as to make them available at cheaper rate and keep price rise under control;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for National Co-operative Development Corporation for expansion of its activities during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) in what way it is going to aid the agricultural development in production as well as marketing ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) 'Cooperative societies' being a State subject under the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to press into service co-operatives for various economic activities. NCDC as a Central agency is helping the farming community in cooperative sector in Rural Areas.

(b) Although the National Cooperative Development Corporation provides assistance to State Governments for the rural cooperative consumers programme, there is no target for organising a chain of new cooperatives for distribution of consumer goods.

(c) In the Seventh Plan, the emphasis of agricultural marketing cooperatives will be on providing support to farmers for marketing of their agricultural produce, particularly in price support and market intervention operations for oilseeds and coarsegrains.

Increase in cost of Alumina and of estimate of Aluminium Complex in Orissa

***837. SHRI K. PRADHANI :
SHRI BRAJA MOHAN
MOHANTY :**

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cost of the alumina as also estimate of the aluminium complex being set up by the National Aluminium Company Limited in Orissa has almost doubled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present estimated cost; and

(d) the details of the steps proposed to meet the finances taking into account the progress of implementation, the approved scheduled of completion and actual commitments made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c).