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Monday, April 30, 1962/Vaisakha 10,
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri P. K. Deo (Kalahandi).

Shri D. D. Puri (Kaihal).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Co-operative Movement in Eastern Region

***269. Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Will the Minister of **Community
Development, Panchayati Raj and
Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken by the Union and various State Governments of the Eastern Region to strengthen the co-operative movement there which has been found to be much weaker as compared to other regions; and

(b) whether indications are available as to the progress made in this direction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The problems confronting the States in the eastern region were studied by teams of officers sent out by the Government of India and the Reserve Bank. Their findings were discussed at meetings

of officials and later at a conference of the Ministers incharge of Co-operation in these States in November, 1961. It has been agreed:

- (i) that official control of co-operative institutions should be removed thereby enabling non-officials to assume positions of responsibility;
- (ii) priority should be given to consolidation rather than expansion and the structural weaknesses of the institutions will be remedied through appropriate measures;
- (iii) the deficiency of the staff will be made good; and
- (iv) along with these measures, more liberal financial assistance for longer periods will be made available to the institutions to enable them to function satisfactorily.

Except in the case of Bihar, the State Governments have drawn up detailed programmes for revitalisation of weak societies and for liquidation of societies which are beyond rectification. The Bihar programme is still to be finalised. Schemes for providing more liberal financial assistance are under preparation in all these states.

In view of the magnitude of the problem it will take some time for any appreciable progress to be felt.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: From the statement it is not clear whether any special assistance is to be given by the Centre to this Region and if so, what is the nature of the assistance to be given.

Shri B. S. Murthy: The statement is as clear as day light. Only financial assistance, perhaps, the hon.