Allotment of land to Scheduled Castes

*99. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1110 on the 17th November, 1970, and state:

(a) whether information has since been collected from the State Governments regarding the allotment of lands to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Gandhi Centenary year in the country, and

(b) if so, the land allotted State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b). The information has been received from all the States and Union Territories except Assam The Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have furnished information in respect of Scheduled Castes only. The information received is given in the statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See. no. LT-1467/721]

Stoppage of Wheat Import under PL-480 and Self-sufficiency in Wheat and Rice

*100. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether import of wheat under PL-480 from USA has been stopped completely;
- (b) if so, whether this has been done as a protest against the American attitude towards India during the 14-day War with Pakistan; and
- (c) whether India has reached a state of self-sufficiency in the matter of wheat and rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a): Yes, Sir

- (b) No Sir.
- (c) At the current level of production of wheat and rice, Government has been able to build adequate stocks to meet normal public distribution requirements and also maintain an adequate buffer stock. Concessional imports of wheat and rice have also been stopped.

Report on Working of Mannam Sugar Mills Cooperative Ltd. Pandalam. Kerala

- 640. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received the Report of the Committee appointed to go into the affairs of the Mannam Sugar Mills Cooperative Ltd. Pandalam, Kerala; and
- (b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the working of the Mills more efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have initiated action to implement some of the recommendations of the Committee, including the setting up of a State Farming Corporation, allotment of 3,000 acres of forest land and advance of Rs. 30 lakhs to the Corporation, for intensive development of sugar-cane, for ensuring adequate supply to the Mannam Sugar Mills Cooperative Ltd. The State Government have also been advised to create necessary infra-structural facilities and administrative arrangements for sugar-cane development. For improving the economic viability of the Mills, it