

### AGRICULTURAL CREDIT TO INDIA

938. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that International Development Association of the World Bank has announced 4.5 crores agricultural credit to India;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the credit;

(c) what are the items on which this loan will be utilised;

(d) whether Government are considering to help the small farmers from this credit; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have concluded negotiations with the World Bank but the agreement has not yet been signed.

(c) The loan will be utilised for the purchase of 82 agricultural aircrafts, ancillary equipment, and spares and for training of agricultural pilots and engineers.

(d) and (e) The aerial spraying operations are undertaken over large and contiguous areas including the fields of small farmers who would otherwise have to organise plant protection coverage for their fields individually. It is also a great advantage to have a large and contiguous area covered collectively and simultaneously by aerial spray of pesticides. Thus the aerial spraying operations carried out under the project would help the small farmers substantially though it is not possible to indicate specifically the extent of the benefit.

### BROADCASTING OF SPEECH AT A.I.R.

939. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Bhupendra Rakshit Roy, a revolutionary leader of West Bengal was restrained from saying "Jai Hind" after his speech on the occasion of Netaji's birthday on

the 23rd January, 1970 from the Calcutta Station of A.I.R.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The case is being looked into.

### SHIFTING OF INDUSTRIAL UNIT FROM WEST BENGAL

940. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN-GUPTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industrial establishments closed from March 1969 to February 1970 in West Bengal;

(b) the number of workmen affected thereby;

(c) whether any of the said closed industrial establishments restarted functioning thereafter; and

(d) the number of concerns operating in West Bengal which have shifted their business from West Bengal or have started second units outside West Bengal since March 1969 ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House after it is received.

### DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT WASTE LAND TO THE LANDLESS

941. DR. DEBIPRASAD CHATTO-PADHYAYA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any special programme to distribute Government waste land to the landless by the end of 1971; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) State Governments have drawn up special programmes for expediting distribution of cultivable waste lands to the landless agriculturists. At the Chief Ministers' Conference on land reform held in New Delhi on 36th