

MR. utiAiKMAN: Mr. Koy, I am sorry the Question Hour is over.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Sir, we should like to have a half-an-hour discussion on this some time.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

STATE TRADING IN FOODGRAINS

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*12. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN I NAIR; (SBRI K. DAMODARAN

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the deteriorating food situation, Government propose to make radical changes in Food Policy and would begin state trading in foodgrains shortly; and

(b) if 30, what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) Several measures have been taken to deal with the food situation. There is no proposal to introduce full-scale state trading under which the procurement of the entire marketable surplus of food-grains in the country and its distribution will be taken over by Government. The Government, however, are purchasing from internal sources and importing from abroad large quantities of foodgrains and distributing through fair price shops etc. It is also proposed to set up a Foodgrains Trading Corporation to purchase and sell foodgrains on a commercial basis find to achieve a commanding position in the foodgrain trade.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING

*13. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has proposed a new pattern of co-operative farming; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

DELAYS IN I.A.C. SERVICES

*14. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of Crvn, AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. J. S. Parakh, General Manager, Indian Airlines Corporation, admitted of persistent delays in the Indian Airlines Corporation services at a Press Conference held on Saturday, the 25th July, 1964, in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the specific services in which such delays had occurred?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delays are incidental to all operations but the abnormal delays to which the General Manager had made reference were in relation to Cara-velle services.

SETTING UP OF CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVES

*15. DTWAN CHAMAN LALL: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state: