कि संविधान की मातवी अनुसूची में संघ सूची की प्रविष्टि 44 के अन्तर्गत जाने वाली इस प्रकार की सहकारी सिमितियों के लिए एक व्यापक तथा एकरूपात्मक केन्द्रीय विधान हो। इस प्रकार के विधान की रूपरेखा इस बारे में हाल ही में गठित की गई सिमिति की सिफारिशे प्राप्त होने तथा जन पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किए जाने के जपरान्त तैयार की जाएगी।

## Agreement with USSR on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in Agriculture

4348. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDA-RAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the protocol signed between India and USSR on the 18th June, 1971 in Moscow on scientific and technical cooperation for a period of five years in the field of Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH): A copy of the agreement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT 428A/71].

## Deposits of Bauxite and Lignite in Kutch

- 4349. DR. MAHIPATRAY MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether bauxite and lignite deposits have been found in huge quantity in Kutch District of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether Government purpose to set up a plant to manufacture alumina and aluminium from bauxite; and
  - (c) the location of the proposed plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) As a result of investigations carried out by the Geological Survey of India about 1.4 crore tonnes of proved reserve of bauxite and 19.5 crore tonnes of lignite have been estimated in the Kutch district of Gujarat. Out of 14 crore tonnes of bauxite about 80 lakh tonnes is of high grade and 60 lakh tonnes is of low grade. The workable reserves of lignite are of the order of 13 3 crore tonnes.

(b) and (c). The National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. submitted a feasibility study on the Gujarat bauxite deposits. Based on this study, Central Government in consultation with Government of Gujarat, is considering a proposal to set up an export oriented Alumina plant in Gujarat. Decision regarding the exact location of the proposed plant is also under consideration of the Government.

## Relief Work for Scarcity Tribal Belts of Tripura

- 4350. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any relief work has been started in the scarcity-ridden Tribal belts of Tripura;
- (b) if so, the names of "maugas" where such works have been started; and
- (c) the nature of relief works undertaken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER S'NGH): (a) No area in Tripura has been declared as scarcity affected,

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

## Location of Head Office of Food Corporation of India

- 4351. SHRI N S. BISHT; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;
- (a) the reasons for which the Head Office of the Food Corporation of India has been located at Madras, which is a deficit State in foodgrains production;
- (b) the difficulties experienced by the Corporation in controlling its activities in the surplus foodgrains producing State; and
- (c) whether Government purpose to shift the Head Office of the Corporation to some surplus foodgrains producing State as to facilitate its activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI