

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The method is still in the experimental stage and has not been introduced on any large scale.

(b) Only one experiment on cotton has been conducted for two years at the C.A.Z.R.I. This has shown 10 to 15 per cent less consumptive use of water than flat or furrow irrigation methods. However, due to very sandy nature of soil, this difference in the consumptive use of water does not compensate for the high cost of installing the spray irrigation equipment.

(c) Government will take a decision in the light of results of experiments. According to the present indications, the high cost of the equipment is regarded as a prohibitory factor for large scale introduction of spray irrigation.

Crash of Air India Plane on Mont Blanc

- *844. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Murl Manohar:
Shri Lakshmu Bhawani:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Mohammad Elias:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the *Times of India* of 19th February, 1966 to the effect that the crash of the Air-India plane on Mont Blanc on the 24th January, 1966 was due to collision with an Italian jet fighter;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made to find out the correctness of the report; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Inquiries made so far have failed to establish the correctness of this report. The French Commission of Inquiry which is conducting investigation into the accident will look into this aspect.

Food Zones

- *845. Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri D. S. Patil:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey,
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received the report of the expert committee on food zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) No, Sir.

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

Inter-State Roads

- *846. Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Liladhar Koteki:
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for building inter-State roads connecting the Capitals of all the States;

(b) whether the scheme has been implemented; and