

setting up of a Hotel Development Loan Fund for giving loans to the Hotel Industry and state at what stage this matter stands at present?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): The matter is still under consideration and no decision has yet been taken.

Experiment in Crop Cultivation by I.A.R.I.

739. { **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri Ram Sewak:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a successful experiment has been carried out by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute which has conclusively proved that if a particular method is adopted in regard to the rotation of crops and fertilization, a farmer can double the yield of his crops; and

(b) if so, what are the main outlines of this particular method of crop cultivation and what effective steps have been taken to popularise it amongst the farmers of this country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes. The experiments conducted at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute have shown that the yield of crops can be substantially increased by use of suitable rotations and fertiliser doses.

(b) The method consists mainly of introduction of legumes in crop rotations and giving proper doses of fertilisers. The crop rotations and the fertilizer doses successfully worked out are given in the statement. [Placed in the Library, See No. LT-3511|64].

Articles have been published in popular journals like 'Indian Farming' and 'Kheti' to popularise these

practices. Field Days are also being conducted at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute to demonstrate the same.

Agricultural Farms

740. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Israel offer to help set up agricultural farms in India has not been found suitable;

(b) if so, in what respect; and

(c) whether any alternative schemes are contemplated to develop such farms in areas where Israel aided farms were proposed to be set up?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No such offer has been made by the Government of Israel.

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

Diwali Celebrations in Delhi

741. **Shri Naval Prabhakar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the housewives in Delhi did not celebrate Dussehra and Diwali festivals for want of sugar, rawa and maida; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.