

gations undertaken by the experts from the Centre as well as the States revealed that the fields affected were generally those where the recommended package of practices had not been fully followed by the farmers. However, timely remedial measures were taken and the crop recovered rapidly as a result of the control measures.

Export of Cattle Feed

464 **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Viahwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have requested the Central Government to stop export of cattle feed and ban in order to improve the cattle wealth, and

(b) if so the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes

(b) The matter is under examination.

Irrigation Facilities in Orissa

465. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:**
Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the area under irrigation in Orissa State at present and food production per annum in that State, and

(b) the extent to which food deficit of the country can be met by increased irrigation facilities in Orissa?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b) The required information is being

collected from the Government of Orissa and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received from them.

Hotel Development Fund

466 **Shri C. C. Desai:**
Shri E. Barua:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to establish the Hotel Development Fund, and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr Karan Singh): (a) and (b) No. The question of making more liberal loans available to the Hotel Industry through existing Financial Institutions of the Government of India is under the consideration.

Hotels in the Public Sector

467. **Shri C. C. Desai:**
Shri E. Barua:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to build a number of hotels in the country in the public sector, and

(b) if so the salient features thereof?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr Karan Singh): (a) Yes Sir

(b) The India Tourism Development Corporation which is a Public Sector Undertaking has plans for the construction of 8 new hotels and for the improvement and expansion of the existing Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel in Udaipur. The total cost of these projects will be about Rs 300 crores and on completion they will provide ap-