

participating farmers and assessment of their credit requirements. Such coordination will ensure that credit-worthy farmers join the programme and there is a smooth flow of credit to them from the financing institutions.

(vi) The State Governments have also been asked to give high priority to the appointment of additional staff in the H.V.P. districts both at district and block levels so that effective extension work can be carried out among the farmers for the successful implementation of the High-yielding Varieties Programme.

#### ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURIST GUIDES

907. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that guides accompanying tourists from Delhi are refused accommodation in Agra Hotels thus causing inconvenience both to the tourists and the guides; and

(b) if so, what arrangements are proposed to be made to secure accommodation for the guides in Agra Hotels as the guides are expected to be near the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) No such complaint has come to the notice of the Department of Tourism. Tourist parties engaging the guides are required to arrange accommodation for the guides or pay them an overnight allowance of Rs. 10 in lieu thereof. This allowance is being increased to Rs. 15 per night with effect from 1st October, 1967.

#### ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN TO TOURIST GUIDES

908. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure for giving assignments to the tourist guides by the Department of Tourism in Bombay is proposed to be adopted in Delhi also;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be adopted.

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the travel agencies in Delhi show favouritism in giving assignments to the tourist guides; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No cases of favouritism in the distribution of assignments to tourist guides by travel agencies in Delhi have been reported to Government. The travel agencies in Delhi have not adopted the system of assignments by rotation, but retain the freedom to give assignments to guides whom they consider suitable. So long as the travel agents employ approved guides, Government do not interfere in their choice.

#### NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

909. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in collaboration with the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is drawing up plans for intensive agricultural