

tives sit together with Government. This consultation was held in September, 1986. Formal consultations were again held with the representatives of the Central Trade Union Organisations in November, 1986.

Abolition of Lease Hold System In Delhi

*118 SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH:
DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a resolution passed by the Metropolitan Council of Delhi demanding abolition of the lease hold system in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Cultivation of Egyptian Cotton

*119. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Union Government to introduce cultivation of "Egyptian Cotton" in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have been selected for this purpose;

(c) the extent to which the "Egyptian Cotton" will improve the lot of the farmers in the country growing short and long staples; and

(d) when this new cotton cultivation will be started?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (d). "Egyptian Cotton" (Barbadense) is already being grown in India. Variety 'Suvin', developed in India, is cultivated over an area of about 15,000 ha. mainly in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. This variety is comparable in quality characteristics to "Giza-45", the best variety grown in Egypt. Because of extra-long staple, superior fine fibres and high quality lint, the minimum support price of 'Suvin' in 1986-87 was Rs. 900 per quintal of kapas as against Rs. 605 per quintal of 'DCH-32', the next best extra-long staple cotton grown in the country.

Changes in Concept of Agricultural Extension Services

*120. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to make basic changes in the concept of agricultural extension services following an evaluation done by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details of the evaluation made by the World Bank; and

(c) the important basic changes envisaged in the concept of agricultural extension services?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c). Recently a World Bank Review Mission studied the functioning of the Training and Visit System of Extension in the various States assisted by the Bank. The Government have not received the Mission's Report. Therefore, the question of making any basic change in the concept of Training and Visit System of Agricultural Extension does not arise at this stage.

Soviet Aircrafts For Civil Aviation

1067. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTAIAK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be