

ment have received memoranda from Orissa Government regarding the shortage of food items supplied through ration shops and kerosene in Kyonjhar district in Orissa:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to sanction more depots particularly in tribal and harijan villages in Kyonjhar district to remove this shortage during the current Five Year plan period: and

(d) if so, when: and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The allocations are made to a State/U. T. as a whole taking into consideration stocks with the Central Government, market availability, seasonal factors *inter-se* requirements of the State and other related factors. Further distribution within the State is the responsibility of the State Governments who also decide the *inter-se* distribution between districts.

(c) and (d) Sanctioning of more Fair price Shops Depots in various districts/areas is decided by the State Governments concerned keeping in view the needs etc. Central Government has, however, advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to open more Fair Price Shops in uncovered and undercovered areas. They have also been advised to use mobile vans as Fair Price Shops for distribution of PDS commodities, wherever necessary.

(English)

Supply of Coconut Oil through Public Distribution System

3200. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include coconut oil in the list of edible oil to be distributed through Public Distribution System:

(b) whether the Government propose to supply pamolein oil to Kerala to fulfil the immediate demand for edible oil during the Onam season: and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No. Sir. Central Government does not handle indigenous edible oils in PDS.

(b) and (c) Since the import of edible oil has been suspended for the time being due to severe foreign exchange constraints it would not be possible to supply pamolein to Kerala until imports of the same are effected.

Telecast of Programmes Involving Participation of General Public

3201. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Doordarshan telecast some programmes which involve participation of general