

### Coconut

\*158. **Shri Warrior:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that the coconut growers are very often adversely affected by the abnormal price movement of coconut oil; and

(b) whether the Government have before it any proposals to remedy the situation?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of coconut and its products have been showing a rising tendency since early 1956. This has been to the advantage of the grower. To prevent abnormal price movements of coconut oil adjustment of import quotas and import duties can be resorted to, if necessary.

### Rural University

\*159. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any decision regarding setting up of a Rural University in India having agricultural subjects in all its courses of studies; and

(b) if so, the location thereof?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

### Smuggling of Foodgrains to East Pakistan

\*160. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the fact that recently certain foodgrains, specially rice, from Bihar and West Bengal were unauthorisedly sent to East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent this illegal export?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No specific instances of smuggling have recently come to the notice of the Government though general allegations about smuggling of rice have been made from time to time.

(b) The West Bengal Government have been vested with necessary powers to take suitable action to reduce, if not to prevent altogether, smuggling and they are understood to have tightened up control over movements across the border.

### Agricultural College

\*161. **Shri M. Shankariyab:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of the Agricultural Colleges in the several States that have been assisted by the Central Government under the agreement between the Government of India and Ford Foundation;

(b) the nature of the assistance that is being given under the agreement; and

(c) the nature of the new departments or extension wings that have been opened in each college?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 43].

### Harbour at Paradip

\*162. { **Shri Supakar:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation in connection with the building of an all-weather harbour at Paradip in Orissa Coast has been completed; and

(b) if so, the result of such investigation?