

<i>State</i>	<i>Production (million nuts)</i>
Tamil Nadu	2302.4
Tripura	4.2
West Bengal	238.5
Adaman & Nicobar Island	83.1
Lakshadweep	25.2
Pondicherry	23.7

(b) and (c). Under the Central Sector Scheme being implemented by the Coconut Development Board during 1991-92, and additional area of 1500 ha. is proposed to be brought under Coconut plantation in Karnataka and Kerala. A subsidy of Rs. 3000/- per ha. is provided to the farmers in 3 annual instalments.

#### **Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail outlets and LPG Agencies**

3451. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petroleum, diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies sanctioned

by various companies during 1990 and during the first six months of 1991 separately, State-wise;

(b) the total number of agencies, including above, State-wise as on September 30, 1991; and

(c) the number of the agencies proposed to be established during the rest of the current financial year, State-Wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). As on 1.10.91, there were 3,999 LPG agencies and 15073 Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in the country. During the year 1990-91, a total of 229 Retail Outlets and 102 LPG Distributorships were awarded by the Oil Companies.

LPG agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets are opened in different places in the country as per the Marketing Plans, product availability, etc.

The State-wise details of the total number of LPG agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets as on 1.10.91 is annexed.

#### **STATEMENT**

<i>State</i>	<i>LPG</i>	<i>RO</i>
Andhra Pradesh	337	1192
Arunachal Pradesh	12	26
Assam	108	321
Bihar	143	912
Goa	29	65

<i>State</i>	<i>LPG</i>	<i>RO</i>
Gujarat	292	965
Haryana	119	491
Himachal Pradesh	39	76
Jammu & Kashmir	55	11
Karnataka	238	925
Kerala	171	698
Madhya Pradesh	217	868
Maharashtra	550	1521
Manipur	9	28
Meghalaya	14	48
Mizoram	10	12
Nagaland	14	26
Orissa	82	325
Punjab	165	947
Rajasthan	161	983
Sikkim	2	9
Tamil Nadu	305	1402
Tripura	11	29
Uttar Pradesh	443	1891
West Bengal	222	1001
<i>Union Territory</i>		
Andaman & Nicobar	1	3

<i>State</i>	<i>LPG</i>	<i>RO</i>
Chandigarh	26	19
Dadar & Nagar Havell	1	3
Delhi	215	237
Daman & Diu	2	4
Lakshadweep	1	-
Pondicherry	5	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>3999</b>	<b>15077</b>

(Figures as on 1.10.1991)

[*Translation*]

**Training to Agricultural Scientists of Developing Countries**

3452. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to impart training to the agricultural scientists of the developing countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Sir, Agricultural Scientists/technicians sponsored by developing countries are imparted training in Indian Institutions under bilateral agreements and international programmes of cooperation.

[*English*]

**Supply of PIG Iron to Industries in Howrah**

3453. SHRI HANAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industries in Howrah

are facing crisis due to short supply of pig-iron; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the supply of pig-iron and also to ensure regular supply of the same to the Industries in Howrah and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). No specific report about the crisis situation being faced by the industries in Howrah due to short supply of pig iron is available. There is, however, a general shortage of pig iron in the country. Full requirements of any sector cannot, therefore, be met out of domestic production. Import of pig iron is allowed under Open General Licence.

The allocation of pig iron to the SSI sector in West Bengal during the year 1991-92 is higher at 41,500 tonnes as compared to 35,000 tonnes in 1990-91.

**Earthquake Prone Areas**

3454. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union government have