

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) : The following three foreign film producers have expressed their desire to the Government of India for making a film on the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi :

1. Shri Veda Nayak, Inter-Cultural Films International Inc., Los Angeles (U.S.A.) ;
2. M/s. Centrnauchfilm Studio and Sovifilm, Moscow ; and
3. Ms. Judith de Paul, Silver Chalice Productions, U.K.

(c) and (d) : One Indian film maker, Shri R.K. Shanmugam of REENGARA Creation, Madras has written to the Government of India expressing his interest in making a film on the late Prime Minister.

Development of Coconut Crop

1606. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the development of cash crops;

(b) whether coconut is an important cash crop in coastal States; and

(c) the details of coconut development programmes launched in Orissa and other coastal States during Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following centrally sponsored scheme and projects of the Coconut Development Board were implemented in Orissa and other coastal States during the Sixth Plan.

(₹ s. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme/Project	Sixth Plan Central Govt. outlay for all States	Sixth Plan Central Govt. outlay for Orissa
1	2	3
(A) Centrally Sponsored Scheme		
(1) Package Programme on Coconut Development	186.69	12.09
(B) Coconut Development Board's Project		
(1) Project for providing financial assistance to coconut growers for removal of root-wilt affected coconut palms in Kerala State	54.75	—
(2) Project for establishment of hybrid seed gardens in Tamil Nadu and 12 pilot hybrid testing centres in the regional nurseries	12.37	—
(3) Project for production of quality coconut seedlings	159.00	9.69
(4) Project for expansion of area under coconut	125.97	4.55

1	2	3
(5) Project for coconut plantation on canal embankment in Orissa	70.24	70.24
(6) Project for promotion of Primary processing and marketing activities	24.20	3.00
(7) Project for establishment of coconut technological development centres	10.10	—
(8) Setting up of Demonstration-cum-Seed Production Farm for Coconut at Mandya in Karnataka	18.225	—
(9) Project for providing assistance for irrigation facilities to coconut growers	29.604	3.00
(10) Removal of root-wilt in Tamil Nadu	14.40	—

Commissioning of TV Station at Ratnagiri

1607. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the T.V. Station at Ratnagiri will be commissioned ;

(b) whether it will be full-fledged station or only relaying unit ; and

(c) the cost likely to be involved for this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) There is no approved scheme at present to set up a TV Centre at Ratnagiri.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.

Public Distribution System

1608. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the physical objectives for the Public Distribution System in the Sixth Five Year Plan in respect of coverage of families per Fair Price Shop;

(b) number of items to be distributed viz., staple food items, kerosene, sugar etc. ;

(c) what has been the short-fall in achieving the targets of the Public Distribution System in the Sixth Five Year Plan and reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to achieve the full projected targets of Public Distribution System to make up the shortfall and accelerating the progress ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) In the Sixth Five Year Plan it was mentioned that the total number of fair price shops including private outlets in the country was proposed to be increased from 2.50 lakhs to 3.50 lakhs by the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan. Accordingly, the Central Government has been requesting States/Union Territories to establish more and more fair price shops so as to achieve the norm of one fair price shop for every 2000