

of Agricultural Research, clonal plantlets were obtained directly from tender leaf segments taken from two year old seedlings. This was the first instance of direct differentiation of embryoids and plantlets from coconut leaf segments. The plantlet has been transferred to a sand-vermiculite medium where its progress is under observation.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has instituted nine awards for encouragement to scientists and for recognition of outstanding research in the field of agriculture and allied sciences. The concerned coconut scientists can be considered for these awards.

(e) The application of this technique for production of tissue cultured material on a large scale is expected to take another 8-5 years.

#### Effect of Video Piracy on Film Industry

1618. SHRI M. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem faced by the film industry because of large scale of Video piracy ;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the adverse impact of this on the revenue from film industry ; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such assessment has been made by the Government.

(c) The need for curbing video piracy is universally acknowledged and the Government of India have already taken a number of legislative and executive measures to fight the menace of video piracy.

#### Expenditure on Research and Development of Certain Crops

1619. SHRI I. RAMA RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent for research and development during 1982-83 in respect of cashewnut, pepper, ginger, coconut, cardamom and turmeric which earned foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 134 crores, 29 crores, 5.9 crores, 134 crores, 16 crores and 4.2 crores respectively during the year ; and

(b) whether there is any linkage between foreign exchange earning and Government's expenditure on research and development efforts on these crops ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The amount spent for Research and Development during 1982-83 is given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Crop	Research	Development	Total Amount
1	2	3	4
(i) Cashewnut	5.22	104.93	110.15
(ii) Pepper	21.31	5.76	27.07
(iii) Ginger			
(iv) Turmeric			

1	2	3	4
(v) Cardamom	5.77	102.00	107.77
(vi) Coconut	118.98	29.51	148.49
(vii) All India Coordinated Project on Spices and Cashew	9.85	—	9.85
(viii) All India Coordinated Project on Coconut and Arecanut	11.37	—	11.37
(ix) Cess fund ad-hoc research scheme on the above crops	2.16	—	2.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>174.66</b>	<b>242.20</b>	<b>416.86</b>

(b) No, Sir.

**Constitution of A.P.C. by Andhra Pradesh Government**

1620. SHRI N. V. RATNAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government for permission to constitute its own Agricultural Prices Commission ;

(b) if so, where the matter stands at present ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in granting permission ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c) : Information is being collected.

**Opening of a T.V. Centre at Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh**

1621. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have proposal to open a T.V. Centre at Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the time by which the above proposal will be implemented ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Hindupur is at the fringe of the service area of the TV Transmitter at Bangalore. Improvement in the TV service to areas, not fully covered so far will depend on the availability of resources for TV expansion during future plan periods.

**House Building Activities in the Country**

1622. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the steps proposed to accelerate house building activities in the country ;