

**Check on Quality of Material Used By  
D.D.A**

1792 SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of use of poor quality of building material in construction of D D A flats, and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the quality of the material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) The DDA has reported that the building material of poor quality is being used in the construction of DDA flats

DDA reports that only materials conforming to Indian Standard specifications, wherever manufactured are used in DDA works and in case, Indian Standard Institute marked materials are not available/manufactured, materials conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards are allowed to be used All mandatory tests, as provided in the specifications, are being got conducted before permitting the contractors to use the materials procured by them and no substandard material is allowed to be used

**Coconut Plantation in Rajasthan**

1793 SHRIVILAS MUTTEMWAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Coconut Development Board have planted coconut trees on experimental basis in Udaipur Zone of Rajasthan,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Board have also identified other places in Rajasthan for plantation of these trees, and

(d) the places identified so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) No, Sir

(b) does not arise

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise

**Expansion of Pusa Institute**

1794 SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the research activities of Pusa Institute in Delhi,

(b) if so, the allocation made for this purpose, and

(c) the number of foreign countries research assignments undertaken at this Institute at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K C LENKA) (a) Yes Sir

(b) An amount of Rs 215.19 crore has been allocated by the ICAR for the VIII plan period (1992-1997)

(c) Eleven research assignments with foreign collaboration have been undertaken