

### Effect of Coconut Kernel

2722. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Bio-Chemistry of the University of Kerala has completed the study on the effect of coconut Kernel consumption on the Serum Lipid Profile and thrombosis and submitted its final report;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay in submitting the Report ; and

(c) the time by which final Report is likely to be obtained in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c). The Coconut Development Board has funded the Dept. of Bio-Chemistry of the University of Kerala to undertake study on the effect of coconut kernel consumption on Serum Lipid Profile and thrombosis. The study has not been completed as per the original programme. The Board has, however, received an interim report. The Project Investigator has sought additional funds to complete the project with the enlarged technical programme not originally approved. The Project Investigator has been informed of the Board's decision to complete the project as per the original approved programme with originally sanctioned financial assistance and if further studies are required, new proposal may be placed before the board for consideration .

[Translation]

### Cultivation of Soyabean

2723. SHRI N.K. BALIYAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the area of land for growing Soyabean during Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods:

(b) if so, the additional areas identified for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government propose to grow Soyabean in non-conventional areas also ; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. One of the strategy adopted under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP.) is to expand the area under Oilseeds particularly soyabean in Kharif fallows in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Orissa and in Jhum areas of North-Eastern hill States.

(c) and (d). National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board (NOVOD Board) is extending assistance for non-conventional areas for cultivation of oilseed crops *inter-alia* soyabean with the result soyabean crop has been introduced in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab and North-Eastern States.

[English].

### Private Technical Universities

2724. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:

SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI :

SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed in principle to the proposal permitting establishment of Private Universities in the field of Technical Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating *inter-alia* the reasons that weighed in favour of taking such a decision;

(c) whether the Government have also received any proposals from the Non-resident Indians in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to lay down any guidelines in this regard so as to check commercialisation of the Technical Education;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the time by which the necessary legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (g). Presently, a