

products and by-products of coconut is being done; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far in this regard ?

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

(b) The details are placed in the statement below.

#### Statement

Research investigations on the efficient utilization of the different products and by products of coconut are in progress at the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore; the Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Trivandrum of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); the Coir Board and the Central Coir Research Institute, Kerala and the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

The CFTRI has developed and released a process for desiccating coconut which has now been commercially adopted. A wet-rendering process for simultaneous recovery of oil and protein has also been worked out, which however, has not been found economically feasible.

The RRL Trivandrum has developed processes for home preservation of coconut meat; improving keeping quality of coconut oil; partially defatting edible coconut grating; bottling of matured coconut water as a soft drink; non-conventional uses for coconut husk, fibre; coir waste and coconut shell, and also a chemical process for increasing durability of coconut leaf thatch as roofing material.

The CPCRI has also developed copra dryers which use solar energy and coconut waste as fuel, as well as a process to preserve wet coconut meat from spoilage during sun-drying by dipping in 1000 ppm propionic acid for 30 minutes.

#### Assistance to Rural Consumer Retail outlets in Orissa

819. **SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :** Will the Minister of **FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have approached the Central Government to extend financial assistance to the Rural Consumer Retail Outlets opened in the State through a Central Sector scheme at least for a period of five years till they become viable; and

(b) whether Central Government have considered the transport subsidy to be given to the rural consumer outlets so as to enable them to supply essential articles to the weaker sections living in the remote areas in a better way ?

**THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) :** (a) No proposal for financial assistance to rural consumer retail outlets opened in Orissa through a Central Sector Scheme for a period of five years till they become viable, has been received from the Government of Orissa. However, under the Central Sector Scheme, margin money assistance is provided to the primary agricultural credit societies/farmers service societies/LAMPS, etc. to enable them to undertake distribution of consumer articles in rural areas. Under this scheme an amount of Rs. 100.20 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa for 1700 such societies in Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

#### Supply of Drinking Water to Villages

820. **SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :** Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in every State some villages have been identified as difficult villages for the purpose of availability of drinking water;

(b) if so, the State-wise, break-up of these villages (number only) as on 1982;

(c) how many have been delisted having been provided with permanent source of drinking water;

(d) whether in Maharashtra a large number of villages have to depend on water tankers for the supply of drinking water even in the rainy season and this is continuing over five years; and