

which has resulted in proportionate reduction in per capita availability in various States.

(c) No, Sir. Only stocks conforming to Fair Average Quality standards are issued to the State Government for supply through the public distribution system.

(d) and (e). Allocations of food-grains from the Central Pool are made to the State Governments and distribution within the State is looked after by the State Government concerned.

### Areca nut Production

2250. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of arecanuts produced in the country, (State-wise) and which are the States producing arecanuts ;

(b) whether the arecanuts produced in the country is sufficient to cater the needs of the country ; and

(c) whether Government have issued any licence for the import of arecanuts or intend to issue any licence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) A statement showing state-wise production areca nut during 1980-81 is enclosed.

(b) The quality of areca nut produced in the country is considered sufficient for internal consumption.

(c) Import of areca nut is banned as consumer item. Ordinarily, therefore, no licence would have been issued for the import of this item in particular. However, details of import licences issued by the Chief Con-

troller of Imports & Exports are available in the Parliament Library. The intention of the Government is to continue to follow the prescribed policy.

### Statement

#### *Production of Areca nut 1980-81* (‘000 tonnes)

Andhra Pradesh	0.2
Assam	49.8
Karnataka	79.2
Kerala	53.2
Maharashtra	2.5
Meghalaya	0.9
Tamil Nadu	3.0
Tripura	0.4
West Bengal	0.8
Goa, Daman & Diu	1.3
Mizoram	0.1
<b>ALL-INDIA</b>	<b>191.4</b>

*Note:*—Production figures relate to dried nuts without husk (processed nuts).

### Utilisation of Water Resources

2251. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD:  
SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the appropriate measures being taken by Government to reduce water losses, extend irrigation in additional areas and find out modern techniques for lining of irrigation channels, develop maximum utility of water resources and increase the efficiency of the existing water storage ; and

(b) the modernisation schemes proposed to be taken to achieve the above objectives and the details thereof ?