

(c) The principal reason for fall in production was non-availability of poultry feed ingredients particularly maize. Heavy culling of old and unproductive birds was another reason.

(d) 1,27,809.

(e) and (f). The Regional Poultry Farm at Bhubaneswar is directly administered by the Central Government. The Farm incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 1,98,907.19P in 1965-66, (against an income of Rs. 1,25,429.89P upto 28-2-1966). Technical guidance was also given to the Farm by the Centre.

#### **Block Development Officers**

**5046. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have under consideration any proposal to abolish the posts of Block Development Officers; and

(b) if so, the alternate arrangements made for the performance of duties assigned to the Block Development Officers in the State?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). The information, called for from the State Government, is still awaited.

#### **Coconut Plantations**

**5047. Shri V. V. Thevar:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring coconut plantation under Intensive Agricultural Programme;

(b) if so, how many acres of land would be covered under this programme in the Fourth Plan in Madras State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give medium term loan for coconut plantation in non-package areas; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### **Stocking of Foodgrains in Orissa**

**5048. Dr. Kohor:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice already sent to Kerala and West Bengal from the State of Orissa during the current year, up-to-date;

(b) the present stock of foodgrains in Orissa State and whether the present stock of foodgrains is sufficient to meet the demand of the State including drought-affected areas; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take to meet the demand?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) During the current year up to the end of April, 79.1 thousand tonnes of rice had been sent from Orissa to Kerala and West Bengal.

(b) On the 1st April, 1966, the Government of Orissa had a stock of over one lakh tonnes of rice and paddy in terms of rice. Wheat is being directly issued from Central Government stocks. No difficulty is expected in meeting the requirements of foodgrains of Orissa including the drought-affected areas.

(c) Does not arise.