

Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). In the course of groundwater exploration in Orissa, the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation drilled 33 exploratory bores till 31st December, 1966, of which only 20 yielded satisfactory discharge of water.

Deep-Sea Fishing Schemes in Orissa

62. **Shri K. Pradhani:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Hirji:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given or proposed to be given to Orissa for Deep-Sea Fishing Schemes during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (**Shri Annasahib Shinde**): (a) and (b). An allocation of Rs 10.32 lakhs in the form of loan (Rs. 2.22 lakhs) and grant (Rs. 8.10 lakhs) has been made for Central Assistance for 1966-67 for fisheries schemes including Deep Sea Fishing in Orissa. Out of a total outlay by the State of Rs. 60 lakhs originally proposed for fisheries, about Rs 29 lakhs was earmarked for deep sea fishing. The main features of the Deep Sea Fishing Scheme are the introduction of powered boats for trawling and gill-netting and allied facilities of storage and marketing. The actual quantum of assistance depends on the expenditure incurred during the year on fisheries schemes. The figures of expenditure for the year 1966-67 are not yet available.

Output of Coconut

63. **Shri K. Pradhani:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Hirji:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the annual output of coconut at present;

(b) the value and quantity of coconut imported annually at present; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to attain self-sufficiency in the supply of coconut?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (**Shri Annasahib Shinde**): (a) 4806 million nuts as in 1964-65, the latest year for which estimates are available.

(b) No coconut is imported at present. However, during 1965-66 the quantity of copra imported was 48,722 tonnes valued at Rs. 6.26 crores. During the period January to November, 1966, the value of copra imported was 3.47 crores.

(c) Comprehensive measures have been envisaged during the Fourth Five Year Plan to increase the annual production and the target has been fixed at 5071 million nuts at the end of the Fourth Plan. The development programmes include short-term as well as long-term measures. The short-term measures consist of laying out of demonstration plots, distribution of fertilisers, provision or irrigation facilities, intensive cultivation in large blocks on the lines of package programme, etc. The long-term measures include distribution of seedlings and expansion of area under coconut to a certain extent.

In order to accelerate the tempo of research and to quicken the achievement of results which will be of practical value to the coconut growers, an All-India Coordinated Research Project on coconut has been prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and due emphasis will be laid under it on the control of coconut diseases like root-wilt and leaf-rot.

Release of Sugar Factories

64. **Shri K. N. Pandey:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to release those sugar