

Establishment of AIR Station at Phulbani	State	Production (No. of nut/ha.) (1982-83)
4683. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :	Andhra Pradesh	4136
	Assam	7062
	Karnataka	5204
	Kerala	4721
	Maharashtra	5455
	Orissa	4202
	Tamil Nadu	9969
	Tripura	1214
	West Bengal	10930
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4644
	Goa, Daman & Diu	4884
	Pondicherry	9000
	Lakshadweep	7786

(a) whether Government are aware that Phulbani in Orissa is ideally located for the establishment of an All India Radio Station ;

(b) whether such proposal will be taken into consideration in view of the absence of adequate All India Radio network in Phulbani and its adjoining districts ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to expedite implementation of the above proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) Presently AIR Sambalpur covers the northern parts of Phulbani District and AIR Cuttack the eastern parts.

(b) and (c) This will depend upon the final shape of the Seventh Five Year Plan ; the Seventh Plan has not been finalised yet.

Coconut Production in Kerala

4684. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the production of coconut per hectare, State-wise ;

(b) whether Kerala has the lowest production per hectare of coconut ;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase coconut production in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) ; (a) State and Union Territory-wise production of coconut per hectare is given below :—

(b) and (c) Although productivity of coconut in Kerala is lower than the All India average, it compares favourably with some other States and Union Territories. Reasons for low productivity in Kerala are as follows :

- (i) Overcrowding of existing gardens ;
- (ii) Existence of senile and unproductive palms ;
- (iii) Non-adoption of recommended package of practices ;
- (iv) Diseases especially root wilt and pests.

(d) The following steps have been taken to increase production of coconut in Kerala :

- (i) Production and distribution of disease free seedlings of high yielding varieties.
- (ii) Demonstration to popularise improved cultivation practices.
- (iii) Rejuvenation of diseased and unproductive coconut gardens,
- (iv) Financial assistance for replacement of diseased and unproductive palms.
- (e) Financial assistance for irrigation.

Allotment of Accommodation to the Employees of MCD and Delhi Administration from General Pool

4685. DR. C. S. VERMA : Will the