

Plant is expected to be commissioned in 1975.

ping up of production plant protection and processing of cocount products ; and

#### Prices of Stainless Steel Goods

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

553. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of finished goods of stainless steel are very high, in comparison to 1969-70 ;

(b) whether this is due to defective distribution as well as shortage of steel in the country ; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to bring down the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) There is no price or distribution control on finished goods of stainless steel such as utensils, fountain pen nibs, watch straps, razor blades, watch parts, hospital equipment etc. Hence precise information is not available.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Financial Aid from United Nations Development Programme for Coconut

54. SHRI R. KADANAPALLI :  
SHRI B. NARAYANAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently the Asian Coconut Community has been assured of technical help and financial assistance under United Nations Development Programme ;

(b) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation has also pledged to help in intensifying research connected with the step-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHIB P SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The observers of the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organisation who attended the 4th Session of the Asian Coconut Community held recently in New Delhi indicated that the two organisations would be willing to give favourable consideration, within the limits of their resources, to any specific request that is made to them particularly with regard to mutual visits of suitable technical staff of the countries, exchange of breeding material, provision of the services of consultants in certain fields and feasibility studies to determine marketability of coconut products and the type of plant that would be best suited for the manufacture of products.

#### Grants from USA for Research in Agriculture and Ecology

555. SHRI R. KADANAPALLI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether U. S. Government had approved to give grants to some Indian institutions for research on various aspects of agriculture and ecology; and

(b) if so, the details and extent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) Uptil now grants for research under PL. 480 funds have been sanctioned to 78 Indian institutions. The total number of research projects sanctioned so far is 311 with a total outlay of Rs. 9.78 crores approximately.