

Annexure - VII.3MODEL SCHEME FOR PRODUCTION OF COCONUT OIL (Small ghani type)Introduction

The proposed project envisages for setting up of coconut oil manufacturing unit (Ghani type) at different tribal areas such as Nicobar, Katchal and Kamorta.

Object

The unit will manufacture 500 ltrs. of oil per month.

Justification

Coconut oil is an important cooking media and also finds various uses in our daily life. The tribal people of the area may use the product which at present they are getting from Blair or some other places. There is good demand for this added product in the region. If the supply exceeds demand in the area then the excess will be marketed through existing co-operative societies of the area or Consumers Cooperative Stores Ltd.

Method

The mature coconuts (over two months old) are used for the manufacture of oil. The quality of the oil depends much on the age of coconut used. Fully matured coconut fruits are dehusked and broken manually. The coconut kernel is removed from the shell with the help of knives. The broken kernel pieces are spread in a drying chamber and are dried to desired quality. The drying process takes about 5 days time. The temperature of drying