

(c) and (d) Yes. But each tenement on the Mall Road consists of two rooms, kitchen, bath and latrine, while the tenements on Reids Line had only one room and no kitchen or separate bath or latrine.

(e) The number of such families is not readily available.

**Import of Raw Cashew nuts from Africa**

3208. { Shri Warior:  
          { Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation have finalised any scheme to import raw cashew nuts from Africa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

**Effect of Atomic Tests on Indian Ocean**

3209. { Shri Warior:  
          { Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the press report of a Soviet Scientist's statement that the atomic tests carried out in Sahara have affected the Indian Ocean Waters;

(b) whether our Atomic Energy Commission has undertaken any examination of the presence of radioactive elements recently in the Indian ocean; and

(c) if so, with what result?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes; Government have

seen a press report of a statement attributed to Professor Vladimir Kord, a Soviet Scientist, that Soviet oceanographers have detected radioactivity in the Indian Ocean following the French nuclear tests in Sahara.

(b) and (c). The Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay has not undertaken any special survey of the Indian Ocean as such. However, samples of sea water from the Arabian Sea around Bombay have been analysed very frequently for contamination by the nuclear explosions. The analyses have shown the presence of radioactive substance of natural origin and those produced by nuclear tests. The results did not show any increase in radioactivity in the sea water around Bombay attributable particularly to the atomic tests conducted in Sahara.

**Coir Cooperatives**

3210. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:  
          { Shri Pottakkatt:  
          { Shri Warior:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the matter of developing coir cooperatives during the year 1961; and

(b) whether any attempt has been made to assess the progress of the existing societies during the above period?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) During the financial year 1961-62, 49 coir cooperatives were organised in the various coconut growing States in India of which 41 were in Kerala. This brought the total number of coir cooperatives in India to 495 by the end of the financial year.

(b) Yes, Sir, a study on the working of Coir Cooperatives in Kerala was conducted by the Coir Board during the year 1961. The report of the Board is awaited.