

of groundnut oil procured by State Trading Corporation from the co-operative organisations has not been exported.

(c) and (d). This quantity is being sold to the Consortium of Soap Manufacturers for export of an equivalent quantity of groundnut oil.

#### **Manufacture of High-scale Communications Receivers**

1119. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that high-scale communication receivers will be manufactured in India;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) whether they will be manufactured in Public or private sector?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). M/s Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore are at present manufacturing general purpose communication receivers. They also propose to manufacture various types of high grade receivers required by the country and negotiations with various foreign companies for manufacturing different types are in progress.

#### **Export of Tobacco to Europe**

1120. **Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scope for larger tobacco export to Europe has been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this connection?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special allotment of fertilizers to agriculturists has been sanctioned to increase the productivity;

Efforts are being made to produce non-traditional types of tobacco;

A special West German Tobacco Project has been undertaken to grow tobacco suitable for export to West Germany.

#### **Export of Cashew Kernels**

1121. **Shri Imbichibava:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the export of cashew kernels;

(b) whether as a result of these steps there has been any increase in the export of cashew kernels in recent years; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Steps such as setting up a separate Council for promotion of exports of cashews, arrangements for the import of raw cashewnuts, supply of tinsplate and box-strapping to exporters participating in International Fairs and Exhibitions, conducting market survey and sending of Trade Delegations abroad have been taken up by Government to increase exports of cashew kernels.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Exports of cashew kernels rose from 38,789 thousand kgs. valued at Rs. 16 crores in 1959-60 to 41,755 thousand kgs. valued at Rs. 18 crores in 1961-62.

#### **Salt Board**

1122. { Shri P. Kunhan:  
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the formation of the Salt Board has been deferred; and