

Import of processed Cashew Nuts

6202. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of processed cashew nuts imported during 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) Kerala's share in the import during that period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of new study team regarding Coir Industry of Kerala

6203. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint a new Study Team to go into the problems relating Coir Industry in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ;

(c) the total number of Study Teams appointed so far by Government to study the problems regarding Coir Industry ;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government on the basis of the reports submitted by these Study Teams for revitalising Coir Industry ; and

(e) if so, the main features thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) It is only recently that a study team appointed by planning commission enquired into the problem of Coir Industry and no new team is proposed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). The Study Teams appointed by the Government to study the problems of the Coir Industry are, (i) the Coir Advisory Committee, (ii) the Working Group on Coir, and (iii) the Planning Commissions Study

Group on Coir Industry. Their reports were received during 1955, 1964 and 1970 respectively. The Government have taken into consideration these reports while formulating their policies on the development of the Coir Industry.

Setting up of medium Wave Transmitter at Rewa

6204. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the Medium Wave transmitter at Rewa would go into operation ;

(b) the difficulties in its way of being set up ; and

(c) the effective range of this transmitter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) By 1973-74:

(b) No difficulty is experienced at present.

(c) It will serve Rewa and Satna districts and parts of Panna, Sahadol and Sidhi districts.

Telephone and Telegraph Facilities in Rural Areas

6205. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Government's plan to provide the telephone and telegraph facilities to rural regions that have recently started to draw an increased traffic of grain and other trade ; and

(b) the names of the Mandis of Sidhi and Rewa Districts of Madhya Pradesh that Government propose to equip with these facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Telephone and Telegraph facilities are normally provided if the scheme is remunerative. But in order to extend telephone