keys and other wild animals are as follows:-

	1963	1964	1965 (upto July)
	('000' Rs.)	('000' Rs.)	('000' Rs.)
Monkeys	3652	2457	981
Other wild ani- mals.	148	87	90

Monkeys are allowed to be exported to U.S.A., UK., and Canada only for medical research purposes. The figures of other wild animals given above include only tigers and elephants as other kinds of wild animals are not separately shown. These are in demand particularly in U.K., Singapore, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

(d) No special efforts were undertaken for seeking this kind of cooperation, except that the local laws (and rules thereunder) concerning preservation and management wild life are so evolved that their main objective is to preserve the wild life and even to encourage multiplication of animals of commercial importance. No major steps to breed or rear such animals by using artificial methods have so far been taken inside the thick Indian forests. Pilot schemes on breeding of certain commercially useful wild animals, using artificial methods, are, however, being planned in certain zoos in India.

Export of Cashew Kernels

195. Shri A. S. Alvg: Shrimati Benuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of Caphew Kernels to the Buropean countries has received a ast-back, especially in Italy, due to the fact that the Kernels of a different variety which are not very popular there are mistaken for the Indian variety; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to dispet this wrong notion and to step up our exports in these countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No. Sir. Exports to European Countries have on the whole, greatly increased. Exports to Italy, during the period April-July 1965 have fallen compared with exports in the corresponding period of 1964. Italy being one of the leading producers and exporters of almonds and having a cashew collaboration with Tanzania, there is a powerful 'almond lobby' which resists import of cashew kernels into that country and also the availability of cashew from a preferred source. We have, however, no information regrding a different unpopular variety of kernels being mistaken for Indian cashew kernels.

A foreign office of the Cashew Export Promotion Council was opened in Brussels in September, 1964 with the specific purpose of increasing our exports of cashew kernels to West European countries. The foreign office has been taking all publicity and other measures for stepping up our exports to this area.

इस्पात कारजायों में श्रमिक

196. श्री किशन पटनायकः श्रीमधुलिमयेः श्रीकागडीः

क्या **इल्पात चौर कान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) भिलाई, करकेला तथा इर्वापुर इस्पात कारखानों की विस्तार योजनाचों के ग्रन्तर्गत कुल कितने श्रीमक काम कर रहे हैं:
- (ख) उनमें कितने श्रीमक ऐसे हैं जो प्रारम्भ से कार्यकर रहे हैं और कितने श्रीमक ऐसे हैं जिन्हें काथ करते 'हुए घघी दो वर्य बहीं हुए ; और