

(a) whether the Railways propose to transfer used rails to the Steel Ministry ;

(b) if so, the purpose of such transfer; and

(c) the cost of rails to be transferred ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) It is proposed to distribute the present accumulation of about 2 lakh tonnes of used rails to the scrap re-rolling units through the stockyards of the main Steel producers.

(b) The purpose of this arrangement agreed to between the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Railways is to ensure availability of raw material to scrap re-rolling units at reasonable prices and to regulate the sale of re-rolled products to consumers at reasonable prices.

(c) About Rs. 16 crores

Processing and Packaging of Cashew Nuts through State Trading Corporation

*745. **SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI,** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Trading Corporation propose to do the processing and packaging of Cashew nuts for world wide market, and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य रेलवे जोन में नई रेलवे लाइनों के लिए सर्वेक्षण

*748. **श्री गंगा चरण शीक्षित :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तीसरी और चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं की शर्तियों में मध्य रेलवे पर नई रेलवे लाइनों विज्ञापन के लिए कोई यातायात तथा आर्थिक सर्वेक्षण किये गये थे ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो उनके क्या परिणाम निकले ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तैया) : (क) जी, हा ।

(ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है । [ग्रन्थालय में रखा गया । देखिये संख्या L1-1970, 72]

Scheme for Modern Tea Plantation

*753 **SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSJI :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared any scheme in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture for modern tea plantation, and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Orissa Government proposals for improvement of Naupada-Gunupur and Rupsa-Talband lines.

*754. **SHRI P. K. DBO :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have submitted certain proposals to the Central Government for improvement of Branch Railway lines between Naupada-Gunupur and Rupsa-Talband ; and