

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is unable to stay in the world market due to the discrepancies in the policies of Government and their negligence in the world trade in the context of changing economy; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo-Nepal trade talks

2305. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Indo-Nepal trade talks were held recently; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) and (b) A meeting of the India-Nepal Inter-Governmental Committee on Trade, Transit and Cooperation to Control Unauthorised Trade was held at Kathmandu on August 2-5-2001. Various issues relating to measures to be taken to promote bilateral trade, to improve the transit facilities for Nepalese trade with third countries and measures to be taken by the two Governments to control unauthorised trade were discussed.

Demand for cashew kernels

2306. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for cashew kernels in the country is more than the production and raw cashew nut is being imported from American countries;

(b) if so, the total amount of cashew nuts imported during the last two years and the foreign exchange spent on this head;

(c) whether Orissa has got very good potential of growing cashew nut; and