

Ltd." is being formed to undertake the construction, management and operation of the Koyna and Korba Aluminium Projects.

(b) The project report for the Koyna Aluminium Project will be received towards the middle of 1966.

The project report for the Korba project up to the alumina stage will be received in October 1966. The project report for the smelter is also intended to be obtained by October 1966 but a time-schedule for its preparation has not been settled.

(c) The U.S.S.R. and Hungary will render technical and financial assistance only for the Korba Aluminium Project; Hungary for the alumina plant and U.S.S.R. for the smelter. The assistance is expected to cover the cost of machinery that is to be imported and some technical services. The quantum of assistance will be known only after the project reports are received and indigenous content of plant, equipment, etc., is determined.

EXPORT OF CASHEWNUITS

*461. { SHRIMATI TARA RAM-
CHANDRA SATHE;
SHRIMATI LALITHA
(RAJA GOPALAN):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of cashewnuts at present;

(b) how much of it is exported; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to increase this export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Roughly 1,35,000 tonnes.

(b) It is difficult to say how much of this is exported as not all the

cashew that is processed and exported is produced in the country.

(c) Assistance is provided to the cashew industry for import of cashew-nuts, packing materials, and machinery, equipment and spares not indigenously available. Besides, a foreign office of the Cashew Export Promotion Council which started functioning from January, 1965 at Brussels, looks after all export promotional work in Western Europe. Indian cashews are also getting intensive publicity in foreign countries through the media of publicity literature and participation in exhibitions/fairs abroad.

ALLOTMENT OF CARS TO M.P.s. AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

*462. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian cars allotted to M.P.s. and actually purchased by them during the last four years;

(b) the number of cars allotted to Government employees during the same period; and

(c) the number of persons who were allotted cars twice or more during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH):

(a) to (c) During the last four years, more than 9000 cars have been allotted out of the Central Government quota to Central Government Departments, offices, Central Government officers, foreign nationals, Members of Parliament, etc. Complete information about the allotments actually issued during this period is not available at one place and has to be collected from numerous files. It is felt that the time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the result.