

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The total quantity of such exports for 1951-52 was 11,39,811 cwts. The value was Rs. 55,45,642.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Are any such articles made in our country? If not, is any attempt being made to make them here?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would like to have notice.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Is there a general increase in the quantity exported outside India during the current year and, if so, what is the percentage of increase over that of last year?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Sir, there has been a general increase. If the hon. Member wants I can say that in the year 1949-50 the total exports were in the region of 8,11,831 cwts., in 1950-51 they were 3,49,211 cwts. as against 11 lakhs odd during 1951-52. I am unable to give any percentages.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** What is the rise in prices?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would like to have notice.

**Shri Chattopadhyaya:** May I know whether in view of the tremendous American rearmament that is going on it is advisable to supply such war-significant material to a satellite of America?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. He is asking for an opinion.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know what are the countries to which these commodities have been exported and in what quantities?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I can give the countries and the quantities but it will take a lot of time. If the hon. Member wants it I will lay a statement on the Table of the House.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know if any attempt is made in India to manufacture insulated covers for steel pipes etc., out of magnesite?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would like to have notice.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** May I know whether the Government of India has entered into any agreement with the Government of Japan regarding the export of magnesite ore?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The fact is that we are sending a large quantity to Japan but I cannot tell the hon. Member off hand whether there is any agreement—presumably not.

#### RESCUE STATIONS

\*1444. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Rescue Station as envisaged by the Indian Coal Mines

Rescue Rules, 1939, has been opened uptill now in the Coal fields; and

(b) if so, how many and in which collieries?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) Yes.

(b) Two; one at Jharia for Jharia coal fields and the other at Sitarampur for Raniganj coal fields.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I know what part they play and under what circumstances?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** They are rescue stations and they help in the act of rescuing people whenever there are accidents.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** Have they saved any lives so far? Is there any such report to the Government?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Yes, they did. Rescue work was undertaken in 1950-51 in four mines in the Sitarampur station and in 15 mines in the Jharia station.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I also know if this facility is going to be extended to the mica mines also?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Notice.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether any complaints have been forwarded to the Ministry that these rescue stations are not working properly?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** No complaints have been received so far as I know.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know whether these rescue rules apply to the gold fields in Mysore?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Notice.

#### CLAIM AGAINST BUYER OF IMPORTED CLOTH

\*1446. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to my starred question No. 175-C, asked on the 10th August, 1951 and state:

(a) whether the pending claim for Rs. 15 lakhs has since been settled; and

(b) if not, what action has been taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) No.

(b) The matter is being pursued with the party.

**Shri S. N. Das:** It was in 1950 that in the Public Accounts Committee Report the attention of Government was drawn to the fact. May I know