

**Dr. Jaisoorya:** May I know, Sir, why State nominees have not lifted the medium and coarse quality quotas?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Sir, it is a very simple proposition. Apparently they do not find demand. There may be other contributory factors, namely, that the finance available to them is limited or perhaps the nominees being State nominees, are not accustomed to the normal trade and they are a little overcautious. These are psychological factors. But the fact remains that State nominees are not lifting their quota and the simple answer to that is that they feel that the demand won't be equal to what they take normally.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** With regard to the previous supplementary, I wish to know why it is that in the previous period production was less. Was there any reason like scarcity of cotton or labour trouble for which production was less than in the recent period?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Sir, there is no question of any insistence on the part of Government with regard to the previous period, at any rate the period prior to Sept. 1951. There are no extraneous factors excepting the question of normal conditions. Undoubtedly the cotton position was a little difficult because of high prices, and the prices were coming down slowly. I cannot commit myself to any statement of fact which would confirm my hon. friend's presumption.

#### COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDIAN PRODUCTS

\*451. **Shri M. E. Krishna:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any complaints have been received from the buying countries regarding Indian products?

(b) Is there any Inspection Board to check the products that are to be exported and label them according to their grades?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). Complaints in connection with exports or imports are not an uncommon feature in trade. There is no Inspection Board to check the quality of all goods that are exported. Buyers and sellers make their own arrangements according to commercial practice in each line.

**Shri Gurupadaswamy:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government has taken any precautions in manufacturing special varieties for exports like in England?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I cannot see how this question arises, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know whether any steps have been taken.

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would ask for notice.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** What are those countries?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The answer given does not admit of these complaints.

#### COIR AND COIR GOODS

\*452. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any foreign countries other than the United States of America and the United Kingdom, have made enquiries from the Government of India regarding supplies of Coir and Coir goods from India?

(b) What action have the Government of India taken on such enquiries, if any?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Trade enquiries for coir and coir goods were received during the last two years from firms in Canada, New Zealand, Hongkong and Switzerland.

(b) The enquiring firms were furnished with lists of exporters in India of these goods and the enquiries were circulated among Indian exporters.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Are the Government aware, Sir, that coir industries in Travancore and Malabar States are in a very bad crisis?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir. For the last few months Government are aware that there has been a depression in the coir industry and therefore we have deputed a special officer recently to make thorough enquiry about the same with a view to improve the prospects of the coir industry.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What steps have the Government taken to give employment to the lakhs of people who are thrown out of work?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Sir, that is a question for the State Government primarily.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government have enquired into the reasons why the demands from foreign countries like U.S.A. and Canada and New Zealand were not received?