

**Shri Karmarkar:** The obvious reason is that there has been a slump in the demand. They do not want the goods for the time being.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government have come to know that there was an organised attempt on the part of the European business magnates—merchants in Quilon?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Member is supposed to put questions which are permissible under the rules.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know whether the Government would consider this matter and give interim relief to the unemployed who are affected?

**Mr. Speaker:** This is just a repetition. All these are suggestions for action. It is the concern mainly and principally of the State Government.

**Shri N. S. Nair:** May I know, Sir, whether the coir goods are included among the goods within the purview of trade agreements?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am happy to say that it is so. In our agreements with Burma, Italy and Germany we stipulated for the export of coir.

#### COIR AND COIR GOODS (EXPORT)

\*454. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total quantity of coir and coir goods exported to the United States of America and the United Kingdom during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** The total quantities of coir and coir goods exported in 1950, 1951 and January-March 1952 to the United States of America were 8,255 tons, 5,526 tons and 1,149 tons respectively; and to United Kingdom 20,680 tons, 19,771 tons and 3,627 tons, respectively.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What is the amount of coir consumed in India, Sir?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, what steps the Government would take to fight this slump which has now cropped up in the coir industry and which will help the employees who are now unemployed?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is for the State Government.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware that there was an organised attempt.....

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not going to allow such questions.

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Have the Government taken any steps to give relief to those who have been thrown out of employment?

**Mr. Speaker:** He has already said that that is for the State Government to take steps.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know the value of coir goods exported to the U.S.A. during the last one year?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is 7 lakhs 58 thousand. That is for the year 1951.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** Has the Government considered the advisability of constituting a coir board?

**Mr. Speaker:** He is making a suggestion for action.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know, Sir, whether a resolution is passed by the statutory committee for promotion of coconut production to the effect that coir industry may also be left within the purview of that Committee?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to find out.

#### CLASH BETWEEN TIBETANS AND CHINESE IN LHASA

\*455. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detailed information about the recent clash between the Tibetan residents and the Chinese occupation troops in Lhasa;

(b) whether any Indians were involved in the same; and

(c) whether there has been any loss of Indian property as a result of the clash?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Government have received reports of a minor clash between the Chinese soldiers and a few Tibetans on the 1st April, 1952 but they have no detailed information.

(c) No.

(b) No.

**Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Now, Sir, has there been any exodus of Tibetans after this clash into India?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not think there has been any marked exo-