

expression to its own view of this matter from time to time. We cannot prevent that from happening. We give expression, to the best of our ability, to our view and explain that to other countries.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: In such matters do we lodge protests also or do we just keep quiet?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: To whom?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: To the Chinese Government. When some Chinese sources make accusations against our country, then do we lodge protests or do we just keep quiet?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: What do we protest about, may I ask?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: We protest in regard to the Chinese Premier having said these things, whether it is a fact and, if so, whether it is . . .

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: That means our protesting about the Chinese Premier stating what his case is. It is very extraordinary that we should protest to him about it. If he accepts our view, then the matter ends; there is no difficulty.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Today's papers report that the Chinese have evacuated Longju. Is there any truth in it?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: We do not know, Sir.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Prime Minister has been drawn to the fact that some important members of political parties are actually doing propaganda supporting the view of the Chinese Premier?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Yes, Sir. That has been referred to many times even in this House.

FALL IN EXPORT OF COIR GOODS

•166. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Chairman of the Coir Board on the 21st September, 1960 at Ernakulam to the effect that "India is losing ground in coir goods exports"; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering his suggestion that private parties should be allowed to set up factories for extraction of fibre on a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a slight downward trend in the exports though it is not serious. The programmes of the Coir Board are designed to arrest this trend and increase our exports. Manufacture of mattress and bristle fibre is one of the schemes encouraged by the Government to ensure increase and diversification of production.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know what is the foreign exchange earning to the country by export of coir goods?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The average has been between Rs. 8 crores and Rs. 9 crores a year on coir fibre, coir yarn, coir mattress and other products.

DECLINE IN THE EXPORT OF MANGANESE ORE

•167. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of manganese had declined in the year 1960 (upto November) as compared to the same period in the year 1958; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the causes for the decline and what steps have been taken by Government to restore the decline in export?