

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I think this has been mentioned in the reply. The U.A.R. Embassy here has been good enough to take charge of our interests in regard to Portugal, and once or twice their Ambassador here had been to Goa to look into these things and had presented us with a long report. This was, I think, about a year or two ago. He has not gone there recently. Since then, many of the people mentioned in his report have been released, and so far as the Indian nationals are concerned, the only person left out is Shri Ranade.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: A few years ago one Dr. Gaitonde was sent to Portugal to serve a jail sentence. Apart from the enquiry conducted by the U.A.R. Embassy, may I know whether Government have ascertained from the persons who have returned from there as to their experiences of prison life in Portugal and particularly whether there was any brainwashing or torture or anything of that kind.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: We have seen some of the people who have been kept in prisons in Goa and some who have been kept in prisons in Lisbon, in East Africa, in Angola, in West Africa, and we have got their reports also. These reports contain something about general ill-treatment. I would not say that there was any specific torture. I have not heard of any case of what is called brainwashing. That commodity does not exist round about those parts of the world very much.

ACCUSATION MADE AGAINST INDIA BY THE CHINESE PRIME MINISTER

*165. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a statement credited to the Chinese Prime Minister in the course of a television interview in Britain wherein accusations have been made that India is working not only "to hold on to a big piece of territory which

belonged to China" but also "to have brought up new territorial demands against China";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Premier has accused India, as reported by the same source, of provoking armed clashes on the border; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to counteract such mischievous propaganda by China in foreign countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the Chinese Premier's statement, as reported in the Press.

(c) Government have made and continue to make use of all available media of information to emphasize the Indian point of view and the strength of the Indian case.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the Prime Minister's attention has been drawn to a similar report published in yesterday's papers that one British journalist recently returned from Peking has also accused India of precipitating a cold war between the two countries? Is this a fact?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I did not see that brief report but this gentleman saw me about two weeks ago, or thereabouts, and gave me an account of his visit to China and his talks with various leaders there. I listened to it. That is all that happened. I cannot enter into a controversy with a journalist about what he writes or says.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: In view of the fact that such mischievous propaganda from the Chinese sources is likely to tell upon the good name, the fair name, of India, what is the Government doing to counteract or repudiate such statements abroad?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: This has just been answered, Sir. The Chinese Government presumably gives

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?