

(c) It is a statutory body.

Shri Tushar Chatterjea: May I know the total amount of money in this Fund?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: About Rs. 2,33,00,000.

Shri Tushar Chatterjea: In this statement, there is mention of an expenditure of about 18 lakhs for the starting of a research laboratory; what are the other items of expenditure?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: We have, I believe, given,—I cannot tell the exact amount—we did make a money contribution to what is called the SITRA—South India Textile Research Association. If the Bombay organisation also starts a research institute, we are committed to give them a contribution.

Shri Tushar Chatterjea: What I wanted to know is this. In the last para. of the statement there is mention about certain officers enquiring about measures for stimulating exports. I want to know the expenditure incurred on that account.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The last para. of the statement says: "Measures taken for stimulating exports." If the hon. Member wants to know the expenditure we have incurred for this purpose out of this fund, I do not think we have incurred any expenditure out of the Fund yet.

Shri Tushar Chatterjea: There is mention of an officer appointed by the Committee. I want to know the expenditure due to that officer.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I cannot quite comprehend what he means.

Mr. Speaker: Obviously, an office is set up there as reference is made to an officer. What is the expenditure on account of that office?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am not sure whether any amount has been spent. Possibly he is an officer belonging to the Textile Commissioner's office in which case no money was spent from the Fund.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

EXPORT OF ANIMALS AND REPTILES

*692. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the different kinds of Indian animals and reptiles exported to other countries in 1951-52 and the amount obtained by such exports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Exports of living animals in 1951-52 have been recorded in official statistics under four heads namely:—

- (1) Horse
- (2) Cattle (excluding sheep and goat)
- (3) Sheep and goats
- (4) All other kinds

Exports of reptiles are not recorded separately.

The amount realised from the above export was Rs. 49,88,503.

Shri N. P. Sinha: No supplementaries.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Are monkeys included?

Shri Karmarkar: I thought some hon. Members would be definitely interested in monkeys.....

An Hon. Member: A good question.

Mr. Speaker: I do not know whether it is a good question or a bad question. But, I see there are always some who want to put that question. I do not want to encourage that.

Shri Karmarkar: May I answer about monkeys, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: We go to the next question.

UTILISATION OF ENERGY IN WIND AND SUN'S RAYS

*693. **Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Scientists from nine countries, including India, was convened in England towards the end of September, 1952 to consider the ways and means of utilising the energy in the wind and the sun's rays; and

(b) whether the U.N.O. contemplates starting an experimental centre for utilising the energy in the wind and the sun's rays for mechanical purposes?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As far as Government are aware, there is no such proposal under the consideration of the U.N. at present.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: Which are the countries that participated in the conference?

Shri Hathi: This was a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Arid Zone