

due. There have been some Tibetans coming to India in small numbers from time to time but I have not been informed of any great increase in their number.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is the Government aware that in the recent Chinese maps Bhutan is shown as part of China?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have not seen those particular maps. In the old Chinese map I know certain parts of Indian Union territory were shown. And when this matter was brought to the notice of the Chinese Government, they said that they attached no importance to those old maps because they had no time to print the maps afresh.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** I am speaking of maps which are quite recent.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The hon. Member can perhaps send me the maps he has and I will look into the matter.

**Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** I want to know whether Government has any information to the effect that some Chinese are coming into India as Tibetan refugees?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Chinese come to India as Chinese without putting a guise. There is no difficulty about any individual coming to India in the ordinary course.

#### EXPORT OF BONE MEAL

\*456. **Shri P. N. Rajabhoj:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether India is still exporting bone meal to foreign countries?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** No, Sir.

**Shri P. N. Rajabhoj:** May I know if any discrimination is still practised in giving protection to bone meal factories in various States?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I do not think, to the extent of my information, that there is any particular protection to bone meal. Actually what we are doing is, we are prohibiting bone meal from being exported. We have naturally no bone meal as such coming in excepting in forms of mixtures and other types of fertilizers. So I am not aware of the position that the hon. Member envisages.

#### BIHAR JUTE

\*457. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that prices of Bihar jute have come down to an abnormal low level in the jute market of Calcutta?

(b) Are Government aware of the fact that the prices that are offered for Bihar jute in Calcutta are hardly sufficient to meet even the agriculturist's cost of production?

(c) Are Government aware that foreign jute receive more attractive prices and greater attention than Bihar or even West Bengal jute in Calcutta jute market, with the result that a huge quantity of Bihar jute is glutted in Calcutta market for want of purchasers?

(d) What steps do Government propose to take to restore the prices for Bihar jute in particular and Indian jute in general?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) The fall in the prices of Bihar jute in the Calcutta market has been about the same as in other varieties of jute.

(b) The majority of jute growers sold their crop by February and received good prices. It is not possible to say whether Bihar jute growers took advantage of February prices or not.

(c) Some varieties of Pakistan jute are of better quality than Indian jute and have always commanded better prices. At the moment, however, mills are not buying Pakistan jute because of high prices. Stocks of raw jute in the Calcutta market are not regarded as very abnormal. Of late, the offtake by mills has shown signs of increase.

(d) Government will carefully watch the situation.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Is it a fact that due to fall in prices the cultivators of Bihar have reduced cultivation of jute?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would like to have notice.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Do the Government propose to fix a minimum price for jute?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The Government do not contemplate anything of the kind now.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is the Government aware that smuggling of East