coalfields and at some distance from the ports, the scheme of subsidized rail freight as announced by Finance Minister during his Budget Speech on 23-4-62 has been implemented w.e.f. 1-7-62 has been implemented been extended to cover despatches from inland refineries as well. In addition to this general concession, selected cement factories in the Western and Southern regions of the country are being given additional fiscal relief in the switch-over.

## Pakistani Immigrants in Tripura

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: ٢ Shri Indrajit Gupta: Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Shri Prakash Vir Shastri: Shri P. C. Borocah: Shri Yallamanda Reddy: Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri Raghunath Singh: Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Shri Bhakt Darshan: \*257. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Shri Dasaratha Deb: Shri Bagri: Shri Ram Sewak Yadav: Shri Rishang Keishing: Shri Ram Ratan Gupta: Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Shri K. Patínayak: Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal immigrants into Tripura from Pakistan who have been expelled since 23rd June, 1962;

(b) the number of such immigrants at present in Tripura;

(c) whether Government have decided to stop the expulsion of such immigrants from Tripura; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri): (a) 2,778.

(b) About 45,000.

(c) and (d). The eviction of such persons has been suspended for the time-being on human considerations and to reduce tension in the border areas.

## Looting of Ammunition at Dankuni Railway Station

**\*258. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of ammunition was looted from a railway wagon on the 13th May, 1962 at Dankuni on the Eastern Railway;

(b) whether the miscreants responsible have been apprehended;

(c) whether the stolen ammunition has been recovered; and

(d) circumstances in which the looting took place?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (d). It is a fact that some ammunition was looted by miscreants from a railway wagon on the 13th May, 1962 near Dankuni station. The matter is at present under investigation by the police authorities who have already arrested some suspected persons. Out of 9,600 Cartridges originally reported as lost, 8,686 have since been recovered.

## Indian Currency Notes in Persian Gulf

\*259. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian currency notes specially issued for the Persian Gulf have been completely replaced by the Indian rupee coins and coins of smaller denominations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian rupee coins are in circulation far in excess of the normal trade requirements: and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to save foreign exchange and to stop the unauthorised flow of Indian