

has since been decided that India will participate in the Fair. Steps are being taken to book suitable space and make necessary arrangements. Details are still to be worked out.

**Shahpur and Durgapur Refugee Colonies, Calcutta**

\*890. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Refugee families residing since 1948 in the Shahpur and Durgapur Colonies, New Alipore, Calcutta have been served with eviction notices;

(b) if so, the reasons for such eviction; and

(c) whether the families concerned were offered any alternative sites for settlement, monetary compensation and/or house-building loans?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) to (c). Attention is invited to the reply given by the Minister of Defence to Starred Question No. 835 in the Lok Sabha on the 22nd August, 1961.

**Foreign Aid to India**

\*891. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri P. G. Deb:  
Shri S. A. Mehdi:  
Shri M. K. Kumaran:  
Shri Mahanty:  
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has written to the Heads of foreign States

and Governments regarding foreign aid to India;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which the letters have been written; and

(c) the names of countries who have responded favourably?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The Heads of State or Government of some foreign countries had been addressed about the requirement of external assistance for India's Third Five-Year Plan.

(b) and (c). The communications were of a confidential character. It may, however, be added that the response in all cases was generally favourable.

**Trade Team from Tunisia**

\*892. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri P. G. Deb:  
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade team from Tunisia visited the country in May, 1961;

(b) if so, what particular subjects were discussed with the team; and

(c) with what result?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In October, 1960 S.T.C. had entered into a contract with the Office du Commerce Extérieur of Tunisia for imports of rock phosphate in exchange for exports of tea and jute goods. The detailed arrangements for implementing this contract were discussed with the team.

(c) The necessary arrangements have been made.