

smuggling during 1960, 1961 and 1962 upto September;

(b) if so, the number of such persons and the details of the incidents; and

(c) action taken against them?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) to (c). Some members of the Staff of Air India Corporation were involved in gold smuggling activities during the years 1959 and 1962. As a result of the investigations made, a number of employees were dismissed from the service of the Corporation as indicated below:—

<i>Number of Employees</i>	<i>Dismissed from</i>
2	12-9-1959
1	3-11-1959
2	2-7-1960
3	3-8-1962

Cases of 2 more officers are under investigation.

#### **Modernisation of Sugar Factories**

**115. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the sugar factories have asked for Government's help for modernising their plants?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde):** No specific request from sugar factories for Government's help for modernising their plants has been received. However, the Indian Sugar Mills Association in September, 1962, forwarded a copy of their Resolution suggesting that the National Industrial Development Corporation should grant the loans to the Sugar Industry. The matter is being examined.

#### **Postal Dak**

**116. Shri G. Mohanty:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news published in the Oriya Daily 'Kalinga' of 22nd

August, 1962 reporting that a bagful of letters, undelivered (post cards and envelopes) numbering about 2000 were dug out from a place at Boud in Boud-phulbari District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes Sir. 1314 articles of mail were recovered from the waters of a ditch at Baudhraj in Phulbani District of Orissa on the 15th August, 1962.

(b) of the recovered articles, 438, being completely spoilt, could not be forwarded to addressees. The remaining 876 were delivered to respective addressees. Postman involved has been placed under suspension and Police enquiries are in progress.

#### **Vaccinators in Tripura**

**117. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vaccinators (seasonal posts) appointed this season in Tripura;

(b) how many of them are tribals and how many non-tribals; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to make these posts permanent in the near future?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) 57.

(b) 14 are tribals and 43 are non-tribals.

(c) No.

#### **Gharchukti Tax**

**118. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received against the introduction