

## TIBETAN REFUGEES IN INDIA

New Delhi, Aug. 11

Mr. Nehru told the Lok Sabha today that so far 12,398 Tibetan refugees had come to India and the likelihood of their returning to Tibet in the foreseeable future was 'very small.'

Mr. Nehru said it should be expected that a majority of those refugees would remain in India. The Government was arranging to provide normal education to boys and young men while the type of education needed by the young Lamas among the refugees was also being arranged.

Replying to Mr. Raghunath Singh, Mr. Nehru said that the Government could not accept these persons as permanent residents of India without proper inquiry.

Mr. Nehru told Mr. Tangamani that the Finance Ministry had allotted Rs. 10 lakhs to be spent on the refugees.

Mr. Nath Pai asked whether the Government were contemplating to approach the U.N. refugees section and whether the Dalai Lama was contributing any money to the refugees.

Mr. Nehru replied that the Government had not thought of appealing

## HARTAL OBSERVED AT SILIGURI

Darjeeling, Aug. 10

Shops in Siliguri remained closed today and local transport did not ply following a call for hartal by the Udbastu Byabashahi Samity or Refugee Merchants Association for the alleged high handedness of the Sub Divisional Officer of Siliguri and non-implementation of certain outstanding grievances pertaining to refugee rehabilitation.

It transpires that the S.D.O. called a meeting on August 1 to discuss the shifting of goomtis or waysides stalls around Hill Cart Road to the new market constructed nearby. It is understood that the refugee stallholders agreed to shift after implementation of certain amenities such as broadening the old Kalimpong Road leading to the market, electrification of the market and enlarging the stalls. The meeting is said to have ended abruptly following violent disagreement between the S.D.O. and certain representatives.

to the U.N. about this matter. The Dalai Lama was not contributing anything for the refugees, but was meeting to some extent his own expenses.

## GAME SANCTUARY GETS MORE RARE ANIMALS

Darjeeling, Aug. 12

Quite a number of young rhinoceros cubs have been noticed lately at the Jaldhapa Game Sanctuary, while some species which were getting very rare, like the Indian bison, wild buffalo, sambhar and hug deer show a gradual and pleasing increase. This was disclosed by a State forest department official interviewed here recently.

He said that only a few days ago a foreign visitor had seen a herd of 22 bisons near Sukna in the Mahanadi Game Sanctuary. Among birds, the peafowl was also fast increasing.

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