

राकफेलर फाउन्डेशन से जो समझौता हुआ था उसे कार्यान्वित करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(ख) उसका क्या परिणाम हुआ ?

साथ तथा कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री ज० म० चामस) : (क) और (ख). सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है । [देखिये परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबंध संख्या १३१].

Fruit Production

*849. **Shri Bali Reddy**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government of India in stepping up production and export of fruits and fruit-products; and

(b) if so, the improvements achieved thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and. Yes. A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 132].

Rural Postal Facilities in Tripura

*854. **Shri Dasaratha Deb**: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Postal Dak is delivered to village people of Tripura only on market days i.e. once a week; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to deliver Dak in rural areas of Tripura daily?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No. Out of 1,275 villages in Tripura, 413 are at present served daily, 650 tri-weekly, 10 twice a week and 202 weekly.

(b) To improve frequency of deliveries in villages which are not served daily at present, it is proposed to

open about 42 post offices and to employ about 42 additional extra departmental delivery agents during the next 3 years.

Buckingham Canal

*856. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao**: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 717 on the 3rd December, 1957 and state:

(a) who has been entrusted with the detailed traffic survey of Buckingham Canal; and

(b) when the report of that survey is likely to be received by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Shri T. K. Sundara Rajan, a retired officer of the Southern Railway, has been entrusted with the traffic survey of the Buckingham Canal.

(b) The report is likely to be received by July.

Agriculturists' Tours

*858. **Sardar Iqbal Singh**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1158 on the 26th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since formulated the programme under which peasants and agriculturists' would be able to tour the country; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The proposal has not been pursued further due to practical difficulties for implementation and in pursuance of economy measures.