

Tripura during past few years for flood protection; and

(b) when the said flood protection work will be taken up to save the vast paddy fields from the flood water of the River Manu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A scheme estimated to cost Rs. 6.50 lakhs has been prepared by the Tripura Administration on the basis of the survey operation.

(b) The scheme prepared by the Tripura Administration is under technical scrutiny by the Central Water and Power Commission. It will be taken up for execution after it is finalised.

OPENING OF PUBLIC CALL OFFICES AT BELONIA AND SABROOM (TRIPURA)

628. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced due to the lack of public call offices at Belonia and Sabroom (Tripura) which are Sub-Divisional headquarters; and

(b) if so, when public call offices will be opened in those towns?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) and (b) Public Call Offices at Belonia and Sabroom are likely to be opened in 1963.

AGRICULTURAL FARMS OPENED BY TRIPURA ADMINISTRATION

629. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many agricultural farms or demonstration centres were opened by the Agricultural Department, Tripura Administration during the years

1960-61 and 1961-62 under its direct control and management; and

(b) what was the year-wise total expenditure on these farms and centres?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Five.

(b) Rs. 2,48,187 during 1960-61 and Rs. 31,547 during 1961-62.

SUPPLY OF GHEE UNDER DELHI MILK SCHEME

630. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Milk Supply Depot of the Delhi Milk Scheme located in the Parliament House supplies ghee to Members of Parliament only?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): The Milk Stall located at the Parliament House is primarily intended for Members of Parliament. However, during off session periods, the stall is run for the benefit of the staff of the Parliament Secretariat and the Department of Parliamentary Affairs.

LATE RUNNING OF LOCAL TRAINS AT CALCUTTA

631. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the daily late running of local trains at Calcutta; and

(b) what steps have been taken to ensure punctual running of the said local trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Local suburban trains do not run late daily in Calcutta. Occasionally the punctuality of local trains in the Calcutta area is affected by the following main factors:—