

should be followed by all agencies as they are circulated to all agencies?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: As I said, there is a set agreement form which admits minor variations. But those working rules contain certain guiding principles. They are not subject to variation.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Suppose a man is going from Allahabad to Bina. Will he be allowed to travel in the agency bus from Satna to Bina because he is not a ticket-holder at that time?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I do not know about the local conditions there.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that out-agencies discharge important functions, specially in places like Tripura, may I know whether the Government received any representations from the Tripura Territorial Council or the members of the Council? If so, what were they and what steps have Government taken in the matter to improve the situation?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Offhand I cannot say whether there has been any representation received, and if my hon. friend gives notice, I shall find it out.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF BUFFALO BREEDING FARM

♦387. SHRI ARJUN ARORA (os BEHALF OF SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA) : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have cancelled the scheme for establishing a large buffalo breeding farm in Rajasthan? If so, why?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH) : Yes. The scheme was dropped as the Government of Rajasthan were unwilling to share any part of the expenditure thereon.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the Government of India is considering any proposal to revive the scheme with its own resources?

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DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: No, Sir, We have already referred to Punjab—who are probably willing to share the expenditure, and the centre may be established there.

#### SHORTAGE OF FORMS IN POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES

\*390. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI (ON BEHALF OF DR. A. N. BOSE) : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 332 in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the forms required for the post and telegraph offices are still in short supply; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps, if any, are contemplated to remove the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes.

(b) The shortage in the supply of Post and Telegraph forms has been mainly due to the acute shortage of paper in the country. The paper mills, are being pressed to supply their allocated quotas of paper. The Heads of Circles have also been authorised to make local purchase of paper for printing of forms to meet their two months' requirements in case paper is not forthcoming from Government sources.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: From the answer of the hon. Minister it is not clear whether the forms are still not available in the different post offices and telegraph offices.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: As I said, there is some short supply. There are-