THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRI-CULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

## CONNECTING MANIPUR WITH CACHAR BY ROAD

\*719. SHRI J. B. HAGJER: Will the Minister of Transport and Commu-NICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for connecting Manipur with Cachar by road:
- (b) if so, what will be the outlay of the expenditure envisaged;
- (c) when the construction work is likely to start; and
- (d) whether the Central Government, or Government of Assam or the Manipur Administration-will be in charge of the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE TRANSPORT AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir. The new Cachar Road under construction will connect Imphal with Jirighat and there is already a motorable road from Jirighat to Silchar.

- (b) About Rs. 130 lakhs.
- (c) Work of construction of road was started during 1958-59 and is in progress in certain sections.
- (d) The work is being executed by the Manipur Public Works Department.

## हरपालपुर से छतरपुर तक के लिये रेलवे भ्राउट-एजन्सी

\*७२०. श्री गुरु देव गुप्त: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या हरपालपुर से अउरपुर तक ः निर्मे रेलवे पाउट-ए नेन्सी जो कृत समय पूर्व स्वाकृत की जा चुहो है. अब कार्य नहीं कर एडी है, भीर यदि हां, तो इस : क्या कारण हैं ?

†[HARPALPUR TO CHHATARPUR RAILWAY OUT-AGENCY

\*720. SHRI GURUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Harpalpur to Chharailway out-agency which was sanctioned sometime ago, is not functioning now and if so, what are the reasons therefor?]

रेल-उपमंत्री ( श्री शाहनवास खां ) : हरपालपुर स्तेशन से सम्बन्धित छतरपुर श्राउट-एजेंसी अक्टबर, १६५६ में खोली गई थी, लेकिन थोड़े ही दिनों के बाद इसे बन्द कर देना पड़ा, क्योंिक जो ठेकेदार इस श्राउट-एजेन्सी को चला रहा था उसका परमिट राज्य परिवहन ग्रधिकारी State Transport Authority ) ने रह कर दिया।

DEPUTY MINISTER †[THE RAILWAYS (SHRI Shah NAWAZ Khan): The Out-Agency at Chhatarpur served by Harpalpur station was opened in October, 1959 but had to be discontinued soon after, as the permit held by the Contractor working this Out-Agency was cancelled by the State Transport Authority.]

EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION OF Roads, Road-signs, etc.

\*721. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND Communications be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by Government in connection with tourist development schemes annually during the last three years (i) directly, and (ii) through the State Governments on (a) the construction or improvement of roads; and (b) fixing of road-signs, direction boards or mile-stones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Raj BAHADUR): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

<sup>†[]</sup> English translation.