

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for electrification of the Sealdah-Bongaon railway line on the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, by what time the proposal is to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey work has been completed. Other Civil Engineering works such as removal of infringements, respacing of track, etc. will be taken in hand shortly.

#### ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FRUIT CULTIVATION AND ORCHARDS

\*216. SHRI D. V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has any scheme for providing assistance for development of fruit cultivation and orchards; if so,—

(a) what was the budget provision made in this respect for each year since the inception of this scheme; and

(b) how much was actually allocated and to which States?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): £(a) and (b). Yes, H is a scheme [included in the 2nd Five Year Plan

^\*A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XXI, Annexure No. 25.]

#### CONSTRUCTION OF WAITING ROOMS AT DIPHU ETC ON THE NORTH-EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

\*217. SHRI J. B. HAGJER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether any proposals are under Government's consideration for the construction of waiting rooms at (i) Diphu (ii) Maibang and (iii) Lower-Haflong railway stations on the North-

east frontier Kanway during the I Second Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): It is proposed to provide a waiting room at Diphu. Upper class passenger traffic offering at present at Maibang and Lower Haflong does not justify provision of waiting rooms.

#### SETTING UP OF A SUGAR MILL AT NOWGONG

\*218. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether licence has been granted by Government for setting up a sugar mill at Nowgong; if so,—

(a) whether the proposed sugar mill is to be set up on a cooperative basis; and

(b) what progress has been made by the cooperative organisation in the setting up of the sugar mill?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) and (b). No, Sir. Do not arise.

#### OPENING OF KOKSARA CROSSING STATION ' FOR LOCAL BOOKING

\*219. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for the opening of the Koksara Crossing Station between Chakulia and Dhalbhum Garh on the South-Eastern Railway for local booking of passengers and their luggage; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes.

(b) It has been decided to open the station for local booking of passengers and their luggage.