

Cable for Telephone connections

*620. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cables available in the country at present are sufficient to satisfy the demand for telephone connections in the country;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to start a factory for the production of cables; and

(c) which is the convenient place for starting such a factory?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) No.

(b) and (c). The matter is engaging the attention of the Government in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Liquor Permits

*621. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
 { **Shri Pangarkar:**
 { **Shri Kalika Singh:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 75 on the 16th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether details regarding the proposal to introduce a system of liquor permits for foreign tourists throughout India have been worked out in consultation with the State Governments concerned; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The details of the proposed liquor permit valid throughout India are being finalised in consultation with Ministries concerned. Broadly speaking, the proposal is that such Permits will be issued by the Indian Missions abroad to temporary visitors and by Re-

gional Tourist Officers, while State Governments will continue to issue Permits valid in their respective jurisdictions.

Second-hand Viscounts

*622. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 169 on the 21st February, 1961 and state the result of the negotiations held for the purchase of two second-hand Viscounts?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): The Indian Airlines Corporation have since finalised the purchase of two second-hand Viscounts to which the hon'ble member refers. They are expected to be delivered at the end of August, 1961.

Kathua-Jammu rail link

*623. { **Shri Nek Ram Negi:**
 { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
 { **Shri Balraj Madhok:**
 { **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**
 { **Shri Amar Singh Damar:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1880 on the 17th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision to provide rail link between Kathua and Jammu; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cooperative Sugar Factories

*624. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state: