

House. [See Appendix IV. annexure No. 18.]

(b) India has been assessed at U.S. dollars 273,055 (Rs. 12,99,742 App.) for 1953.

TUNDLA-ETAH RAILWAY LINE

***513. Ch. Raghuraj Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to construct a new railway line from Tundla to Etah (U.P.)?

(b) If so, what preliminary steps have Government taken in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). It is proposed to undertake a survey for this project during 1953-54 with a view to deciding upon its construction after determining the most suitable alignment from financial, operating and public points of view.

MALARIA CONTROL PLAN

***514. Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state.

(a) whether Malaria Control Plan launched by the Government of India in collaboration with the Technical Co-operation Administration Programme has been extended to all States;

(b) if so, the number of units working in each State;

(c) the total amount allotted from the Indo-American funds to the State of U.P.; and

(d) the number of free supplies of D.D.T. vehicles and equipment contributed by the Centre to Uttar Pradesh?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes, except Rajasthan, which has not agreed to participate in the Scheme on account of financial stringency.

(b) As stated in my reply to Starred Question No. 365 dated the 26th February, 1953, 75 units will be established in 1953-54 and 50 more units in 1954-55 under the Scheme. A statement showing the allocation of the 75 units in 1953-54 to the various States is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The total assistance to be given to the Central Government for the various States for the year 1953-54 by the Technical Co-operation Administration, which will be in the form of D.D.T., vehicles and equipment, is

valued at \$ 5.2 million of which Uttar Pradesh's share is expected to be about \$ 0.35 million.

(d) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [For (b) and (d), See Appendix IV, annexure No. 19.]

TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN MADHYA BHARAT

***515. Shri R. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of telegraph offices in Madhya Bharat before its financial integration with the Centre;

(b) how many new telegraph offices have been opened after the date of integration; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide every municipal town with a telegraph office?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Seventy.

(b) Thirteen.

(c) No. The feasibility of providing telegraph facilities to a few more towns in Madhya Bharat is being examined.

OPERATIONAL AREA ALLOWANCE

***516. Maulana Masuodi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (c) of unstarred Question No. 659 regarding Operational Area Allowance to the Posts and Telegraphs employees, asked on the 15th December, 1952 and state what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The whole question pertaining to the operation area allowance to all Central Government Employees in Jammu and Kashmir State is under review. A decision is likely to be taken very soon.

JAIPUR RAILWAY STATION

364. Shri Bheekha Bhai: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provisions have been made or are proposed to be made for the improvement of Jaipur Railway Station;

(b) whether Government have received any scheme for the development of Jaipur Railway Station from