

**RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BOMBAY AND MANGALORE**

**\*698. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct a Railway line along the coast between Bombay and Mangalore; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). A line to connect Bombay with Mangalore is a long-term project. For the present, engineering and traffic surveys for a rail connection from Diva to Dasgaon are in progress and an aerial survey from Dasgaon to Mangalore is proposed to be under-taken in the near future.

**Shri Gidwani:** When will the survey be completed?

**Shri Alagesan:** Which survey?

**Mr. Speaker:** The aerial survey or the other survey?

**Shri Gidwani:** Both.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I should call the next question.

W. H. O.

**\*700. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total contribution paid to World Health Organisation by India during 1953 and 1954;

(b) the extent of help received from the W.H.O. by India;

(c) whether a reduction has lately been made in this contribution and if so, by how much; and

(d) the reasons for this reduction?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) US \$ 273,055 for 1953 US \$ 272,533 for 1954.

(b) The assistance given by World Health Organisation to India in 1953 amounted to US \$ 474,900 (nearest

estimate). World Health Organisation have budgeted US \$ 533,021 for assistance to India during 1954.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** What is the rupee value of these grants?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the amount should be multiplied by five.

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** What is the nature of the help given?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The help is given in the field of tuberculosis, malaria, the nursing programme, venereal disease, maternity and child welfare, fellowships to D.D.T. plant, anti-biotic production plant, plague research, environmental sanitation and public health administration.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** How many experts from the W.H.O. were here in 1953?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** I would like a separate question to be put down.

**LANDING GROUNDS**

**\*701. Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wartime emergency landing grounds in the country; and

(b) the number renovated for commercial use and the cost of renovation?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 94.

(b) 9 were taken over by the Civil Aviation Department and the total cost incurred on their development comes to Rs. 21 lakhs approximately.

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** May I know if the landing grounds mentioned have been upgraded into regular aerodromes?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have taken them over and developed them for