

be pleased to state the amount of compensation so far paid to sugar factories on account of the reduction in the controlled prices of sugar delivered by them during the year 1952-53?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) 3.89 lakh rupees.

#### STUDY OF POPULATION IN INDIA

408. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rockefeller Foundation has granted \$ 68,450 towards a ten-year study of population in India;

b) whether the grant will be received in one lump-sum to be spent over a period of ten years or it will be received in ten annual instalments;

(c) what amount was asked for from the Foundation for an adequate study of the subject; and

(d) whether the grant will be a receipt accounted for under the major head "XXVIII Public Health" in the Central Budget for 1954-55?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR: (a) It is understood that the Rockefeller Foundation made a grant in December 1953 of \$68,450 to the Harvard University for a field study of population problems in India.

(b) The grant is to be made available during the period ending 31st December 1955 and will be paid to the Harvard University in accord with requests supported by budgets during that period.

(c) The Government of India did not ask for any amount from the Foundation for this purpose.

(d) Does not arise.

#### ACCIDENTS TO RAIL MOTOR CARS

409. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which occurred to Rail Motor Cars in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) the reasons for each such accident; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 10 in 1951-52 and 8 in 1952-53.

(b) The information is furnished below:-

Cause	No. of accidents	
	1951-52	1952-53
(i) Failure of Railway staff	4	5
(ii) Failure of Drivers of road vehicles.	2	2
(iii) Failure of equipment:		
(a) Mechanical	1	..
(b) Electric	1	1
(iv) Running over obstructions	2	..
TOTAL	10	8

(c) Steps taken include—

(i) Effective disciplinary action against railway staff responsible for accidents.

(ii) More intensive inspections and better maintenance of rail motor cars.

(iii) Education of staff in safety rules through periodicals, circular letters, etc., to make them more safety-minded.

#### RAILWAY LINE TO CONNECT MADRAS TO MANGALORE via BANGALORE

410. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Madras and Mangalore via Bangalore by a broad gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, when the work—

(i) will be commenced; and

(ii) is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No, Sir, There is no proposal for a broad gauge railway line between Madras and Mangalore via Bangalore.

(b) Does not arise.