

(d) Information relating to the total number of certified young persons is not available. The number of adolescents and children employed in factories are however given in Statement I referred to in the reply to part (a). According to the annual reports of the Chief Inspector of Mines no children are employed in mines. The Annual Report of the Controller of Emigrant Labour for 1949-50 shows a total of 75,896 child workers on the books of the tea plantations in Assam. Information in respect of other plantations in India is not available. The corresponding figures relating to factories and plantations for 1951 are not yet available.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

592. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what firms in India are manufacturing improved varieties of agricultural implements?

(b) What was their total output during 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(c) What is the value of these implements purchased by different State Governments under the "Grow More Food" Campaign?

(d) Are all these firms purely Indian in capital and management?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwal): (a) There are about 240 firms which are manufacturing improved types of agricultural implements. A list of some of the more important manufacturers is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 17].

(b) The output of 67 firms who are receiving quota of iron and steel directly from the Centre was as follows:—

1950-51	17,158 tons.
1951-52	18,020 tons.

Figures for the remaining firms are not available.

(c) The State Governments make their own purchases of stores required for the Grow More Food Campaign and it is, therefore, not possible to furnish the required information.

(d) Yes.

JOGINDARNAGAR-KULU RAILWAY LINE

593. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the extension of the Kangra Valley Railway (Northern) from Jogindarnagar to Kulu was undertaken;

(b) if so, what will be its cost of construction; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake its construction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The present day costs of construction are estimated to be between 3 and 6 crores.

(c) No.

JAWALAMUKHI-BHAKRA NANGAL RAILWAY LINE

594. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of Railway line from Jawalamukhi Road RRailway Station (Northern Railway) to Bhakra Nangal was undertaken;

(b) if so, what will be its cost of construction; and

(c) when Government propose to undertake its construction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). There is no such proposal.

FORD FOUNDATION SCHEME IN SINDEWAHI

595. **Mulla Abdulbhat:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how far the Ford Foundation Scheme has made progress at Sindewahi (District Chanda)?

(b) When is the work of this Scheme proposed to be completed?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwal): (a) The Ford Foundation Scheme at Sindewahi is a Training-cum-Development Project. It was sanctioned on 10th May 1952 and started functioning from 18th June 1952. Under the training portion of the project, 40 trainees were admitted out of whom 3 have left and the remaining 37 are under training. The report as to the development portion of the project has not yet been received.

(b) The training portion is proposed to be completed by the 15th June, 1953 and the development portion by the 15th June, 1957.

PROVIDENT FUND ACT

598. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether the Employees' Provident Fund Act, 1952 is being put into effect by the industries concerned, and if so, to what extent?