

(c) When was this road last repaired?

(d) Have any complaints been received by Government about the condition of this road and if so, what steps have been taken to repair it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Presumably the reference is to the Saugor-Narsingpur Road. If so, yes.

(b) and (d). Only one complaint from the hon. Member himself was received in November last about the condition of the Narsingpur-Kareji Section which has been taken up with State Chief Engineer.

(c) The maintenance in the form of patch repairs and dressing of side berms is a continuous process and is carried out throughout the year. The wholesale renewal of surface is carried out in rotation by parts every year.

KALKA-SIMLA RAILWAY LINE

63. **Shri N. Prabhakar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are running a railway line from Kalka to Simla at a high profit and if so, what is the total amount of profit and railway rates per mile?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The Railway line from Kalka to Simla is run as an integral part of the Northern Railway and no separate statistics of this section are available. The standard rates apply generally over the Kalka-Simla Section but the charges are calculated on an inflated mileage, namely 4 times the actual mileage.

MINIMUM WAGES ACT

64. **Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the industries in which the Minimum Wages Act has been enforced and the dates of such enforcement, State-wise;

(b) the industries in which this Act has not yet been enforced, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to enforce the Act in the industries referred to in part (b) above?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) to (c). The available information is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix I, annexure No. 13].

Full details have been called for and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

AVERAGE YIELD OF RICE AND WHEAT

65. **Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the average yield per acre of rice and wheat during the last ten years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Average Yield per Acre of Rice and Wheat in India.

(Based on Official estimates of area and production)

(Lbs.)

Years	Rice	Wheat
1942-43	746	655
1943-44	810	605
1944-45	753	608
1945-46	722	547
1946-47	750	445
1947-48	739	599
1948-49	698	566
1949-50	688	584
1950-51	598	592
1951-52	632	556
Average 1942-43 to 1951-52	714	576

Note : (i) The yield per acre of rice is in terms of cleaned rice.

(ii) The figures for 1951-52 are subject to revision.