

**Production of Foodgrains in Punjab**

**2016. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of wheat, maize and other food grains in the Punjab State for the years 1956 and 1957;

(b) the estimated average yield per acre for the same years and the basis of calculation; and

(c) the total quantity of foodgrains exported from Punjab during 1956-57?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A statement showing the estimated production of wheat, maize and other foodgrains in the Punjab State for the agricultural years 1955-56 and 1956-57 is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 114.]

(b) A statement showing the estimated average yield per acre of different foodgrains in Punjab is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 114.] The

average yield per acre is based on the results of random sample crop-cutting survey.

(c) The figures of total exports of foodgrains from the Punjab State are not available, particularly because information about movement by road is not available. However, exports of foodgrains from Punjab (as constituted before the reorganisation of States) by rail and river from April 1956 to November 1956, according to the latest available information, are estimated at about 3,13,000 tons.

**Railway Wagons for Nangal Dam**

**2017. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the average number of railway wagons used per day during the years 1956 and 1957 so far for carrying cement and iron to Nangal Dam for Bhakra Project?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): As it is not possible to assess the exact number of wagons used per day, figures for the total number of wagons received at Nangal Dam station are given below:—

Year	For Cement		For iron and steel, including machinery etc.	
	Special Hopper wagons from Surajpur	General service wagons	Total	
1956	5055	35	5090	803
1957 (up to 10th December)	9610	511	10121	791

**Telephone and Telegraphic Facilities**

**2018. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tehsil headquarters in the Punjab State where telephone and telegraph facilities have been provided so far;

(b) the names of tehsil headquarters where such facilities are not provided; and

(c) the time by which these facilities would be provided at those places?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). All tehsil headquarter stations in Punjab State have been provided with telegraph and telephone facilities. A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 115.]