

Lemon Production

1561. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) total lemon production of each State;

(b) whether any research is being done on lemon by the I.C.A.R.;

(c) details of such research schemes; and

(d) results achieved so far in this regard?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):

(a) The total production of acid limes in India as per figures collected in the year 1955 is given below:—

State	Production Maunds
Bihar	4,76,800
Bombay	2,25,600
Uttar Pradesh	1,02,480
Punjab	75,040
Madhya Pradesh	42,880
Saurashtra	8,000
Vindhya Pradesh	2,320
TOTAL	9,33,120

(b) and (c). The I.C.A.R. has sanctioned a scheme for citrus root-stock trials at Kodur (Andhra Pradesh). Under this scheme acid lime and lemon were budded on *Jamberi*, acid lime and *Gajaninma* rootstocks and the trees were planted in the orchard in 1951 to study their growth and cropping behaviours as influenced by different rootstocks.

(d) These rootstock trials, though yet in the initial stage, have shown that *Jamberi* rootstock imparts significantly more vigour to acid lime trees, but in respect of yield, *Gajaninma* rootstock proved better than others. To get conclusive results, these trials have to be continued over a long period (10—15 years more).

In the case of lemon (variety Nepali Oblong) the results of root-stock trials have so far indicated that acid lime rootstock increases the vigour of plants as compared to other rootstocks but has no perceptible influence on yield.

Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Ferozepore District

1562. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages having population of five thousand and above, are without the combined Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Ferozepore District, (Punjab State) and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have any plans to extend the combined Posts and Telegraphs facilities to these and such of the villages which are important from agricultural and commercial points of view irrespective of remunerative and population basis; and

(c) the reasons for not opening Public Call Offices in all important places in Ferozepore District so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) None.

(b) Yes, upto a limited number, where justified.

(c) Important places have been provided with Public Call Office facility except at (i) Nihalsinghwal, (ii) Badhni Kalan and (iii) Nathan. Proposals for the first two have already been sanctioned. They are expected to be opened during 1958-59 (subject to stores being made available). The case of Nathan is under examination. The facility will be sanctioned if found justified.

Collection of Terminal Tax at Parli

1563. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of terminal tax collected from Railway Passengers visit-