

the Punjab at the end of the Five Year Plan; and

(b) the mileage of roads to be constructed at the end of 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 631 miles (Total route mileage).

(b) There are no missing links in the Punjab but approximately 17 miles of bye-passes round towns will remain to be constructed at the end of 1953.

MINOR IRRIGATION WORKS

✓ **148. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the policy regarding giving of loans and/or grants to the States for minor irrigation works:

(b) the amounts of loans and/or grants made to each State during the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(c) the amounts of loans and/or grants sanctioned for minor irrigation works in each State for the year 1953-54?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) For the purposes of financial assistance under the G.M.F. Minor Irrigation Schemes are classified broadly under two categories, namely, private and public schemes. Private schemes are those which are owned by private individuals and are executed with Government assistance, e.g., wells, small tanks, channels etc. Such schemes are eligible for a total subsidy not exceeding 25 per cent. of the expenditure involved. Public schemes are those which are beyond the capacity of private individuals and are executed by Government for the benefit of the general public, e.g., large tanks, dams, canals, tube-wells, etc. Such schemes are financed by loans only.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 15.]

STRUCTURES RAISED IN INDIAN RAILWAY CENTENARY EXHIBITION

149. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether some of the permanent and semi-permanent structures raised in the Railway Centenary Exhibition will be maintained intact?

(b) If so, for what purpose will they be maintained?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). All the structures put up in the Indian Railways Centenary Exhibition are temporary. These have not yet been dismantled as the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply propose to use them in connection with the International Exhibition of Low Cost Housing in January 1954.

LOSS ON MECHANICAL CULTIVATION

150. Sardar A. S. Saigal: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India and the Punjab Government sustained a loss of Rs. 36 lakhs over mechanical cultivation scheme?

(b) How much loss was sustained by the Government of India and the State Government of Punjab in 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). The Government of Punjab sustained a total loss of Rs. 36,14,436 on their Land Reclamation and Mechanical Cultivation Scheme during the period 1949-50 to 1951-52 according to the information received from that Government. The year-wise break-up is as follows:—

1949-50	Rs. 1,02,800
1950-51	... Rs. 23,93,398
1951-52	... Rs. 11,18,238
	<hr/> Rs. 36,14,436

The Central Tractor Organisation were running the scheme from September, 1948 to July, 1949 only, and the loss incurred during this period is