

(b) According to 1951 Census of New Zealand, the total number of Indians is 2191.

(c) No. Sir.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is it correct that New Zealand encourages only single persons to migrate there?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have no information.

**PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF
SPANNERS, STEEL FILES, HACK-SAW
BLADES ETC.**

*299. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new factories were opened during 1955 for the manufacture of spanners, steel files, hack-saw blades, band-saws, hand-saws, cutters, twist drills and abrasives; and if so, how many;

(b) what is the annual production capacity of each of these industries; and

(c) what is the annual consumption of each of these articles in India?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. SHAH):

(a) Three new factories for the manufacture of steel files, and one each for hack-saw blades, band-saws and abrasives, went into production during 1955. No new factory commenced production on a commercial scale of spanners, cutters and twist drills during that year. There exists no indigenous capacity for hand-saws.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No precise information is available.

STATEMENT

*Installed production capacity for
spanners, steel files, hack-saw
blades, etc.*

Description	Annual production capacity
Spanners	96,000 to 120,000 nos.
Steel files	218,000 doz. nos.
Hack-saw blades	126,000 gross nos.
Bandsaws	9,000,000 running feet.
Cutters	39,300 nos.
Twist drills	1,482,000 nos.
Abrasives—	
Coated	150,000 reams.
Bonded	1,250 tons.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether all these articles like spanners, steel files, blades etc. are produced out of imported steel or from indigenous steel?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Imported steel mostly.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the present production capacity is expected to meet the full requirements of the country?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Yes, Sir. In the Import Manual, we are not able to give all these trading accounts separately, but continuous effort is made to increase indigenous production. From 15 existing factories now, we are trying to increase it to 32 factories.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Has any account been taken of the new expansion due to industrialisation that is going to be planned in the second Five Year Plan?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Yes, Sir.

**CANDIDATES SENT ABROAD UNDER THE
COLOMBO PLAN**

*303. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: