

**Increase in price of Newsprint and
-other Paper**

70. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newsprints manufacturing companies both in private and public sector have increased the prices of newsprint recently;

(b) if so, the details of increase made for different categories of paper by different companies; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) The Central Government exercise no statutory control on the price of newsprint. The mills have reportedly revised the prices upwards on account of increase in the cost of production of newsprint and to maintain financial viability.

STATEMENT

Details of the revision in the ex-factory price of newsprint effected by the indigenous newsprint mills

Name of the Mill	Price before revision		Price after revision		
	49 gsm	52 gsm	49 gsm	52 gsm	52 gsm
		(..... Rs. per tonne.....)			
	2	3	4	5	
Nepa Mills	—	8,560	—	12,000	
Mysore Paper Mills	10, 160	9,961	14,500	13,500	
Hindustan News Print Ltd.	10, 160	9,961	—	13,000	
Tamilnadu Newsprint and Paper Ltd.	10, 893	10,694	14,700	13,700	