

supply of indigenous newsprint.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Out of the Five mills engaged in production of newsprint, two are in the Central Public Sector, two in the State Public Sector, and one in the private sector. The total production of 2.76 lakh tonnes of newsprint in the country in 1988-89 was contributed by the four Central/State public sector units.

Committee to Look into rise in prices of Newsprint

139. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI JAGANNATH
PATTNAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee was constituted to look into the reasons of steep rise in the prices of newsprint and its scarcity and to suggest measures to ensure its availability to newspapers;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee and whether Government have received its report;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon and the results thereof; and

(d) if the report has not been received, the reasons for delay and when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY): (a) to (c). No formal High-level Committee was constituted. However, based on the directives of the P.M. a Group of Secretaries comprising of Secretaries of Finance, Indus-

trial Development, Commerce and Information & Broadcasting was asked to look into the problems relating to newsprint Based on the outcome of the discussions of the Group, steps have been taken to provide additional foreign exchange required for the import of newsprint and to extend customs duty relief on glazed newsprint to the small and medium newspapers who are entitled to the same as per the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1989-90.

(d) Does not arise.

Low Utilisation of Vayudoot Services

140. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of Vayudoot services which were started during the last five years and later dropped because of low utilisation;

(b) the period during which each such route was in operation;

(c) the actual utilisation rate of capacity on each route, while in operation; and

(d) the estimated loss to the Vayudoot for each route, while in operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Documentary Film "Bharat ki Pukar"

141. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity has produced a documentary called "Bharat Ki Pukar";