

Paper Mill in Pune

327. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sinar Mas, a leading industrial group of Indonesia has approached the Union Government for setting up 450 crore paper mill in the Pune District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether this is likely to affect the local Indian producer of commodity grade paper;

(d) if so, the details regarding the agreement reached in this regard; and

(e) when this project is likely to be started functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) M/s. Sinar Mas Pulp & Paper (India) Ltd. have been granted permission to set up a project for the manufacture of paper and paperboard including coated paper for a capacity of 2 lakh tonnes per annum in Distt. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The project envisages total cost of Rs. 650 crores. It also envisages foreign equity participation of 51% by M/s Sinar Mas of Indonesia.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The commercial production is likely to commence in the first quarter of 1996.

Ordnance Factory in Orissa

328. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance factory at Saintala in Bolangir district of Orissa has since started commercial production;

(b) if so, since when and the details of its performance;

(c) the details of the staff strength, category-wise in the said factory; and

(d) the steps taken to give priority to the local people in the matter of employment in this unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Present staff strength is 732 (Group A-38, Group C-383, Group D-311).

(d) Direct recruitment to Group-C and Group-D posts is made only through local Employment Exchange. All such vacancies are notified to the local District Employment Exchange. In case candidates fulfilling job requirement are not available, the local Employment Exchange notifies the vacancies to the neighbouring district Employment Exchanges.

Scarcity of Water in Cities of Kerala

329. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: