

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development and Department of Heavy Industry) (Shrimati Krishna Sahi) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At present, there are more than 300 small paper mills in the country with an installed capacity of around 21.13 lakh tonnes per annum. This accounts for nearly 50% of the total installed capacity and a little more than 50% of the production of paper and paper board in the country. The estimated figures of production are as under :-

(In Lakh tonnes)

| Year | Small Paper Mills | Large Paper Mills | Total |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1992 | 11.3 | 9.7 | 21.0 |
| 1993 | 13.7 | 8.8 | 22.5 |
| 1994 | 14.5 | 9.5 | 24.0 |

SCRAPPING THE RANK OF JCO

2146. Shri Anna Joshi : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether British before Independence introduced the rank of JCO's;

(b) if so, whether such a rank existed in the British army in the part or is still existing;

(c) whether top ranking officers command the troops through JCO's only;

(d) if so, whether Government have received representations from retired officers indicating the total cut-off of officers from other ranks due to JCO's;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to eliminate this rank; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Mallikarjun) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The Army is a hierarchical organisation and JCOs form part of the hierarchy. As such, normal command channels are followed.

(d) No such representation has been received by the Government.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

CGHS DISPENSARIES

2147. Shri N.J. Rathva : Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries in Gujarat as on June, 1995;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each dispensary during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government propose to open more CGHS dispensaries in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr. C. Silvera) : (a) There are 5 Allopathic and one each of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Dental CGHS Dispensaries/Units in Gujarat as on June, 1995.

(b) Dispensary-wise expenditure is not maintained in CGHS. However, expenditure incurred on these dispensaries/units as a whole during the last 2 years is given below :-

| Year | Rupees in Lakhs |
|---------|-----------------|
| 1993-94 | 99.20 |
| 1994-95 | 121.45 |

(c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

S.S.I. PROPOSALS

2148. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal : Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news-item captioned "Bulk of Bengal SSI proposals rejected" appearing in the 'Business standard' New Delhi dated July 17, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government plan to reconsider the bulk of proposals rejected; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Department of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries) (Shri M. Arunachalam) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In West Bengal, during 1994-95, a total of 35,165 cases had been sponsored to the banks under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. Over 19,000 cases were not found acceptable to the banks for sanction of loan, while 8753 cases were sanctioned by the banks. Cases under PMRY are sponsored to the banks and not to the Central Government and, therefore, there is no question of Central Government either rejecting or accepting the loan applications under the PMRY.

(c) Review and coordination meetings with banks participation are being held, besides regular follow up. A meeting of North Eastern Region States and some of the Eastern States including West Bengal was held on 26-7-95 under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for SSI, Government of India at Calcutta. Banks also participated in the meeting and assured their full cooperation and support for successful implementation of PMRY. A study to analyse the reasons of rejection is being conducted.