

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.

(d) and (e) the cases after sponsoring are sent to banks and not to the Central Government. However, the cases rejected by banks are being reviewed by the State agencies and whenever found feasible are being responsored in the current financial year.

VISIT BY ISRAELI DEFENCE TEAM

2149. Shri Syed Shahabuddin : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Israeli defence team paid a visit to India in April, 1995 to seek air-staging and refuelling facilities for Israeli aircraft on the Indian soil;

(b) if so, the exact nature and extent of facilities sought; and

(c) the decision of the Union Government thereon ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Mallikarjun) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CONCENTRATION OF PAKISTANI TROOPS

2150. Shri Mohan Rawale : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received intelligence reports that Pakistani troops of the 161 infantry battalion have concentrated near Bhurewala Tiba along the international border in the Rajasthan Sector and their number are gradually increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Mallikarjun) : (a) to (c) There are no reports to indicate any abnormal concentration of Pak troops along the International Border in Rajasthan Sector. However, a constant watch is being kept on the developments which have a bearing on our national security and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

BIOGAS POTENTIALITY

2151. Dr. K.V.R. Chowdary : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the total biogas potentiality in the country;

(b) the percentage exploited so far; and

(c) the steps taken to increase than biogas potentiality ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture (Shri S. Krishna Kumar) : (a) A potential of setting up of 120 lakh family type biogas plants based on cattle dung has been estimated for the country.

(b) About 18.3 per cent of the estimated potential has been exploited so far.

(c) Several steps have been taken to increase the biogas potential in the country. Research and development work has been taken up in the areas of development of new designs for production of biogas from agricultural residues, leafy biomass and other organic wastes; reduction in the cost of plants by using locally available construction materials and pre-fabricated ferro-cement structures; and improvement in the efficiency of biogas production. The biogas development programme has been expanded by involving large number of Non-Governmental Organisations and private entrepreneurs in the promotion, construction and repair and maintenance of biogas plants and intensifying education and training among users and potential users.

COLOUR T.V. INDUSTRY

2152. Shri Ashok Anandrao Deshmukh : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the status of colour TV Industry in the country;

(b) the production data of all colour TV manufacturers with their brand name and quantity during 1994;

(c) the details of Multinational Companies/Joint Ventures approved for manufacture of Colour TVs;

(d) the production and investment plans of Multinational companies; and

(e) whether it is obligatory for multinational companies to set up component base in the country/buy indigenous components with a view to boost Electronic Component industries ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of State in the Department of Electronics and Department of Ocean Development (Shri Eduardo Faleiro) : (a) The production of colour Television in the country during the last three years has been as under :-

Item	(Production Nos. in Lakhs)		
	1992	1993	1994
CTV	8.3	10.7	13.3

(b) The names of Colour TV (CTV) manufacturing units and the brand name used, alongwith number of CTV sets manufactured by each during the year 1994 as reported to the Department of Electronics are given in the attached Statement.

(c) The following proposals of multinational/joint venture companies have been approved for the manufacture of colour