

the proposal for increase in the period of maternity leave to six months has not been found necessary.

(c) Does not arise.

### **Production in NEPA**

4215. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production capacity of papers in NEPA Ltd. in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the present stock of paper in this mill;

(c) the steps taken to dispose of this stock;

(d) whether the Government propose to modernise this mill; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The installed capacity of NEPA Ltd., Nepa Nagar is 88,000 metric tonnes per annum of newsprint.

(b) The stock of newsprint as on 18.8.94 was 6,910 MT.

(c) The steps taken to reduce the stock include strengthening of the marketing wing, closer inter-action with customers, rationalisation of sale price and sales incentives and opening of a godown at Sahibabad for serving customers in the Northern Zone.

(d) and (e). NEPA Ltd. engaged M/s. Tata Economic Consultancy Services

to identify the problems faced by NEPA Ltd. Taking into account the study NEPA Ltd. has prepared a rehabilitation proposal involving additional investment.

### **Equipments by BHEL**

4216. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has purchased over-priced second hand equipments from foreign companies costing several crores including 9000 Ton Press and I.C. circuit for its Hardwar Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct any inquiry in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). As per information received from BHEL, the company has purchased second hand equipment—9000 Ton Capacity forge press and associated equipment and ASIC processing facility for its central Foundry Forge plant, Hardwar, in accordance with purchase policy of the company from the technically suitable lowest bidders.

(c) and (d). No decision to conduct an inquiry has been taken.