

### Use of Imported Paper by Affluent

6368. SHRI P. APPALANARASIMHAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a serious shortage of paper for children's books etc. and it is being imported to meet the shortage;

(b) whether some of the fancy packing projects have come up in the country for the affluent which use a lot of imported paper for items of daily need;

(c) whether his Ministry had twice turned down Tetrapak and Toilet Paper Projects as these catered solely to the affluent; and

(d) if so, how these projects started and the annual consumption of paper by these projects during the last two years and projected needs thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Although representations have been received from the printing industry regarding high prices of printing paper, there is no shortage of paper in the country.

(b) Since imported paper attracts high customs duty, the possibility of substantial use of this paper for daily needs is very limited.

(c) Although initially Government did not favour Tetrapak scheme for various reasons, the scheme was reconsidered on the basis of the Report of the National Commission on Agriculture (Act, 1976), and the Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings (April, 1976) and approved in July, 1979, as part of the Operation Flood II after obtaining necessary clearances from the concerned Ministries/Departments.

(d) The project for manufacture of laminated paper for packing of sterilised milk in the Tetrapack dairies set up near Baroda by the Indian Dairy Corporation with an annual capacity of 7650 tonnes went into production

on 1983. The full utilisation of the plant is expected to be achieved in the 4th year of production, when the consumption of paper is expected to reach about 6,100 tonnes.

### Manufacturing Arrangement of Piping System of Air Brakes

6369. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry are aware that Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd., has a licence manufacturing arrangement of piping system of Air Brakes of Westinghouse type with S.D. Technical Services Private Ltd., New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which his Ministry have approved this licence arrangement when the Bharat Brakes has technical collaboration arrangement for complete Air-brake system with Orlinkon Bohr, Switzerland ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Messrs Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd, have signed a memorandum of understanding for manufacture of air braking system of Westinghouse type with Messrs S.D. Technical Services Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

(b) Messrs Bharat Brakes & Valves entered into an understanding with M/s. S.D. Technical Services as the Westinghouse type air brakes were accepted by the Railways and it would have taken some time for Orlinkon brakes to prove successful for regular use. The Company is yet to seek approval of the Government of India for any licensing arrangement with S.D. Technical Services.

### News Item Captioned 'Near Fatal Phone Call'

6370. SHRI RAM SAMUJHAWAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Near fatal phone