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[English]

**Suggestions made at Newsprint Consumers Convention for Upgradation of Newsprint Technology**

1136. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a convention of newsprint consumers was held at Nepa Nagar suggesting upgradation of the technology in the manufacture of Indian newsprint and also setting up a pulp manufacturing unit with better long fibre raw material in the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken note of the suggestions for necessary action wherever feasible.

**Shortage of coal and Electricity in 'Talcher' Fertilizer plant in Orissa**

1137. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the country's largest fertilizer plant 'Talcher' in Orissa is facing acute shortage of coal and electricity and due to that the production of fertilizer is likely to be affected ; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet the demand of coal and electricity of the plant so that its production may not suffer ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) While there is no short-

tage of coal, prolonged power cuts have adversely affected fertilizer production at Talcher.

(b) In order to overcome the shortage of power, a captive 30 MW Gas Turbine Generator Set has been installed, by the Fertilizer Corporation of India.

**Chappal making small Industries on verge of closure**

1138. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the chappal manufacturing small-scale industries are on the verge of closure due to non-availability of finished leather, sole and in-sole leather in the market following large-scale export to foreign countries ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) There is no such acute shortage of finished leather, sole and in-sole leather as to warrant closure of small scale footwear units.

(b) During the current financial year 1984-85 there has been increased export of finished leather and various leather products due to increased international demand. The export during the first seven months April to October, 1984 has been of the tune of 326.7 crores compared to 230.7 crores during the same period last year. In order to augment the supply of raw materials for leather industry, Government is allowing duty free import of raw hides and skins and wet blue chrome tanned leather (semi-finished). Recently Government have also announced duty free import of crust leather as well as finished leather from cattle hides.

**Work on the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur gas pipe line**

1139. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on the Hazira-