

**Price of Imported Newsprint**

4629. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of newsprint imported annually to meet the demand;

(b) at what rate the indigenous newsprint is supplied to newspapers;

(c) the rate of imported newsprint supplied;

(d) whether the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society has expressed grave

concern over the steep increase in the prices of imported newsprint; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for increasing the price of imported newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) :  
(a) Imports during 1986-87 were 1,89,064 MT.

(b) The mill-wise rates of newsprint per metric tonnes since 31 12 1985 are as follows:

(i) National Newsprint and Paper Mills Ltd (55 gsm)	Rs /860
(ii) Mysore Paper Mills Ltd (52 gsm)	Rs. 8960
(iii) Hindustan Newsprint Ltd (52 gsm)	Rs 8960
(iv) Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Paper Ltd (52 gsm)	Rs 8960
(v) Sree Rayalaseema Paper Mills Ltd (wef 15 4 87) (52 gsm)	Rs 8490

(c) The prices of imported newsprint per metric tonne on high sea sales excluding

customs duty, during the first three quarters of 1987 are as under:

	Standard Rs	Glazed Rs	Super Calendar Rs
Jan-Mar 87	6195	7665	—
April-June 87	6595	8825	—
July-Sept 87	7325	9080	8755

(d) Yes, Sir.

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(e) Increase in the price of imported newsprint is due to over-all increase in the international market price of newsprint, adverse fluctuations in the Rupee-Dollar rate and increase in freight rate.

4630. SHRI VIRDI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the main incentives granted for