

(a) whether Government are aware that the Sewa Paper Mills at Jeypore Koraput District, Orissa had procured and installed discarded second hand imported machinery ;

(b) the country from which the said machinery was imported and how much duty was paid ,

(c) whether Government are aware that the allegation from public that the engineers of financial organisation in collusion with the entrepreneur have certified the machinery as operation worthy but the mill has to be closed and

(d) what is the extent of forest area leased out to Sewa Mills by Government of Orissa for procuring raw materials such as bamboo, etc. and how many trees were standing on the land and its market value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) M/s Sewa Paper Mills had imported and installed the following second-hand machines

- (i) M F Paper Machine from Norway/ Sweden
- (ii) Recovery boiler from Sweden.
- (iii) Back pressure turbine from Sweden

According to the information given by the Company, a sum of Rs. 154.34 lakhs has been paid as Customs Duty

(c) Import of second-hand machinery has been allowed, taking into account the Chartered Engineer's Certificate with regard to the year of manufacture, condition of the machinery, its residual life etc., in accordance with the procedure laid down. The Financial Institutions have indicated that they had no role in selection of the second-hand paper machine.

(d) Government of Orissa has allotted 25,250 hectares of forest land to the Company. Details about the standing trees and their market value are not available.

Identification of Industries

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SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU .

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether a working group comprising of Industrial Development Bank of India and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India has been asked to identify industries for whose products there may be reduced demand in the domestic market ;

(b) if so, whether the working Group has submitted its plans , and

(c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) No Sir. However, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India has conducted a study on the impact of drought on the industrial sector. The study covers only 16 industries having a weight of 28 per cent in the index of Industrial Production. Its main conclusion is that the impact of drought on industrial growth will be marginal.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

Strike by Central Trade Union in West Bengal

3786 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Trade Unions in public sector industries in West Bengal have decided to go on strike on 23rd November, 1987 to press for their demands ;

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's reaction thereon ; and

(c) the action taken by Government to avert the strike ?