

STATEMENT-III

State-wise position of applications received, in the Department of Food for establishment of new sugar factories during the Seventh Five Year Plan after the announcement of guidelines vide Press Note dated the 2nd January, 1987.

S.No.	State	Received	Approved by Screening Committee of Department of Food.	Rejected	Pending
1.	Uttar Pradesh	3	1	1	1
2.	Maharashtra	5	-	-	5
3.	Punjab	6	4	2	-
4.	Tamil Nadu	12	7	2	3
5.	Haryana	1	-	-	-
Total		27	12	5	9

Setting up of Paper Mills

4764. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills in public sector and in private sector functioning in the country and their annual production till date;

(b) whether the production of these mills has been reduced due to shortage of raw material;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to provide raw material to these mills;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish more paper mills in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government propose to

establish new paper mills only in those area where raw material is easily available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There are, as on 1.1.1987, 288 units in the country engaged in manufacture of paper and paperboard with an annual installed capacity of 27.58 lakhs tonnes. This includes three units in the Central Public Sector, with an installed capacity of 1.49 lakh tonnes. The production of paper and paperboard in the country during 1986 is estimated at 16 lakh tonnes.

(b) No, Sir. The production achieved during 1986 is higher by about 1 lakh tonne as compared to 1985.

(c) In order to improve the availability of raw materials for the paper industry, the import of wood pulp, waste paper, wood

chips and logs has been placed under Open General Licence and import of wood pulp and chips are allowed duty free. Manufacture of paper and paperboard by utilisation of non-conventional raw materials such as, agricultural wastes/residues, bagasse etc. is also encouraged by way of excise concessions.

(d) to (f) An additional capacity of about 31 lakh tonnes for manufacture of paper and paperboard has been approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent and Registrations and these are under different stages of implementation. Proposals for establishment of additional capacity are considered keeping in view the availability of raw materials and other relevant considerations.

Losses suffered by FCI

4765. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of losses incurred annually by the Food Corporation of India since its inception;

(b) whether Government have analysed the reasons for the increasing losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the

losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The losses of foodgrains are accounted under two heads, namely: i) storage and ii) transit including voyage. The statement showing quantity and value of storage and transit losses of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India for the years 1971-72 to 1986-87 is enclosed. Information relating to losses for the earlier period is not available.

(b) and (c) The Food Corporation of India have been constantly monitoring and reviewing the performance with a view to reducing the transit and storage losses. These losses arise out of various factors such as vagaries of weather, moisture loss, multiple handling at various points, deterioration in quantity on account of long storage.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100% weighment at the handling points, of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

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Year	Total Shortages (Transit & Storage)		Percentage of shortages in terms of quantity over purchase + Sale
	Quantity (In lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)	
1	2	3	4
1971-72	2.52	19.71	1.33