

### Increase of Price of Paper

2115. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

SHRI SHYAM SUNDER  
SOMANI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of different varieties of paper are increasing; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any efforts to bring down prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) There has been no significant increase in the prices of basic qualities of paper, but only a marginal increase in some superior varieties of paper mainly because of increase in the cost of rags which form the raw material of these papers. The price of white paper which is the only controlled variety, has been maintained at Rs. 2,750 per tonne.

(b) The Industry has been urged to maintain the price level, and wherever prices have been put up by the mills to bring them back to the level prevalent at the beginning of the year.

### Setting up of Women's Cell to deal with the Problem of Entrepreneurs

2116. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up a Women's Cell in his Ministry to deal with problems of women entrepreneurs and to encourage industries where women could be employed in larger numbers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Details are being worked out.

### Demand to Start a Newsprint Industry in North Bengal

2117. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is long standing demand from West Bengal to start a newsprint Industry in North Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to set up such an Industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) A letter of intent has been issued on 31st July 1974 to the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation for setting up a newsprint project with a capacity of 200 tonnes per day. The Hindustan Paper Corporation is assisting the State Government in carrying out detailed studies of raw material availability, development of plantations, operating costs and other related matters.

### Hydrogen Bomb

2118. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hydrogen Bomb is the safest from the point of view of residual radio activity;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to develop the technology to split the Hydrogen Atom; and

(c) whether splitting of Hydrogen Atom can be used to generate electricity?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Thermo-nuclear explosives are considered more suitable for excavation or earth-moving applications in order to reduce fission product radioactive fallouts.