

### Shortage of Paper and Loan to Paper Industry

1903. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU:

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL  
REDDY:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is going to be an acute shortage of paper in the country in the coming five years ;

(b) whether Government have decided to provide soft loan facilities to the paper mills; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to boost production of paper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The indigenous production of paper is likely to be marginally short of the demand in the near future.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The steps taken for increasing the production of paper are as follows:—

(i) Promoting the setting up of paper mills based on secondary raw materials which does not involve foreign exchange expenditure has been delicensed.

(ii) The facility of imports of second hand paper plants has been allowed upto a capacity of 30 tonnes per day.

(iii) The import of pulp has been liberalised.

(iv) The import duty on waste paper used for paper making has been waived.

(v) Excise rebates have been allowed to small paper mills for the use of unconventional raw materials.

(vi) Special incentives have been offered for the utilisation of bagasse for paper making.

### Low Output in Hindustan Cables due to Shortage of Raw Material

1904. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the output of Hindustan Cables Ltd. at Rupnarayanpur is below target due to shortage of raw materials and inadequate finance; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Among other factors like power cut etc., acute financial stringency on account of credit squeeze and consequent difficulties in the procurement of raw materials contributed to the short fall in the production as compared to the targets fixed.

(b) Government have already approached the Reserve Bank of India to raise the cash credit limit from 16.00 crores to Rs. 19.50 crores. Simultaneously P & T Department who are major customer for tele-communication cables have advanced Rs. 3 crores against supplies to be made by the company.

### Problems of Tribal People in West Bengal

1905. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to solve the problems of the tribal people in West Bengal State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b). The major development