

**Newspapers granted 15 per cent more entitlement from Nepa mills**

3748. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reasons for granting 15 per cent more entitlement for newspapers from Nepa Mills; and

(b) the particulars of newspapers getting such allotment from Nepa Mills?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The grammage of newsprint produced by the Nepa Mills is higher than that of imported newsprint or newsprint produced by other Indian Mills.

(b) According to the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1982-83, newspapers with an annual entitlement of 300 MT and above were to be given compulsorily 20 per cent of the entitlement in Nepa Newsprint. Due to less domestic production, the percentage was later reduced to 15 per cent. Newspapers with an entitlement of less than 300 tonnes per annum have the option to obtain either indigenous newsprint (including newsprint produced by Nepa Mills) or imported newsprint in part or in full, as they may prefer.

**वैशाली जिले के गांवों को टेलीविजन सेटों की सप्लाई**

3749. श्री राम विलास पासवान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा बिहार में वैशाली जिले में, स्थानवार, गांवों, पंचायतों और स्कूलों आदि को कुल कितने टेलीविजन सेट सप्लाई किये गये ;

(ख) किन्-किन स्थानों पर टेलीविजन सेट खराब पड़े हुए हैं और ये सेट

कब से खराब पड़े हैं और इन सेटों की मरम्मत न करने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार इन सभी स्थानों के टेलीविजन सेटों की मरम्मत कराने की कब तक व्यवस्था करेगी अथवा वहाँ नए टेलीविजन सेट लगाएगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग). सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और उसको सदन की मेज पर रख दिया जायेगा ।

**Demand of newsprint in 1983-84**

3750. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:  
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society has expressed that there is a fear that there may be shortage of newsprint in the country in the coming months;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what is the present position of newsprint in the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to meet demand of newsprint in the coming year 1983-84?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government does not agree with the assessment of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society regarding shortage of newsprint in the coming months.

(c) Adequate newsprint is available to meet the demand of newspaper industry during the year 1982-83.