

the offices of the Hindustan Paper Corporation of India from New Delhi to Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which offices of this Corporation will be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) to (c). No such proposal has been received by the Government.

**Proposal to revoke Emergency in the country**

2101. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI S. N. MISRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revoke the emergency;

(b) if so, by when the emergency will be revoked; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) to (c). The matter is under active review.

**Demand from All India Newspaper Employees Federation for probe into the system of Newsprint Supply**

2102. SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Newspaper Employees' Federation has demanded through probe into the system of newsprint supply; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b). Allocation of newsprint, which is an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, is done in accordance with the policy framed and notified by Government every year with due regard to availability of indigenous and imported supplies. A copy of the Public Notice, containing the Policy for the year 1973-74 was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 25th July, 1973.

It became necessary to impose a 30 per cent cut in the newsprint quota of newspapers owing to a short fall in supplies from abroad. The reasons for the short fall have been explained to the House in the statement made by the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in response to a Calling Attention Motion on 25th July, 1973. A further statement was made by Minister of Information and Broadcasting on shortage of newsprint in the Lok Sabha on 20th November, 1973 in reply to another Calling Attention Motion.

A Newsprint Advisory Committee, set up in pursuance of the recommendation of the Estimate Committee with the Minister of Information and Broadcasting as Chairman and representatives of the newsprint industry, officials and non-officials, including two Members of Parliament, one from each House, advises Government on questions of policy regarding the import and allocation of newsprint and printing machinery for newspapers and other cognate matters.

It is not considered necessary to hold any inquiry into the system of newsprint supply.

**Joint Sector Unit**

2103. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:  
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many joint sector units have been so far formed;