

Plan Holiday

3110. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an undeclared Plan Holiday is going on since the beginning of 1974-75;

(b) if not, the reasons why the Fifth Plan in its final form has not yet been presented before Parliament;

(c) whether annual plan for 1975-76 has been finalised;

(d) if so, State-wise allocation of plan outlay and investment;

(e) share of Central assistance, State-wise, for the annual plan; and

(f) how do the allocation under annual plan for 1975-76 compare with that of 1974-75 at current and constant prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Draft Fifth Five Year Plan was formulated in terms of 1972-73 prices and in the context of economic situation obtaining at that time. Since then there has been a sharp rise in prices within the country. The International prices of crude oil have registered a four-fold increase. There has also been very sharp increase in the prices of various imported raw materials and inputs. These developments have influenced, to varying degrees, the financial and physical magnitudes adopted in the Draft Fifth Five Year Plan. It has, therefore become necessary to reassess the resources and readjust *inter-se* priorities within the frame work of the Draft Fifth Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission is at present engaged in carrying out the necessary exercises for the above purpose.

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(c) to (e). The Annual Plan for 1975-76 for the Central and Centrally Sponsored Programmes has been finalised. The discussions on the Annual Plans of the States, for the year 1975-76 have since been concluded. On the basis of these discussions, and in the light of the overall availability of resources the Annual Plan sizes of various States are in the process of being finalised.

(f) The Annual Plan outlays for 1974-75 and 1975-76 for the Central and Centrally Sponsored Programmes are indicated below:

	(Rs. crores)
	1974-75
	1975-76
	2628.88
	3154.51

Production and Import of Newsprint

3111. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total indigenous production and import of newsprint, year-wise, during 1972 to 1974;

(b) the price per tonne of indigenous, and imported newsprint, year-wise, during 1972 to 1974; and

(c) the total demand and supply of newsprint, year-wise, during 1972 to 1974?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The requisite information is given below:—

Year	Indigenous (in tonnes)	Imported (in tonnes)
1972-73	40,000	1,95,000
1973-74	36,400	1,36,000
1974-75	47,300	1,31,100

(b) The required information is as follows:—