

**Nepa paper Mills**

954. **Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:**  
**Shri Bagri:**  
**Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
**Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have placed an order with a Finnish firm for paper weighing machinery and other plant equipment for NEPA Paper Mills;

(b) whether it will increase the production of newsprint and, if so, by how much; and

(c) when India will become self-sufficient in newsprint?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) Nepa mills have placed orders with Wartsila, Helsinki, Finland for Stock Preparation, Paper Machine and Finishing House Machinery only. No order for Weighing machinery has been placed.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is expected that with the installation, commissioning and further alterations to the existing machinery, the production of newsprint will increase from 30,000 tonnes to the planned target of 75,000 tonnes per annum.

(c) No definite date can be given at present, but every effort is being made to achieve self-sufficiency as soon as possible.

**Sale of Cement**

955. **Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
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**Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:**  
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**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Linga Reddy:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

**Shri Madhu Limaye:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavaiya:**  
**Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Kappen:**  
**Shrimati Akkamma Devi:**  
**Shri D. D. Puri:**  
**Shri Man Singh P. Patel:**  
**Shri M. L. Jadhav:**  
**Shri Kajrolkar:**  
**Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the control on the sale of Cement has been removed in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure its proper and fair distribution to the consumers;

(c) whether those persons will be given preference to purchase cement who had registered their names for the supply of cement with the Civil Supplies Department in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of a suggestion given to them by Government the cement manufacturers have formed the Cement Allocation and Co-ordinating Organisation which is now arranging cement distribution throughout the country. The Organisation has assured Government to maintain broadly the past pattern of supplies to all States and different categories of consumers and improve upon it, additional production permitting.

(c) Yes, Sir. It will, however, be necessary for such persons to register their demands with the selling agents of the producers.

(d) Does not arise.