

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of paper industries exist in India;
- (b) the number out of these are owned by the Government ;
- (c) whether the Government propose to give any package to give additional fillip to the paper industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) There are more than 380 paper mills with a total capacity of around 49 lakhs MTs per annum. Out of these, 9 paper mills are in State/Central Public Sector.

(c) & (d) Paper Industry has been delicensed and Entrepreneurs are only required to file an Industrial Entrepreneurs` Memorandum with Secretariat for Industrial Assistance in this Ministry as, for setting up a paper mill, no licence is required except in terms of locational policy notified by the Government or that the proposal does not envisage manufacturing of items reserved for small scale sector. The performance of Paper Industry is reviewed from time to time and suitable measures are taken.