

prevent their exploitation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGHGHATOWAR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Paper Mills in Orissa

2228. SHRIGOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills set up in Orissa;

(b) the location of those paper mills;

(c) whether most of those paper mills are running at loss;

(d) whether the production has also declined in those paper mills;

(e) if so, the reasons for the poor performance of those mills; and

(f) the steps taken to increase the production in those mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) These are seven paper mills in Orissa borne on the mills of DGTD.

(b) The names and location of these mills are as under:-

- i) M/s. Orient Paper Mills, Brajrajnagar.
- ii) M/s. Titagarh Paper Mills Ltd., Chowdhwar.

iii) M/s. Straw Products Ltd., Rayagada.

iv) M/s. Konark Paper & Ind. Ltd., Mayurbhanj, near Basta.

v) M/s. Emami Paper Mills Ltd., Balasore.

vi) M/s. Sewa Paper Ltd., Jaypore, Distt. Koraput.

Vii) M/s. Spaa Straw Road Ind. Pvt. Ltd. Choramara P.o. Bijapur Balangir.

(c) and (d). Out of the seven mills noted above, M/s. Titagarh Paper Mills Ltd. and M/s. Sewa Paper Ltd. have not been reporting production for some time.

(e) and (f). M/s. Titagarh Paper Mills Ltd. has been lying closed. Deteriorating financial position, scarcity of raw material, obsolete equipment and machinery, labour unrest and management problems etc. are the main reasons for closure of the mill. Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has sanctioned a rehabilitation scheme for the mill by its order dated 21.12.1990.

As regard M/s. Sewa Paper Ltd., it is a sick Industrial company within the meaning of section 3(1) (0) of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Since the beginning, the operations of the company have been highly unsatisfactory due to faulty execution of the project, resulting in imbalances in certain sections of the plant, marketing problems, managerial deficiencies, etc.

Use of Staff Cars in PSUs.

2229. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: