

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2736  
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HIGH NEWSPRINT COST  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cost of newsprint in the country has gone very high in the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for increasing production of the newsprint in Government-run newsprint factories;
- (c) whether the small scale newspapers and publications are being closed due to high price in newsprint;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a): The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for newsprint has decreased to 166.3 in January, 2010 from 174.7 in January,2009.
- (b) to (d): Do not arise.