

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

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PAPER PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the details of paper production / consumption in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of import / export of the papers during the above period;
- (c) whether the Government intends to set up more paper mills in the country due to shortage of paper in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government for availability of papers at reasonable price to the consumers?

**Answer**

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

(a): The production and consumption of paper, paperboard and newsprint in the country during the last three years (2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10) and for the current year (Apr-May 2010) is as under:

Year    Production(million tons)    Consumption (million tons)

2007-08    7.33        8.34

2008-09    7.65        8.72

2009-10    8.03        9.15

2010-11    1.30        1.51  
(April-May 2010)

(b): The details of import / export of paper, paperboard and newsprint during the above period are as under:

Year    Import        Export  
(million tons)    (million tons)

2007-08    1.34        0.33

2008-09    1.40        0.33

2009-10    1.46        0.34

2010-11    0.29        0.08  
(April-May2010)

(c) & (d): No Madam. The paper industry is de-licensed and the price of paper is determined by the market forces of demand and supply.