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

- (a) whether the paper industry is suffering from high production cost and technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to facilitate the paper industry;
- (c) the details of paper mill, in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme regarding modernization of the paper industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. The paper industry is confronted with high production cost and technology obsolescence.
- (b): Import of machinery and raw material for paper industry (pulp, waste paper) is allowed either without customs duty or on concessional rate of customs duty.
- (c): The details of paper mill in the country, state-wise is indicated below:

State No. of Mills

AP 52

Assam 3

Bihar 4

Chhatisgarh 10

Gujarat 130

Haryana 17

Himachal Pradesh 9

Jammu & Kashmir 1

Jharkhand 2

Karnataka 29

Kerala 18

Madhya Pradesh 26

Maharashtra 112

Orissa 7

Punjab 75

Rajasthan 8

Tamil Nadu 88

Uttar Pradesh 115

Uttranchal 23

West Bengal 29

Total 759

Source: CPPRI Data Cell

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.