

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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HINDUSTAN PAPER CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Hindustan Paper Corporation supplying paper for printing of text books of Basic Education Board of various States have selected middlemen in place of direct supply to the Board;

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to streamline the existing system of marketing of the products of Hindustan Paper Corporation to save the PSU from the verge of closure/going sick; and

(d) is so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Wherever tender is invited directly by the Text Book Board from the paper mills for supply of paper for Printing of their Text Books, Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPC) is participating on its own, without involvement of any middle man.

However, certain States like Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand etc., invite tenders from Printers only (not from Paper Mills) for supply of Printed text books, in these cases authorized stockiests of HPC are supplying paper to such printers.

(c) & (d): The Corporation has been making efforts to further streamline the existing system of marketing of its products to improve sales and realization of dues.