

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

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Revival of Paper Mills

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

- (a) whether the production in paper mills with 100 percent shareholding of the Government and one lakh metric tonne of installed capacity have been suspended since the year 2015, if so, the details thereof and the main reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the employees of the said paper mills have not been paid their salaries for a long time and the employees are committing suicide due to it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of employees who have committed suicide so far;
- (d) the names of the paper mills which have demanded revival package from the Government;
- (e) whether the Ministry has submitted a revival package of Rs. 1,347 crore to the NITI Aayog; (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the NITI Aayog thereto; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to release the salaries of the employees of these sick paper mills?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): Due to shortage of working capital, the production in Cachar Paper Mill (CPM) and Nagaon Paper Mill (NPM), units of Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) has been suspended since October 2015 and March 2017 respectively.

(b): Salaries of the employees have not been paid for the last 8 months for NPM and 10 months for CPM. However there is no confirmation regarding committing suicide by employees due to non-payment of salaries.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): HPC has demanded revival package for its mills - Nagaon Paper Mill and Cachar Paper Mill.

(e) & (f): A proposal for revival of Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) has been received and is under consideration of the Department of Heavy Industry. The proposal also includes budgetary support for payment of salaries of the employees of CPM and NPM.
