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Title: Regarding setting up of ultra modern paper mill at Nashik, Maharashtra.

SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE (NASHIK): Madam, I want to raise the issue of setting up of an ultra modern paper mill intended by the Government of India at Nashik, Maharashtra.

The Government of India intends to set up four new machine lines for ultra modern paper mill to cater to the increasing needs of security paper required for printing of currency, passport and other security products. Out of four machine lines, two are approved for Hoshangabad and the remaining two are supposed to be installed by the joint venture company of SPMCIL and BRBNML, RBI, namely the Bharat Note Paper Mill. The joint venture company can set up the remaining two machine lines in Nashik which shall save the project cost and production cost because of the following points:

In Nashik, SPMCIL has two units – Indian Security Press (ISP) and Currency Note Press (CNP) and has 350 acres of land. Out of this land, 250 acres of land is vacant and unused. It also has 1000 vacant flats. This available land will substantially cut down the project cost and save time as no efforts are required for acquiring land.

The main Intenders of the paper would be these two units ISP and CNP itself which are at Nashik. So, the transportation cost will be zero.

Water is also available in good measure as rivers Godavari and Darna flow nearly at a distance of two to three kilometres from the press premises.

At present, there is a railway siding inside the press which help in dispatching finished goods. In addition to this, Nashik Road railway station is on a walking distance from there.

Then, Maharashtra itself is a big producer of cotton, which is an important ingredient of such paper.

Weather in Nashik is also a favourable aspect as it was considered by the Britishers when they set up security press at Nashik.

Madam, while setting up any Government project, the project cost and the production cost are considered basically. So, considering all the above facts, it will be justifiable to set up Ultra Modern Paper Mill at Nashik.

Hon. Speaker, Madam, through you, I request the Ministry of Finance to direct the SPMCIL and the BRBNML, the joint venture partners to set up the remaining two machine lines for Ultra Modern Paper Mill at Nashik. Thank you, Madam.