

Paper Production

1971. **SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI
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SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that prices of Paper in the country have considerably increased due to the shortage of paper;

(b) the total production of paper during the last three years and its consumption;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal for higher production and easy availability of paper;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of imported pulp/waste paper utilised for manufacture of paper during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Various units in the Paper Industry produce different varieties of paper as per the domestic demand. Government have not received reports about any general shortage of standard varieties of paper resulting in any abnormal increase in their prices as a consequence.

(b) The total production of paper and paper board during the last three years is indicated below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production (Lakh tonnes)</i>
1987	16.80
1988	17.20
1989	18.50 (Provisional)

Most of the demand in the country is met by indigenous production.

(c) and (d). Undertaking various policy measures for the sustained growth of the Paper Industry is a continuous process. Some specific concessions/incentives that have been allowed for growth and development of paper industry are:-

(i) paper containing not less than 75% by weight of pulp made from bagasse, raw jute and mesta is exempt from excise duty;

(ii) Large/medium/small paper mills using agroresidue and other non-conventional raw materials at least upto 50% are charged excise duty at concessional rates;

(iii) The Paper and Paper Board Industry, based on agricultural residue, has been brought under the scheme of Minimum Economic Capacity, which has been fixed at 33,000 TPA.

(iv) Import of wood pulp, wood chips, logs and waste paper has been allowed under OGL at a low rate of customs duty;

(v) Non-MRTP/non-FERA companies have been exempted from obtaining industrial licence, provided the investment in the project is upto Rs. 50 crores if the unit is located in a Centrally declared backward area, or upto Rs. 15 crores, if the unit is located in non-backward area, subject to fulfilment of certain standard conditions.

(e) The details of pulp/waste paper imported during the last three years are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (Thousand tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. in Crores)</i>
1987-88	474	238.54
1988-89	394	252.18
1989-90	451	303.88

[*Translation*]

Separate Power Stations For Railways

1972. SHRI HARISH PAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to establish its own power stations for speedy electrification of rail tracks; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, the total amount likely to be incurred thereon and by what time this is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Increase in Production of H.M.T. Watches

1973. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to increase the production of H.M.T. Watches in its various units;

(b) if so the targets fixed for various H.M.T. watch manufacturing units for 1990-

91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 separately; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the Kolhapur unit for expansion purposes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) HMT is contemplating increasing the production of HMT Watches during the 8th Plan from the present level of 72 lakh watches a year. The targets of production during the 8th Plan are being finalised.

(c) HMT does not have a watch unit in Kolhapur. There is, however, a watch assembly unit there which has been set up with the assistance of the State Government.

Price Index of Drugs

1974. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drugs used to calculate the price index of drugs; and

(b) the sales turnover of each of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The following bulk drugs