

**paper Allotted to Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.**

8692. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of paper allotted for supply to Karnataka at concessional prices during 1989 by the Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. and other Paper Mills;

(b) the total quantity of paper so far supplied;

(c) the names of the Paper Mills who have yet to supply the allotted quantity of paper to the State; and

(d) when the remaining quantity of paper will be supplied?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d). As per the existing scheme of the Government, HPC is the only source of supply of subsidised white printing paper to the States/Union Territories for printing of text books etc. As against the total allotment of 5480 MTs of paper by the Department of Education during 1989 to the State of Karnataka, Hindustan Paper Corporation could supply about 1290 MTs of paper only. The shortfall in supply is due to certain difficulties faced by the Corporation. The Corporation has, however, been advised to make all possible efforts to complete the supplies.

[Translation]

**Dieselisation of N.G. Line Between Dhaulpur and Saramathra (CR)**

8693. SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trains hauled by steam

locomotives on Dhaulpur-Saramathra and Dhaulpur-Tantpur (Central Railway) Sections are incurring losses;

(b) whether a proposal to run diesel locomotives in place of steam locomotives is under Consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, when dieselisation of these trains running on the above lines is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Train services on the branch line are incurring losses.

(b) and (c). All Narrow Gauge Steam Locomotives on Indian Railways are likely to be replaced by Diesel Engines by 1995-96, subject, however, to availability of funds and manufacturing capacity in Railway Production Units. In pursuance of this, Steam Locomotives on the Narrow Gauge Sections of Central Railway will be replaced as and when more Narrow Gauge Diesel Locomotives become available.

**Facilities to Small Industrial Units**

8694. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to provide some facilities to small industrial units as are being provided to the Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this demand and taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. It was suggested that SSI units with investment in plant and