

[English]

**World bank aid for Paper Industry in Gujarat**

6201. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had selected the consultancy division of the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited to study and submit a report on the environmental aspects of the pulp and paper industry in India;

(b) if so, whether the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited has submitted its study report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the study has specifically covered a brief sector profile of the pulp and paper industry in Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the amount of loan proposed to be provided by the World Bank to help paper and pulp industry in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (e). The World Bank has selected the Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. (HPC) for preparation of sector profile, pre-feasibility study and funding proposal for pulp and paper industry in four States, viz. Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The project profile has been prepared and submitted to the World Bank. The study for pre-feasibility and funding proposals is in progress. The amount of loan to be provided shall be decided by the World Bank after finalisation of pre-feasibility report.

**Freight Charges of Container Service**

6202. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freight for goods sent through Container Service from Madras, Bombay and Calcutta etc. are paid in advance at the booking stations;

(b) whether these containers are meant for home delivery;

(c) whether very recently the authorities at Delhi have started charging Rs. 44/- for haulage and Rs. 9.50 per k.m. (Inward/outward) for delivery by road;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether consumers have shown resentment on these charges; and

(f) if so, the remedial measures being contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Payment of freight can be made either at the forwarding station or at the destination for goods booked through the Domestic Container Service.

(b) Railways provide door-to-door service if the consignor so desires.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Sudden stoppage of work by the Handling Contractor necessitated the ad-hoc arrangement involving higher costs for haulage on account of market conditions.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Tenders for awarding a fresh contract for handling and transportation of containers have been invited.

**Computer Assisted Numerically Controlled Machines**

6203. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: