

STATEMENT-III**Project: Provision of Procurement Services-hi-tech Equipment**

The document of a project on "Provision of Procurement Services-Hi-tech equipment" has been signed on 14.6.1989 between the Government of India and the UNDP with the ILO, as the executing Agency. The project aims at providing procurement expertise and services for preparation of Technical Specification and Bidding documents, needed for the procurement of hi-tech equipment under World Bank schemes, and the training of DGE&T personnel in the application of International competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures and computer Integrated procurement operation. The procurement of hi-tech equipment will be carried out by DGE&T, Ministry of Labour after completion of the Project. The duration of the project is year and 6 months which has been subsequently extended for a period of six months i. e. upto September, 1991 due to additional input for the curricula development. The project has already commenced from 1st October 1989. The UNDP input to the project is US \$ 784,200.

(2) The Government of India input is Rs. 4.665 lakhs mainly to meet the expenditure on salary of project staff.

[*Translation*]

Shifting of Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute

1840. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute has been transferred to Saharanpur;

(b) if so, whether the land selected for the institute in Saharanpur, is suitable from

the environmental point of view; and

(c) if not, whether there is a proposal to shift the Institute back to Dehradun keeping in view the protest of local people in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): While selecting the site for the Institute at Saharanpur, all relevant aspects were kept in view. There is no proposal to shift the Institute to Dehradun.

Difficulties of Fortnightlies Published From Rural Areas/ Small Towns.

1841. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the weekly and fortnightly newspapers published from rural areas and small towns are facing financial constraints due to lack of advertisements and newsprint quota;

(b) if so, whether a study has been undertaken to ascertain the number of such papers and magazines whose publication is discontinued every year due to financial constraints;

(c) if so, the percentage of these papers and magazines as compared to the total number of papers and magazines;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a high level committee to study and solve the difficulties faced by such newspapers;

(e) if so, when; and

(f) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?