

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Paper Mill in Nawada,
Bihar

*58. SHRI KUNWAR RAM :
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased
to state :

(a) whether it is Government's
policy to set up one industry in each
district;

(b) whether Government propose
to set up a paper mill in Kauakil in
district Nawada where necessary raw
material is available; and

(c) if so, the time by which it
will be set up ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF
MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) : To Pro-
mote balanced regional development,
various fiscal and financial incentives
are offered by the Government for
setting up of industrial units in
backward areas.

(b) and (c) : The Central Govern-
ment has no proposal to set up a paper
mill in District Nawada. However,
a unit in the private sector for manu-
facture of 3,000 tonnes per annum of
straw board has been registered with
Directorate General of Technical
Development in July, 1984.

[*Translation*]

SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Mr.
Speaker, Sir, late Shrimati Indira
Gandhi had announced during her
tenure as Prime Minister that an indus-
try would be set up in each backward
district. I want to know whether
Government still adhere to this policy
or not. The Hon. Minister has not
clearly stated in his reply as to whether
the late Prime Minister had made such
an announcement and whether that

policy is still being followed. I want
to know whether the Hon. Minister
tried to gather information that paper
mills can be run with the raw material
available there. A paper mill should be
set up in the district so that the district
can benefit by using the raw material
available there.

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD
KHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Govern-
ment is interested in rapid and balanced
industrialisation. Various schemes are
being implemented with this objective in
view. We are particularly interested in
implementing such schemes in indus-
trially backward areas. Special
attention is being paid towards the
districts or areas where industrialisation
has not taken place under the scheme.
The Central Investment Subsidy
Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme
and Concessional Finance Scheme were
reviewed on 14.12.83 and these schemes
will continue upto 31st March, 1985.
All these schemes are meant to speed up
industrialisation so that backward areas
can be developed.

So far as Nawada district is concern-
ed, Hon. Member has said that raw
material is available there. Mr.
Speaker, Sir, decision is not taken
keeping in view only one district. The
target fixed for the 6th Five Year Plan
for the manufacture of paper has
already been exceeded so far as capacity
installation is concerned. I have already
stated in my main reply that a unit
has already been registered with
D.G.T.D. insofar as this district is
concerned. According to the infor-
mation made available by the Govern-
ment of Bihar, Ashok Paper Mills
and Thakur Paper Mills are facing
closure because raw material is not
available there. Licences for setting
up paper mills at other places are issued
keeping in view the availability of raw
material and it is on that basis only
that the capacity is sanctioned.

SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Mr.
Speaker, Sir, it is a pity that a factory
is set up at a place where raw

material is not available and it is not set up at a place where raw material is available. I had sought information in this regard during the last Session also. At that time, Government had stated that factories had been set up at other places. Factories are located in developed areas and Government is trying to meet their requirements insofar as raw material is concerned. Government should accede to my request so that I am in a position to discharge my duties as a representative of my constituency.

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN : This is my reply in regard to the units already set up. The suggestion given by Hon. Member will be fully taken care of at the time of sanctioning any fresh capacity in future.

SHRIMATI USHA VARMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a proposal to set up a paper mill in Lakhimpur-Kheri has already been accepted, but no follow-up action has so far been taken. I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether it has been reviewed.

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMOD KHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have no information available with me about it.

SHRI MANVENDER SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the policy of the Government is to set up industries in each district to promote industrialisation in rural areas and provide jobs to more and more people. An oil refinery has been set up in Mathura, but most of the jobs available in the refinery were of technical nature as a result of which the chances of employment of the local people in the refinery have been reduced. I request the Hon. Minister to set up job-oriented industries in the area so that more and more people can be provided employment.

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN : Government is interested in rapid industrialisation particularly in backward areas. Government also want that

production should gradually increase so that more and more people can be provided employment. If any definite suggestion is made by the Hon. Member, that will also be considered.

SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Raw material required for manufacturing paper is available in abundance in Achhempet taluka of Mehboobnagar district in Andhra Pradesh and it is sent to other places from there. I would like to know whether Government propose to set up a paper factory there ?

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN : Government has no such proposal at present.

MR. SPEAKER : I have recollected something. Before Question No. 59 relating to Ratnagiri is taken up, I would like to know from the Professor as to when he is going to fulfil his promise ?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : I have once fulfilled; now again I will fulfil it.

MR. SPEAKER : That has already been digested.

[English]

Central Assistance for Development of
Tourist Centres in Maharashtra

*59. **PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri Districts of the Konkan region of Maharashtra with their beautiful natural surroundings of the West Coast, provide an ideal site for tourist centres; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give assistance to develop tourist centres in this region that are expected to fetch foreign exchange through growing tourism ?