

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) to (c). Government of West Bengal have requested for financial assistance to meet the expenditure incurred by them for providing temporary shelter and relief to persons who left Assam as a result of the agitation on foreigner's issue. According to them about Rs. 34 lakhs have been incurred up to December 6, 1980. The request of West Bengal Government is under consideration.

Shortage of paper

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SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of paper in the country;

(b) if so, the shortfall in the indigenous production of paper, if any, during 1980 as against the installed capacity stating the reasons therefor;

(c) the gap between the demand and supply anticipated during 1981;

(d) whether there has been any slippage in the import scheduling programme during 1980 causing scarcity of paper; if so, details thereof stating the reasons therefor;

(e) if so, the gap between the demand and supply of paper during 1980 as against the gap during the year 1979; and

(f) the manner in which Government propose to meet the demand of paper during the year 1981?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) and (b). The domestic production of paper and paper board during the year 1980 was about 10.80 lakh

tonnes as against an installed capacity of 15.38 lakh tonnes. The utilisation of capacity was adversely affected due to shortage of power, bottlenecks in wagon movement, and inadequate availability of coal. There was a gap of about 70,000 tonnes between demand and supply of paper in 1980, which was met by imports, and consequently there is no shortage of paper in the country at present.

(c) As on 1st January, 1981, the installed capacity for production of paper and paper board was 16.57 lakh tonnes. With the expected improvements in power and coal supplies, capacity utilisation is expected to reach a level where the production is adequate to meet the demand.

(d) Imports have been arranged according to requirements from time to time.

(e) There was a gap about 70,000 tonnes between demand and supply of paper in 1980, and the position was nearly the same as in 1979.

(f) The domestic production is expected to be adequate to meet the demand for paper. However, the position would be reviewed from time to time and imports would be resorted to, if necessary.

कज्जारहाट चीनार सीमेंट फ़ैक्ट्री

416. श्री राम प्यार पनिका: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कज्जारहाट चीनार सीमेंट फ़ैक्ट्री में उत्पादन आरम्भ किया जाने वाला है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक उत्पादन आरम्भ हो जाएगा और इस कारखाने में कितनी मात्रा में सीमेंट का उत्पादन होगा;

(ग) क्या इस कारखाने में बना सीमेंट अन्य कारखानों में बने सीमेंट की तुलना में सस्ता होगा; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किस हद तक सस्ता होगा?