

sation will consist of sifting, collating and interpreting market information regarding demand, etc. of small industries products in various countries. They are providing consultancy services to small-scale industries; disseminating above-mentioned foreign market information to the export-worthy small-scale units; creating export consciousness among small-scale enterprises; identifying small-scale units from export angle and organising training programme in export marketing. All these are the steps which are being taken.

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Has the Working Group for export production planning of small industries products submitted its report and, if so, what steps have the Government taken towards its implementation?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : Unless quality control improves vigorously, our export market cannot go up. Therefore, steps are being taken to see that quality control is there in the small scale sector.

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI : There are various industries, particularly in the backward regions, with potentialities for export, but they are not able to grow because of want of technical know-how. May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal in the hands of the Government to make a study of the potentialities of these small scale industries with export potentials, particularly in the backward regions of this country?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : The Small Industries Service Institute and the Directors of Industries in the States have been directed to see that small scale industries in the backward areas are given a boost. Wherever there is a possibility, as the hon. Member says, for export promotion, that will be taken into account.

SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH : May I know whether the Small Scale Industries Board helps the small entrepreneurs to find markets abroad for their products and also whether this Small Scale Industries Board helps producers within the country to find markets?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : Both these things are being done.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA : May I know from the Government whether there is any proposal before them to subsidise export of the products of small scale industries as they are doing in many other industries, in many other sectors?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : As a general policy, the Ministry of Foreign Trade is subsidising certain items for export promotion irrespective of the fact whether these items are being produced by the small scale sector or the medium sector or the large scale sector.

SHRI NEWAL KISHORE SINHA : They are concerned with development of small scale industries. I would like to know with your permission, Sir, whether they have got any idea about it, any opinion about it.

Mr. SPEAKER : If it is a question of opinion, then the question does not arise.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA : I want to know whether there is any proposal before them.

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : It is largely due to the insistence of this Ministry that the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the trade development authorities are taking special care to see that export from the small scale sector goes up.

Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.

*199. **SHRI SHASHI BHUSAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited; and

(b) when the Corporation was set up and the amount spent so far on the establishment of the said Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY) : (a) The composition of the

Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited a Government of India undertaking, is as under :—

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| 1. Shri Abid Husain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industrial Development. | Chairman-cum-Managing Director. |
| 2. Shri P. D. Kasbekar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance. | Director |
| 3. Shri A. N. Rao, Development Officer (Paper), Directorate General of Technical Development. | Director |

(b) The Corporation was set up on the 29th May, 1970 and the total amount spent so far on its establishment is Rs. 3,05,254.40.

श्री शशि नूषण : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह पेपर कारपोरेशन जिस पर अभी 3,05,254 रुपये खर्च हुए हैं यह पैसा पेपर कारपोरेशन बनाने के लिये काफी कम है। इससे तो सिर्फ पेपर पर ही यह कारपोरेशन रहेगा, उत्पादन नहीं हो पायेगा। दो साल में इतना थोड़ा खर्चा लगा है। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि अब तक ऐस्टेबलिशमेंट पर कितना और फंड्री पर कितना खर्चा लगा है ? किन्तु प्रोजेक्ट्स आप के हाथ में हैं और कब तक पूरे होंगे, तथा सस्ता कागज कब तक देश को मिल सकेगा। और जो मिर्क पेपर मिल्स हैं उनको आप लेना चाहते हैं या नहीं ? साथ ही मन्त्री जी यह भी बतायें कि कागज इंडस्ट्री को राष्ट्रीयकरण करने के बारे में आप की क्या योजना है ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY: So far as this Corporation is concerned, it has been entrusted with the implementation of (1) The Kerala Newsprint Project with an annual capacity of 80,000 tonnes, (2) The Assam Pulp/Paper Project and (3) The Nagaland Pulp/Paper project as also a second Pulp/Paper Project in Assam (Cachar District). Apart from these, some other projects are also under investigation.

With regard to the Nagaland Project, a subsidiary company has been floated in the name of Nagaland Pulp/Paper Company and it was registered on 14th September 1971. The land for this project has already been acquired and it is being developed. Necessary quarters for the staff and officers have been constructed on the site. One Chief Engineer, one Executive Engineer and one Asst. Engineer and the necessary subordinate staff have been appointed and the revised detailed project estimates for this scheme have been got prepared through the National Industrial Development Corporation.

Then with regard to Assam projects, various teams have visited the State and the site has been selected, and the soil tests are being done and the land is being reserved. The detailed project reports for this project are being prepared through the NIDC.

So far as the Kerala project is concerned, a site in the village Vellore in the District Kottayam has been recommended by the team and the State Government have already frozen it. The necessary notification has been issued. The first team was led by Dr. R. L. Bhargava in August 1970 to visit the site recommended in the original possibility report on the suggestion of Dr. Bhargava, the State Government proposed some other alternative sites which were visited by another team in November 1970 and ultimately, this site was recommended. Thereafter, the project administrator is being appointed and detailed project report is under preparation.

So, this Corporation which has been formed only a year and a half ago, by now, has considerably progressed in its work and once these projects are ready, I am sure, the work would progress very much. That is with regard to the first part of the question.

With regard to the question of taking over the sick paper mills, I do not know whether any paper mill is sick or faces closure at this moment. But if any mill is sick, we will have to consider taking it over under the normal procedure, *viz.*, under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, and in that case, who will be the authorised person has got to be decided. In an appropriate case, we can even name this Corporation as the appropriate authority. There is no difficulty about it.

With regard to nationalisation of the paper industry, I stick to the answer which I have already given in the House to-day.

श्री अश्वि नूषण : मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस पेपर कारपोरेशन का कागज कब तक प्रोडक्शन में आ जायेगा, यह जो कारपोरेशन आप ने बनाया है उसके अन्तर्गत काफी मिल्स तैयार कर रहे हैं कब तक इनका कागज बाजार में आ सकेगा ताकि सस्ता कागज मिल सके ? और सस्ता कागज मिल सके इसके लिये आप क्या विचार कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: In so far as the Corporation is concerned, the Corporation is dependent on Indian-made machinery. We are not importing as far as possible, foreign machinery for manufacture of paper. The fabrication of these machinery will take about three to four years time and we are expecting that this Corporation will be in a position to produce paper in a period of three to four years.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY : What is the Government proposing to do in the mean-time to curb the spiralling rise in prices of paper ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: This is completely a separate matter.

SHRI VARKEY GEORGE. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he has received a complaint from the Government of Kerala that no action has so far been taken for the Kerala Newsprint factory even though the necessary site has been acquired and got ready for the purpose ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I do not personally remember of any such complaint, but I take the information from the hon. Member and I will certainly look into it if there is any such complaint.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Lag in Investment in Private Sector Industry

*182. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons identified for lag in the private sector investment in industry ; and

(b) the steps taken for its revival ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). The Economic survey for the year 1971-72 does not indicate any lag in private sector investment in industry but rather anticipates rising trends in private industrial investment. Data on registrations of new companies, industrial licences issued, licences granted for the import of capital goods, the volume of capital issues, the credit advanced to the private corporate sector by the term-lending institutions, jointly and severally indicate a rising tempo of private investment in the industrial field. However, Government is continuously reviewing various modalities for further hastening the pace of private sector investment in Industry. The investments in the public sector have been pivotal for generating momentum elsewhere in the economic system. The Budget for 1972-73 therefore proposes a considerable increase in Plan Outlay.

Press Conference convened by Mirza Afzal Beg

*187. **SHRI P. K. DEO :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been invited to a Press Conference convened by the President of the outlawed Plebiscite Front, Mirza Afzal Beg in New Delhi on the 5th February, 1972 ;

(b) whether he asserted that the question of internal autonomy in Kashmir was a matter for discussion between the people of the State and the Government of India ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and