

(b) and (c) A wide variety of professional grade components used in the manufacture of Computers such as Silicon Diodes, Rectifiers, Capacitors, Resistors, Printed Circuits, Relays, etc. which were earlier imported are now being produced indigenously.

(d) Computer manufacturers purchase components from a large number of suppliers. Information on the number of units supplying the main categories of Components to Computer manufacturers is being collected.

(e) Professional grade components used in computer manufacturing also find usage in other professional equipment in the fields of tele-communication, industrial controls and defence.

All-India Printers' Conference held in Delhi

*561. SHRI AMARSINH CHAUDHARI :
SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether while speaking recently at Delhi at the All-India Printers' Conference, he has stated that the shortage of news print and also of printing paper was likely to continue for long ;

(b) if so, the gist of the speech and the reaction thereto ;

(c) whether many owners of the Printing Presses are importing outdated and second hand Printing Machinery from abroad, if so, the reasons thereby ; and

(d) whether Government will provide financial assistance and foreign exchange facilities to this industry so as to buy new printing machinery and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The gist of the speech is given below :—

The shortage of newsprint and also printing paper is likely to continue for long. Printers should observe economy in the use of printing paper. One of the methods of effecting economy could be expression of ideas in fewer words. Importing outdated and second hand printing machinery from abroad would not be desirable. The policy of providing for import of such machines is wrong. If the printing machines were to be imported they should be latest models.

Newsprint is allocated to newspapers in accordance with the policy framed by Government with due regard to availability.

All matters relating to printing and writing paper are the concern of Ministry of Industrial Development.

(d) It is proposed to set up a Newspaper Finance Corporation to provide financial assistance to newspapers, *inter alia*, for purchase of printing machinery. Applications for grant of import licence for printing machinery will be considered by the Ministry of Commerce in the light of availability of foreign exchange.

Production and Export of Salt

*562. SHRI VEKARIA :
SHRI D. P. JADEJA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of salt produced in India during the years 1971-72 and 1972-73, State-wise; and

(b) the total quantity of salt exported during the same period, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b) Statements I and II are laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT I

(in 000 M.T.)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Production of salt	
		during the year 1971-72	during the year 1972-73
1.	Rajasthan	521.2	615.8
2.	Gujarat	3328.2	3976.3
3.	Maharashtra	460.0	590.5
4.	Mysore	16.0	16.0
5.	Kerala	0.2	—
6.	Tamil Nadu	1118.3	1069.8
7.	Andhra Pradesh	259.1	391.8
8.	Orissa	24.8	86.7
9.	West Bengal	2.9	15.2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	4.4	4.6
11.	Goa, Diu & Daman	9.0	12.4
12.	Pondichery	—	0.8
	TOTAL	5744.1	6780.5

STATEMENT II

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Quantity of export in	
		M. T.	
		1971-72	1972-73
1.	Gujarat	3,57,097	3,68,680
2.	Tamil Nadu	15,597	10,280
3.	Rajasthan	3,883	21,012
	TOTAL	3,76,577	3,99,972