

3. BRAILLE watches with printed braille indices and spring loaded push button for opening glass top for the blinds.

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Steps to Meet Paper Shortage

*883. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists, experts and paper manufacturers have urged Government to take early and urgent steps toward off paper famine in the country;

(b) if so, whether, according to them, there will be acute shortage of paper in the Eighties not only in the country but also in the world;

(c) if so, whether they have also suggested certain measures in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) action likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) No particular body of scientists experts and paper manufacturers has reported to Government about urgent steps required to be taken to ward off a paper famine. Government are aware of the need to augment production of paper to meet the growing demand and action in this regard has already been initiated.

Manufacture of Synthetic Detergent by Small Scale Industries

*884. SHRI G. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Synthetic Detergent' can be manufactured in small scale and cottage industries without using machinery and power;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering for reserving this item

for small scale; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) is it a fact that Government have issued licences to multinationals for producing this item in large scale if so, whether this is against the declared Industrial Policy or not; and

(d) what is the future Government policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Synthetic detergents based on alkyl benzene are being manufactured in small scale with simple equipment and tools without the aid of power.

(b) The question of reservation of manufacture of detergents for the Small Scale Sector is under consideration.

(c) and (d) Synthetic Detergents are included in Appendix-I to the Industrial Policy Statement of 2-2-1973. As such, multi-national Companies are eligible for the grant of licences for the manufacture of this item. However, no fresh licences have been given to any unit in the organised sector during the last two years.

Indian Scientists attached to Diplomatic mission abroad

885. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:
SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:

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

(a) whether Indian scientists are attached to any of our Diplomatic Missions abroad;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of such posts of scientific advisers;

(d) if so, when and how; and

(e) if not, why not?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) At present, there are four posts of Scien-