

(c) The Magistrate enquiring into the matter has asked for some more time to complete the Inquiry and submit his report. He is likely to take another fortnight.

#### **Import of Multi-Coloured Offset Printing Machine**

8261. SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy permits import of multi-coloured offset printing machines for printing on cardboard, paper etc.; and

(b) if so, what is it that is holding up issue of the necessary import licence to M/s. Pioneer Press (Private) Ltd. for import of cardboard skilker printing machine, especially when three similar machines have been allowed to be imported by the large scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Import of multi-coloured offset printing machines for printing on cardboard, paper etc., is allowed on merits considering various aspects such as indigenous availability/capability of indigenous manufacturers to manufacture the machine to be imported, recommendation of the sponsoring authorities regarding essentiality, economic advantages, likely effects on labour displacement, etc.

(b) Although the application of M/s. Pioneer Press (Private) Ltd., for import of a four Colour Special Offset Printing machine has been approved by the Government, there were a number of representations against the import from the small and cottage sector match industry, and Members of Parliament, stating that the import is likely to render substantial number of people unemployed. A study team is going into these and

related aspects of the import of these machines.

#### **Starting of Newsprint Factory at Kerala**

8262. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the newsprint factory at Kerala is expected to start production;

(b) whether there is sufficient raw material to run the factory to full capacity; and

(c) if not, what are the resources for raw material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The newsprint factory at Kerala is expected to commence trial runs by end of 1981.

(b) and (c) The Hindustan Paper Corporation have entered into an agreement with the Government of Kerala for supply of adequate raw materials to the newsprint factory.

#### **News item captioned "Solar Energy Appliances Developed"**

8263. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news item captioned "Solar energy appliances developed" appearing in Hindustan Times dated 18th March, 1981; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to popularise the appliances and start its production on commercial basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.