

नेपाल मिल द्वारा उत्पादित अखबारी कागज की लागत

5074. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पाण्डेय : क्या उद्योग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नेपाल कागज कारखाने द्वारा उत्पादित अखबारी कागज की कीमत आयातित अखबारी कागज से अधिक है ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार ने इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(ग) क्या आयातित अखबारी कागज की कीमत कम होने के कारण नेपाल कागज कारखाने द्वारा उत्पादित अखबारी कागज की उठान कम है और मिल को हानि हो रही है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडिस) :

(क) जी, नहीं । आयातित अखबारी कागज की अपेक्षा नेपाल के अखबारी कागज की कीमत कम है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) नेपाल का अखबारी कागज नियमित रूप से उठाया जा रहा है । मिल में वर्ष 1975-77 में कोई हानियाँ नहीं हुई हैं ।

Participation of Ministry of Industry in the decision of Foreign Investment Board

5075. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain immediate changes are being contemplated with regard to participation of Ministry of Industry in the decision of Foreign Investment Board;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there are complaints against the Foreign Investment Board of helping the foreign and monopoly industrial companies by giving undue industrial concession in India;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such complaints have been received.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Broadcast of "Spotlight" and the "Parliament Today" Programmes from all Stations of A.I.R.

5076. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Spotlight" and the "Parliament Today" in the All India Radio are broadcast from all the stations of All India Radio;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to put these programmes on the AIR by all the stations of All India Radio?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). The programmes "Spotlight" and "Today in Parliament" are broadcast by All India Radio in English. It is not compulsory for all the stations of All India Radio to relay these programmes. Those stations which are located in non-Hindi speaking areas mostly relay these two programmes.

There are corresponding programmes broadcast by All India Radio in Hindi which are titled "Samayiki"

and "Sansad Sameeksha" respectively. These programmes are relayed by stations located in Hindi speaking areas.

The position is that 38 stations relay the programme "Spotlight" regularly and 23 stations relay it occasionally or put out off-broadcasting recordings. As regards the programme "Today in Parliament", 36 stations relay it regularly and one station relays it occasionally. Thirty four stations relay the programme "Sansad Sameeksha" instead of "Today in Parliament."

Payment of Royalty by B.C.C.L. to West Bengal

5077. SHRI JOYTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government are requesting the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. for immediate payment of royalty due to them;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) action taken on the same?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A sum of about Rs. 31 lakhs is due to be paid as royalty to the Government of West Bengal by Bharat Coking Coal Limited. As against this amount, the Durgapur Projects Limited—an undertaking of the Government of West Bengal—owes a sum of about Rs. 350 lakhs to Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., on account of coal supplied to them. Negotiations for adjustment of these dues between the State Government and the Companies are going on. Pending conclusion of the formal agreement with the State Government, royalty payment by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., has been kept in abeyance.

Foreigners staying in Srimayapur math Nabadwip, West Bengal

5078. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Charles Edwards and several other foreigners staying in Srimayapur math, Nabadwip, West Bengal had been granted visas to continue their stay in the country; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that they are involved in anti-national and anti-people activities and also creating law and order problems for the local State Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) Some foreigners, including one Mr. Charles Edward Bacis belonging to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, are residing in Srimayapur math, Nabadwip, West Bengal.

(b) A report has been received of a clash on the 8th July, 1977 between some members of the local population and some residents of the math. Two counter cases have been registered by the police. In one case, eleven persons including six foreigners belonging to the math were arrested, while in other five locals have been arrested. The matter is under investigation by the C.I.D., West Bengal.

Increase in the age-limit for the ranks of Brigadier and above

5079. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether age-limit for the ranks of Brigadier and above alongwith the corresponding ranks in other two wings of the armed forces was caused to be enhanced during Emergency resulting in general resentment detrimental to the morale of armed forces as a whole; and