

### Setting up of a Paper Mill in Tripura

617. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of letters of intent that have been issued to different States of North Eastern States for setting up of paper mills so far;

(b) the reasons for rejecting the proposal of Tripura State Government

to set up a paper mill in Tripura; and

(c) whether Government will consider to provide financial assistance to set up the paper mill as proposed by Tripura State Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :  
(a) The following units are licensed to manufacture paper and paper board in the North Eastern States:

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Location
1.	M/s. Ashok Paper Mills	Jogighopa, Assam
2.	M/s. Hindustan Paper Corporation	Jagi Road, Assam
3.	-do-	Panchgram, Assam
4.	M/s. Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co.	Tuli, Nagaland.

The following letters of intent have also been issued for the setting up of paper mills :

S. No.	Name of party	Location
1.	Shri Sanjay Budhia	West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.
2.	Shri J.C. Goel	Bandardeva, Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Shri J.N. Bawri	Kashi Hills, Meghalaya.

(b) and (c) The Government of Tripura have proposed the setting up of a paper/pulp mill based on the bamboo resources of the State. It is however, necessary that adequate infrastructural facilities are developed to support a major project like a paper mill. As the existing infrastructure is inadequate, there is no proposal to take up the project in the current plan.

### B.I.C.P. Report on Tyre & Tube Prices

618. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED

PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased state :

(a) whether there is a general complaint that the prices of tyres and tubes are increasing day by day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) to make an indepth study to determine the reasons for price increase on tyres and tubes;

(c) if so, whether BICP has submitted its report; and