

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PAPER INDUSTRY .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether the demand of papers/notebooks has increased manifold;
 - (b) If so, the manner by which the Industry is likely to meet this demand;
 - (c) Whether the Paper Industry will be able to provide additional skilled/ unskilled jobs to labourers; and
 - (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRIASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The demand and supply of paper and paper board during the last three years is as under:-

(UNIT: Million Tons)

Year	Demand	Supply
2002-03	5.256	5.475
2003-04	5.567	5.791
2004-05	5.718	5.988

(Source: CMIE)

(c) & (d): Several paper companies are initiating modernization and capacity expansion plans. These initiatives are expected to create additional capacity by approximately 2 million tons in the next five years. It is expected that this should provide additional skilled / unskilled jobs for labourers.