

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:143  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005  
PAPER MILLS  
Bhargav Shri Girdhari Lal

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) the total number of paper mills in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of mills operating and those lying closed out of the above, State-wise; and
- (c) the quantity of paper produced in these mills during each of the last three years, mill-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGO VAN)

(a)&(b):Paper Industry which includes Pulp, Paper and Paper Board and Newsprint is a de-licensed one. The data regarding the number of paper mills in the country is not centrally maintained. However, there are about 667 paper mills in the country out of which 96 mills are either sick or closed. Statement on State-wise number of mills set up and number of sick/closed mills are given in Annexure.

(c): The Government do not maintain mill-wise production data. However, production of paper and paper board and newsprint during the last 3 years is given below:

Production (lakh Tonnes)

Year	Paper & Paper Board	Newsprint
2001-02	49.50	6.20
2002-03	52.39	6.27
2003-04	55.57	6.84

Source: CMIE

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 143 FOR ANSWER ON 1.3.2005

Name of the state Number of Paper Mills No. of Paper Mills closed /sick

Andhra Pradesh	38	3
Assam	03	1
Bihar	04	1
Chhattisgarh	10	-
Gujarat	121	24

Himachal Pradesh	09	2	
Haryana	17	6	
Jammu & Kashmir	01	-	
Jharkhand	02	-	
Kerala	13	2	
Karnataka	21	3	
Maharashtra		112	13
Madhya Pradesh	26	3	
Nagaland	01	1	
Orissa	07	1	
Punjab	74	9	
Rajasthan	08	1	
Tamil Nadu	48	5	
Uttaranchal	12	-	
Uttar Pradesh		115	15
West Bengal	25	6	
Total	667		96