

No. 3960 re : *Supply of  
Newsprint to Daily Newspapers*

Bengal during the current agricultural year 1985-86 have not yet become due. However the area under jute cultivation this year is currently assessed to be higher than that of last year, which was estimated at 5.35 lakh hectares.

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STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY  
TO USQ NO. 3960 Dt. 22.4.85 RE :  
SUPPLY OF NEWSPRINT TO  
DAILY NEWSPAPERS

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : In reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 3960 by Shri M.V. Chandrashekara Murthy, I had, inadvertently, mentioned in Annexure—I that the number of daily newspapers from Maharashtra which were allocated newsprint during 1984-85 is 108 (One hundred eight).

2. This information is not correct. As the newspapers mentioned at Sl. Nos. 97 to 108 were not allocated newsprint during 1984-85 their names may be deemed to have been deleted from the said Annexure—I.

3. This statement could not be laid on the table of the House earlier as the mistake came to my notice only recently.

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12.00 hrs.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU (Madras South) : Sir, I have given a notice on Sri Lanka issue. Five hundred Tamils were killed...

MR. SPEAKER : One minute. Your motion was very late; but in spite of that...

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU : But, Sir, the Government should...

MR. SPEAKER : That is what I am trying to do.

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU : In spite of the cease, fire, 500 people including women and children have been shot dead.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Listen to me.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Will you listen to me? In spite of the fact that your motion was late and it was not in proper order, I have asked the Minister to get me the facts. Then I will consider what to do about it.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichethip layam) : Let the Government file a Statement. Even today also...

MR. SPEAKER : Let me get the facts. I have talked to the Minister and he is getting some facts. Then I will let you know.

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU : Five hundred people, including children, are daily butchered.

MR. SPEAKER : Apart from what you are saying, I myself on my own have asked the Minister to go into this and let me have facts.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Let him file the statement today itself.

MR. SPEAKER : If he has not got the facts, he has to get the facts. If there are any facts, he will let you know. Sit down.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : We will see it later on. There is no time.

(*Interruptions*)