

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, the 6th August, 1962/Sra-
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Mr. Speaker: Members wishing to make and subscribe the oath or affirmation may do so now.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): With your permission, Sir, I have great pleasure in introducing to you, and through you to the House, Dr. Antonio Colaco and Dr. Pundalik D. Gaitonde, who have been nominated by the President to represent Goa, Daman and Diu in this House.

Dr. Antonio Colaco (Nominated—Goa, Daman and Diu).

Dr. Pundalik D. Gaitonde (Nominated—Goa, Daman and Diu).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Export Promotion Council for Papers

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Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up an Export

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Promotion Council for the export of various types of papers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Federation of Paper Trade has been asked to assess the requirements of the neighbouring countries for various qualities of papers;

(c) if so, whether assessment has been made; and

(d) what kind of papers are required by them?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A suggestion is under consideration to set up an Export Promotion Panel for Paper and Paper Products.

(d) The main items of Paper required by the neighbouring countries are cigarette paper, common wrapping and packing paper, and printing and writing papers in rolls and sheets other than newsprint.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know the names of the countries that usually consume such papers?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I have said, they are the neighbouring countries. Some paper has gone to Germany, but most of it has gone to South-East Asia and Africa.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know the present production of such papers, and whether that is sufficient to meet the demand of this country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The production is 4,25,000 tons. What is being exported is hardly about 10 thousand tons.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the hand-made paper that has been produced by the Khadi Commis-