

of our economy and in the light of that, if the question of priorities is not settled as early as possible, in that case, the whole economy is likely to be upset and the direction will be wrong. In view of this, will you try to cut short the period and expedite the framing of the Sixth Plan rather than waiting for one more year or so?

MR. SPEAKER: He said that he is waiting for only six months.

SHRI N. D. TIWARI: We will try to expedite the formulation of the Plan.

श्री प्रताप भानु शर्मा माननीय अध्यक्ष जी, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी इस बात को बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में देश की बढ़ती हुई बेरोज़गार नौजवान सदस्यों की संख्या को दृष्टि में रखकर तथा उम्र समस्या को हल करने के लिये क्या कोई विशेष प्रारूप तैयार किया गया है? यदि तैयार किया गया है तो उसका विवरण देने की कृपा करें?

श्री नारायण दत्त त्रिदहरी श्रीमन्, मैं विद्वान सदस्य को आश्वस्त करना चाहता हूँ कि बेरोज़गारी के प्रश्न पर योजना में आवश्यक प्रार्थनाकता अवश्य दी जायगी। मैंने स्वयं प्लानिंग कमीशन में अपने साथी सदस्यों से कहा है कि इसके लिये विशेष वर्किंग ग्रुप बनाया जाये। वर्किंग ग्रुप निर्मित किया जा रहा है जो विभिन्न बेरोज़गारी को दूर करने की योजनाओं को समन्वित करेगा।

Shortage of Newsprint

*45. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of newsprint in the country;

(b) the total installed capacity and the percentage of utilisation at present; and

(c) measures taken to ease the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHANNA CHARANJIT): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Although certain communications have been received from some newspapers referring to difficulties in getting newsprint, there is no general shortage of newsprint in the country as adequate quantity of newsprint is being imported to supplement the domestic production.

(b) The installed capacity of National Newsprint & Paper Mills, which is the only unit producing newsprint in the country is 67,500 tonnes. However, due to imbalance between the pulping and paper manufacturing capacity, operational problems and shortage of power, the capacity utilization over the last few years has been about 70-75 per cent.

(c) In order to meet the gap between domestic production and demand, adequate quantity of newsprint is being imported. Government have issued the following letters of intent for setting up various newsprint projects in the country:-

	Capacity
1. M/s. Century Pulp	20,000 tonnes/year
2. Shri B. D. Somani	50,000 tonnes/year
3. M/s. Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited	83,000 tonnes/year

Apart from the above M/s. Hindustan Paper Corporation are setting up a newsprint project with a capacity of 80,000 tonnes per annum in Kerala State which is likely to go into production in 1981-82.

M/s. Mysore Paper Mills, Bhadravati are putting up a newsprint project for a capacity of 75,000 tonnes per

annum in Karnataka which is likely to go into production in 1982-83. The National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Nepeanagar which is the only unit producing newsprint at present, is undertaking a balancing cum-renovation scheme for achieving a capacity of 75,000 tonnes per annum.

*SHRI V. S. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I congratulate the Minister for giving a satisfactory reply to my question. He has in his statement referred to the difficulties being experienced by newspapers from time to time due to newsprint shortage. Actually, it is the small newspapers which are affected by shortage of newsprint. Therefore, I would ask the hon Minister as to what is the total requirement of newsprint in the country to-day and how much is going to be imported.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The hon. member has put a question No. 1 as to the demand of newsprint and the second one is about production and the gap.

I would like to draw the attention of the hon Member that with regard to the gap between the demand and production—that is the main thing concerning which he asked; what are you doing with regard to the gap between demand and production, We are filling in the demand of newsprint required in the country by import of newsprint. We are continuing the imports of newsprint and are meeting the requirements of small, medium and large newspapers both from indigenous as well as from the imported newsprint.

*SHRI V. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Sir will the Government consider a proposal to set up small newsprint units in areas like Palghat in Kerala where the required raw material is available so that shortage of newsprint that is experienced from time to time is effectively met and thus the

need for import which involves valuable foreign exchange is obviated?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: Sir, the hon. Member suggested that the newsprint shortage should be met by setting up a newsprint plant with special reference to a plant in Kerala. The hon. Member would be glad to know that we are already on the process of setting up a plant. We are promoting a newsprint project in Kerala according to the availability of raw materials. The reply to the question is already there.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mallanna.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: Sir, it is mentioned in the statement regarding Mysore Paper Mills at Bhadravati that its capacity is 75,000 tonnes. Its completion would be in 1982-1983. May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the work regarding completion of Mysore Paper Mills Project is going very slowly? If so, I want to know what are the reasons for it and at what stage is it now?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: Well, the hon. Member has drawn my attention to the speed at which Mysore Paper Mills Project is going on. The problems for setting up of a project are there.

As far as Kerala Newsprint is concerned, he has drawn attention to the stoppage of the project because of a strike by the building workers. As far as Mysore Paper Mills are concerned, the promoters have not drawn attention to this. The hon. Member has drawn attention to the stoppage of the work. We will go into that.

*Original question put in Malayalam.

श्री चन्द्र पाल शंलामी : क्या सरकार की जानकारी में यह है कि अधिकांश समाचारपत्र अपने सही सरकुलेशन से ज्यादा सरकुलेशन दिखा कर कागज का ज्यादा कोटा ले लेते हैं और फिर उस कागज को प्राप्त कर के ब्लैक में बेचते हैं ? यदि यह बात सरकार की जानकारी में है, तो सरकार ने अब तक कितने प्रखारवालों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही की है और अगर नहीं की है, तो उस के क्या कारण हैं ?

श्री चरण जीत चानना : जहाँ तक न्यूजप्रीन्ट्स के डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन की बात है, उस को मिनिस्ट्री आफ इनफोरमेशन एण्ड प्रोडक्शंस देखता है। इसलिए यह प्रश्न हमारी मिनिस्ट्री से सम्बन्धित नहीं है।

MR. SPEAKER: You put a new question. That is all Shri Jethmalai.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: One of the ways of meeting the shortage of newsprint is to prosecute the non-existent or bogus newspapers for misuse of their quota by selling that in black market. Will the Minister assure us that no such prosecutions will be withdrawn?

MR. SPEAKER: You put a new question. This is a repetition of the same question. Next question

Violence in States on Foreigner Issue

*47. SHRI K. PRADHANI:

SHRI NGANGOM MOHENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in which there had been violence on the issue of "Go Back Foreigners";

(b) how far Government have succeeded in solving this critical issue; and

(c) whether some political parties have also extended their co-operation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA (a) to (c): Agitation on "foreigners issue" has been attended by violence in Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya in varying degrees. In Tripura also there were clashes between tribals and non-tribals recently and one of the issues is that of 'foreigners. While adequate steps have been taken to curb violence and to restore normalcy, efforts are also on to find a solution acceptable to all concerned. Two meetings have been held by the Prime Minister with the leaders of opposition parties. All those attending the two meetings issued unanimous appeals to the agitators to call off the agitation.

SHRI K. PRADHANI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Minister in his reply has stated towards the last part of his reply that two meetings have been held by the Prime Minister with the Leaders of the Opposition parties. I would like to know from him if the leaders of the RSS attended these meetings held by the Prime Minister. If so, what was the reaction of these people?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: RSS leaders did not attend. But BJP attended the meeting.

SHRI K. PRADHANI: I would like to know whether there is any evidence to prove that some foreign hand is there in these agitations?

MR. SPEAKER: It was explained yesterday.

SHRI NGANGOM MOHENDRA: Will the Minister be pleased to state the names of the States in which there has been violence on the issue of "Go Back Foreigners", how far Government have succeeded in solving this critical issue; and whether some political parties have also extended their cooperation in this regard? What specific action by specific States has been taken?