

they were having sore throats etc. Therefore, I would like to know from the or not—I do not know. — it is his Ministry that has to look into if it is his Ministry that has to look into the safety matter—they adopt further sophisticated measures how they are going to monitor the implementation of the safety measures.

SHRI VASANT SATHE; Sir, Government is keenly aware of the problem of chemical hazards and every precautionary measure, using all the latest technological facilities, will be taken to ensure that there is full safety for such hazards.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Next question. Question No. 284. Absent. Question No. 285. Absent. Question No. 286.

*284.. [The questioner (Shri Parvath. neni Vpendra) was absent. For answer, vide Col. 40 ...infra]

*285. [The questioners (Shri L. Ganesan and Shri V. Gopalmm) were absent. For answer, vide col. 40-41 infra].

.Production by paper mills

*286. R. MOHD. HASHIM

KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the number of paper mills set up both under the private and the public sectors, Statewise, till June, 1985; and

(b) the production of paper during the last two years in both the sectors of paper mills, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the ITMIS (see below),

(b) The total production of paper and paper-board during 1983, 1984 and 1985 (upto June, 1985) is as follows:—

	(in lakh tonnes)		
	Central Public Sector	Others	Total
(1) 1983	0.11	11.86	11.97
(2) 1984	0.09	13.62	13.71
(3) 1985 (Jan-June)	0.05	7.08	7.13

Statement

State-wise number of units for manufacture of paper and paper-board set up till June, 1985

Name of the State	Central Public Sector	Others	Total
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	15	15
2. Assam	2	2
3. Bihar	6	6

1	2	3	4
4. Chandigaah	..	1	1
5. Gujarat	..	38	38
6. Haryana	..	15	15
7. Himachal Pradesh	..	9	9
8. Karnataka	1	12	13
9. Kerala	..	2	2
10. Madhya Pradesh	..	11	11
11. Maharashtra	..	35	35
12. Nagaland	1	..	1
13. Orissa	..	5	5
14. Pondicherry	..	1	1
15. Punjab	..	15	15
16. Rajasthan	..	7	7
17. Tamil Nadu	..	14	14
18. Uttar Pradesh	..	44	44
19. West Bengal	..	18	18
TOTAL	2	250	252

DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI :
Has there been any increase or decrease in the production of paper?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The figures are there.

SHRI VASANT SATHE; I have given the figures.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have gone through the statement submitted before the House by the hon. Minister. There are 252 private and public sector paper units in the country. In spite of that we are not in a stable manner. What steps has in a position to keep the price of paper the Government taken to keep the price line of paper stable and reasonable?

SHRI VASANT SATHE; Sir, the best thing to keep any price under control is to produce more and that is why we fasrve

licensed so much capacity. The total capacity that is installed in large and small units is 23,49,590 tonnes. The demand varie, round about 11 to 12 lakh tonnes and there has been an increase, actually, in 1983 from 1.1.98, that is, approximately 12 lakh tonnes to i, adequate production of this article, and 13.71 lakh tonnes. Therefore, there price is normally determined by the demand and supply position.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Sir, would the Minister kindly let m know whether the price of paper in the world has also risen or it i, specially in India that the prices are going up?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, I am not aware of the world price. I will need notice for this. If my hon. friend wants to know, I will try to get the information and give it to him.