

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

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, the 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 Upendra) was absent. For answer,
vide Col. 40 ...infra]

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

..Production by paper mills

*286. R. MOHD. HASHIM KID-
WAI: 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 state-
ment is laid on the Table of the House
(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. Chandigarh	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 have

licensed so much capacity. The total capacity that is installed in large and small units is 23,49,590 tonnes. The demand varies 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 13.71 lakh tonnes. Therefore, there is adequate production of this article, and price is normally determined by the demand and supply position.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Sir, would the Minister kindly let us know whether the price of paper in the world has also risen or it is 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.