

**Use of bad quality gum in the India Security Press, Nasik Road**

163. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the suppliers of gum that is being used in the India Security Press, Nasik Road for envelopes, stamps, etc;

(b) what are the terms and duration of the contract of the suppliers of gum; and

(c) whether Government are aware that of late very bad quality of gum is being used causing inconvenience to the public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c) Messrs Corn Products, Bombay are the suppliers of liquid adhesive for flap gumming of envelopes, Inland Letters, Cards and Registration Envelopes. Two hundred metric tonnes of Liquid Adhesive being procured through DGS&D is being delivered effective from 15th November, 1983 at the rate of twenty metric tonnes per month. The supply is inspected by the Director of Inspection, DGS&D, Bombay.

Gumming of base paper for stamp is reserved for small scale sector. At time, complaints about insufficient adhesiveness are received and the Contractor is immediately advised to improve the performance.

**Supply of Currency Note Paper to Currency Note Press, Nasik Road**

164. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the suppliers of currency note paper to Currency Note Press, Nasik Road;

(b) what are the designations of the persons entrusted to examine and approve the quality of the currency note paper;

(c) what are the terms and duration of the contract for the supply of the currency note paper; and

(d) whether Government are aware that of late bad quality of currency note paper is being used causing inconvenience to the public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The bulk of requirements of Currency Note Printing Presses (Nasik and Dewas) for currency note paper are met by supplies from the Security Paper Mill, Hoshingabad which is Government's own industrial unit. The shortfall in supplies is covered by imports which, in recent years, have been from M/s. PORTALS of U.K.

(b) The currency note paper manufactured at the Hoshingabad Mill is examined and checked at various stages of processing by workmen in the industrial cadre (called Charge-hand, Checkers etc. with various skills) and shop-floor supervisory staff in the Control organisation (called Assistant Inspector Control and Inspector Control). The processing and control divisions are under a Chief Control Officer. In the case of imported paper, received previously, the inspection before despatch was carried out by the Inspectors appointed by the Supply Wing of the High Commission of India, London.

(c) An order has recently been placed on M/s. PORTALS of U.K. for supply of 1750 tonnes of currency note paper for the Nasik and Dewas Presses during the current financial year at the rate of approximately 200 tonnes per month.

(d) Sometimes complaints are received from the Currency Note Printing Presses about the defects observed by them in the supplies made to them by Hoshingabad Mill which does increase the wastage in the printing process. Remedial measures are taken to prevent the recurrence of such defects.