

names and the number of personnel who participated in the discussion are given in the printed brochure, copies of which are available in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Library. The conference was organised by European Management Forum to acquaint foreign delegates with Indian priorities and policies. The delegates were able to obtain a first-hand idea of India's industrial development strategy.

LPG Cylinders

499. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that LPG Cylinder manufacturing programme, which Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited undertook, is going to close down due to import of LPG Cylinders by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what steps Government took to prevent the closure of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Paper

500. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious shortage of paper for children's books etc. and that we are importing paper to cover such shortage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some fancy packaging projects have come up in the country for the affluent who use a lot

of imported paper for items of daily needs;

(c) whether the late Prime Minister had twice turned down Tetrapak & Toilet paper projects as these catered solely to the affluent; and

(d) when these projects were started and what is the annual production/consumption of paper by these projects for the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Although representations have been received from the printing industry regarding high prices of printing paper, there is no shortage of paper in the country.

(b) Since imported paper attracts high customs duty, the possibility of substantial use of this paper for daily needs is very limited.

(c) Although initially Government did not favour Tetrapak scheme for various reasons, the scheme was reconsidered on the basis of the Report of the National Commission on Agriculture (Act, 1976) and the Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings (April, 1976) and approved in July, 1979, as part of the Operation Flood II after obtaining necessary clearances from the concerned Ministries/Departments.

(d) The project for manufacture of laminated paper for packing of sterilised milk in the Tetrapack dairies set up near Baroda by the Indian Dairy Corporation with an annual capacity of 7650 tonnes went into production on 1983. The full utilisation of the plant is expected to be achieved in the 4th year of production, when the consumption of paper is expected to reach about 6,100 tonnes.