

Germany and other countries were visiting Jhargram in district Midnapur, West Bengal to organise the tribals to aid and propagate the movement for a separate Jharkhand state;

(b) whether it is also a fact that number of voluntary organisations and institutions financed by foreign countries are working in Jhargram sub-division without permission and information of the district authorities; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of these organisations were functioning with the knowledge of the district authorities. There were, however, a few instances when foreigners had visited the area without informing the district authorities.

(c) The Government of West Bengal have asked all such organisations not to take up any new programme in the tribal belt of Midnapur, Purulia and Bankura districts. They were also advised to keep themselves in readiness to completely withdraw from these areas as soon as the State Government had made arrangements for taking over the institutions set up by them.

Paper mills in the country

*347. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: :
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will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of paper Mills in India ;

(b) what is the total production per year of news print and other kinds of paper ; and

(c) what is the quantity imported every year and the amount of foreign exchange involved in importing different types of paper and the newsprint?

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

Statement

(a) There were 121 units manufacturing paper and paper board and one newsprint mill in the country as on 1st January, 1980.

(b) The total production of paper and paper board and newsprint during the year 1979-80 was as follows:

	Tonnes
Paper and Paper Board	10,47,432
Newsprint	47,441

(c) The quantity of paper and newsprint imported during the years 1978-79 and 1979-80, and the foreign exchange involved are indicated below:—

Year	Paper & Paper Board and allied items		Newsprint	
	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1978-79	25,626	24.48	2,33,000	79.22
1979-80*	67,120	37.52	3,12,890	112.60

*The figures of import of paper relate to imports of writing & printing paper made by State Trading Corporation of India. Authentic figures of import of paper and paper board by others have not yet been compiled by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics. However, such imports are approximately of the order of 14—15,000 tonnes, valued about Rs. 17-18 crores per annum.