

(b) Due to the distribution of concessional white printing paper for printing of text books, the price of books so printed is comparatively low. However, as the supply of concessional paper is limited, full requirements of private publishers are not fully met, and some university level books and reference books have become costlier due to these having to use other varieties of paper.

(c) As most of the paper mills obtained stay orders with regard to the price of Rs. 3,785/- per tonne stipulated in the Price (Control) Order, 1979 for creamwave/laid paper, the said price become inoperative. The Order was however in force, particularly with regard to the stipulation of a statutory price for white printing paper. The prices of varieties of paper (other than concessional white printing paper) were showing an upward trend in the year 1979-80, due to increase in input costs, coupled with loss of production due to power cuts, shortage of coal etc. However, the market prices have stabilised in the recent past and are even showing a downward trend at present.

(d) Apart from encouraging domestic production, Government have arranged for supply of imported paper, through the marketing network of the Hindustan Paper Corporation, to cater to the requirements of printers and publishers.

Defence Projects in the Country

2037. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a top-priority defence project to indigenously develop infra-red detectors for missiles has fallen victim to a conspiracy and has been deliberately thwarted;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that the scientists could

work freely on the project and the technology for developing the detectors, which is the monopoly of only big powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As already stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 983 dated 27-11-1980, the work on the development of Infra-red detectors is being continued on a larger scale.

कलकत्ता: की पौद्दार कम्पनी का अमरीका की कम्पनी के साथ सहयोग का प्रारंभ

2038. श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही : क्या उद्योग मंत्री 7 अगस्त, 1980 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 945 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय कम्पनी को अमरीका के "जिलेट" कम्पनी के साथ सहयोग करने की अनुमति दे दी है ; और

(ख) इस सहयोग से देसी ब्लेड बनाने वाले उद्योग के हितों पर किस प्रकार प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की सम्भावना है ?

† [Collaboration agreement of Poddar Company at Calcutta with Company of America

2038. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to U.Q. No. 945 given in the Rajya Sabha on August 7, 1980 and to state:

(a) whether Government have since permitted the Indian Company to enter into collaboration with 'Gillette' company of America; and

† [] English translation.