

Existing Paper mills in the country during 1980

| Name of the State | No. of Units |
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| Andhra Pradesh | 8 |
| Assam | 2 |
| Bihar | 3 |
| Gujarat | 19 |
| Haryana | 10 |
| Karnataka | 7 |
| Kerala | 3 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 5 |
| Maharashtra | 24 |
| Orissa | 2 |
| Punjab | 1 |
| Tamil Nadu | 4 |
| U.P. | 17 |
| Union Territory (Chandigarh & Pondicherry) | 2 |
| W. Bengal | 14 |
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Establishment of agro-based, oil-based and gas-based industries in Assam

2606. SHRI SYED ABDUL MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for establishing agro-based, oil-based and gas-based industries in the North Eastern Region particularly in Assam; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b) Details of projects for establishing agro-based, oil-based and gas-based industrial units in the North Eastern Region presently under implementation or under consideration in the Central and State sectors are given in the attached statements I and II.

Statement I*Central Projects under implementation in the North Eastern Region*

| | Cost of the project (Rs. crores) Latest estimates | Expected Commissioning |
|--|---|---|
| 1. Assam | | |
| (i) Nowgong Pulp and Paper Project (Hindustan Paper Corporation) | 216.58 | 1982-83 |
| (ii) Cachar Pulp and Paper Project (Hindustan Paper Corporation) | 217.00 | 1982-83 |
| (iii) Namrup III Fertilizer Project (Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation) | 200.00 | November, 1983 |
| (iv) Bongaigaon Refinery and Petro-Chemicals Ltd. | | |
| (a) Refinery unit | 87.85 | Crude distillation unit has been Commissioned |
| (b) Petro-chemicals unit | 190.68 | July, 1985. |

| | Cost of the project (Rs. crores) Latest Estimates | Expected Commis- sioning |
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1. Nagaland

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| Nagaland Pulp and Paper Project (Hindustan Paper Corporation) | 80.53 | March, 1981 |
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Statement II

Projects included in the Plans of the States/Union Territories in the North Eastern Region

A. Large and Medium Scale Industrial Projects included in the States/Union Territories Plans in the North Eastern Region.

1. Assam

Assam Gas Company

The Project is for laying of pipelines to supply gas to Namrup Thermal Power Station and Namrup III Fertiliser Project and is under implementation.

Projects proposed to be implemented through the Assam Industrial Development Corporation

- (i) Methanol Expansion Project of APL
- (ii) Spinning Mills
- (iii) Handloom & Powerloom Weaving Complex.
- (iv) Textile Processing unit
- (v) Rayon Grade pulp and viscose
- (vi) Fibre project.
- (vii) Durg Formulation Unit.
- (viii) Leather Project.
- (ix) Phthalic Anhydride Project.
- (x) Jute Mill
- (xi) Industrial Paper project.
- (xii) Cigarette Project.
- (xiii) Brewery Project.

All these are new projects and are still in various stages of investigation.

2. Meghalaya

Bamboo Chipping Plant

Under implementation.

3. Nagaland

- (i) Nagaland Sugar Mill (Modernisation/Rehabilitation) Under implementation.
- (ii) Plywood Factory Under implementation.
- (iii) Khandsari Mill
- (iv) Project for fibre out of wild banana. } . . . Under investigation.
- (v) Ginger dehydration project.

| | Cost of the project (Rs. crores) Latest Estimates | Expected Commis- sioning |
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| 4. Manipur | | |
| (i) Pulp and Paper Mill (Bamboo based) | } | Under preliminary investigation |
| (ii) Insulating Paper Mill (Pine based) | | |
| (iii) Starch/Glucose project | } | A DPR is to be prepared. |
| (iv) Sugar factory and distillary plant | | |
| (v) Spinning Mill | } | Under implementation. |
| (vi) Khandsari Factory | | |
| 5. Tripura | | |
| Jute mill | } | Under implementation |
| Tea Processing industry | | |
| Paper Mill | | At the preliminary stage of investigation. |
| 6. Arunachal Pradesh | | |
| Fruit & Vegetable Processing Unit | | Under investigation. |
| 7. Mizoram | | |
| Ginger oil/oleoresin project | | Under implementation. |
| Tissue Paper project | } | Preliminary stage of investigation. |
| Plywood project | | |
| B. Small Scale Industrial Projects included in the States/Union Territories Plans in the North-Eastern Region. | | |
| 1. Assam | | |
| (i) Gur & Khandsari Industry | } | Village Industries. |
| (ii) Village Oil Industry | | |
| (iii) Non-edible oil & soap Industry | | |
| (iv) Fibre industry. | | |
| (v) Cereals Processing unit. | | |
| (vi) Fruit processing & Preservation unit | | |
| (vii) Spinning Mills / Handlooms | | |
| 2. Maghalaya | | |
| Silk Reeling Unit. | | |
| 3. Nagaland | | |
| Spices Factory | | |
| Fruit Canning Unit | | |
| Cotton Ginning Unit. | | |

| Cost of the project (Rs. crore) Latest Estimates | Expected Commissioning | Commis- |
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4. Manipur

Plywood Factory
Match Factory
Hardboard Factory.

5. Tripura

Carpentry Unit.
Silk Reeling Unit

6. Arunachal Pradesh

Match Splint Factory.

7. Mizoram

Mini Sugar Plant
Straw Board/Card Board Plant.
Fruit preservation and Fruit products Unit.
Ginger Dehydration Projects.
Saw Mill-cum-Timber Seasoning /Treatment Plant.
Village oil industry.

8. North Eastern Council Plan for 1980-85 period for development of seri-culture.

Plywood Industry in Assam

2607. SHRI SYED ABDUL MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss incurred by the plywood Industry in Assam as a result of the blockade imposed by the agitators there;

(b) what is the number of industries and the number of employees effected; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government or the employers adopted to give relief to the employees suffering as a result of the closure of plywood factories in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) According to the information furnished by the Federation of Indian Plywood and Panel Industry the loss incurred by the Plywood Industry in Assam as a result of the

blockade imposed by the agitators is estimated at Rs. 7.50 crore in terms of production.

(b) The number of units manufacturing plywood in Assam is 41 and the approximate number of workers is 16,000.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Federation of Indian Plywood and Panel Industry, the plywood factories in Assam were compelled to cease production from 25th August, 1980 and the workers were paid 50 per cent of their wages for a further 45 days.

Salt for Assam

2608. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total monthly requirement of salt for Assam;

(b) whether supply and distribution of salt was previously handed by the STATFED and if so, upto when;