

(d) whether the percentage of recruitment from the minority community, is very low, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXXVI, Annexure No. 10] For the purpose of this Question, Muslims, Christians and Parsis have been taken as belonging to minority community.

(b)

Year	Posts			Total
	Gazetted	Class III	Class IV	
1970	6	31	3	40
1971	10	47	9	66
1972	6	35	45	86
TOTAL	22	113	57	192

(d) There is no separate reservation of posts for any community other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

261. [Transferred to the 20th November, 1973.]

Plan proposals by West Bengal

262. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTAM KHAPARDE:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is unable to accept the Plan Proposals, *in toto* as presented by the Government of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) The Draft Fifth Plan proposals amounting to Rs. 1514 crores submitted by the Government of West Bengal have been discussed in the Planning Commission. A final decision in regard to the size of Fifth Plans of States, including that of West Bengal, will be taken in the light of the Government of India's decisions on the Report of the Sixth Finance Commission and a re-assessment of the resources of the States to be shortly undertaken by the Planning Commission in consultation with them.

Shortage of newsprint

263. SHRI P. N. BISI:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

SHRI SHOWALESS K.

SHILLA:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT:

SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:

SHRI SUNDAR MANI
PATEL:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI CHANDRAMOULI

JAGARLAMUDI:

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G.

KULKARNI:

SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for newsprint in the country is approximately 3 lakh tonnes, whereas a bare 40,000 tonnes is indigenously produced, thus burdening the national exchequer heavily with foreign exchange expenditure; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet this national shortage in newsprint?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The present demand of newsprint in the country is about 2,30,000 tonnes against which 40,000 tonnes are produced in the country.

(b) Nepa Mills is effecting substantial expansion of their existing capacity from 30,000 tonnes to 75,000 tonnes per year. Government have already approved the following schemes for newsprint :

	Location	Capacity (tonnes/yrs.)
1. M/s. Ballarpur Straw and Paper Mills.	Himachal Pradesh.	60,000
2. M/s. Suraj Industrial Packing Limited.	Lucknow (U.P.)	60,000
3. Shetkari Sakar Karkhena.	Sangli (Maharashtra)	44,000
4. M/s. Hindustan Paper Corporation.	Kerala	80,000

Delinking of Newspapers from Industrial Houses

264. **SHRI KOTA PUNNIAH :**
SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
DR. Z. A. AHMAD :
SHRI J. S. TILAK :
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :
SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH MUSAFIR :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 1973 and state :

(a) whether any final decision to introduce legislation to delink newspapers from industrial houses has been taken ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Festival of Indian Films in Bangladesh

265. **SHRI SASNKASEKHAR SANYAL :**
SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI :
SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hold a festival of Indian films in Bangladesh, in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In response to a request from the Bangla Desh authorities, Government proposes to arrange a seven-day festival of Indian films in Dacca and other cities of Bangla Desh and host a Festival of Bangla Desh films in Calcutta and other important cities in India on dates convenient to the Bangla Desh Government.