

PHce of Kraft Paper

1352. SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARD-
WAJ: SHRI SANAT KUMAR
RAHA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that spiralling prices of Kraft Paper, has severely affected the corrugated box manufacturing industry;

(b) whether increase in price of Kraft Paper has been approved by Government under an informal agreement with the paper industry since 1968 when the price control was withdrawn by Government;

(c) if so, the circumstance in which Government approved the price rise of Kraft paper; and

(d) if not, what steps Government have taken to check the price rise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) A representation had been submitted to Government by the Federation of Box Manufacturers of India alleging that a price increase of 41% had been effected in respect of Kraft paper since 1968.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The matter has been referred to the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Paper Industry which has been set up by Government to deal with complaints from actual users about the availability and prices of paper and paper board.

Anti-price rise Riots

1353. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) number of anti-price rise riots in States under President's Rule Union Territories during last six months; and

(ii) number of persons arrested in connection with these incidents or riots?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, there have been no such riots in Manipur, Chandigarh, Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi and Arunachal Pradesh. Information from the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa and the remaining Union Territory Administrations is awaited.

Hippies in India

1354. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: SHRI
V. M. MAKWANA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been invited to the news published in 'Indian Express', Ahmedabad dated the 2nd August, 1973 regarding curbs on hippies;

(b) if so, what actions are proposed to be taken to ask these hippies who are stay-in, at present in India to quit;

(c) the number of hippies at present in India (Nationalitywise);

(d) whether it is a fact that they are indulging in anti-social activities; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that they are getting aid from their respective embassies; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.