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SHRI H. D. RAJAH: Consequent on the over-production of tyres, has price become cheaper so far as the consumer is concerned?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is what I have already said. In 1954, the price of a certain type was Rs. 5-4-0 but the current price is about Rs. 4-10 but this does not cover all varieties. There are hundreds of varieties. This is only an illustration.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF PAPER

*348. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the estimated annual production and consumption of paper in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): Production and consumption of paper and paper boards excluding newsprint during he year 1958 were about 251,000 tons and 265,000 tons respectively.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آنریبل مفستر یه بتائیں گے که اس میں کس-کس قسم کے پیپر کتابے بی رہے ھیں -

‡[मौलाना एम० फारूकी : क्या आन-रेबिल मिनिस्टर यह बतायेंगे कि इस में किस-किस किस्म के पेपर कितने बन रहे हैं ?]

श्री मनुभाई शाह : इसकी फेहरिस्त बहुत लम्बी है। वह सब मैं बता सकता हूं। इसमें व्हाइट प्रिटिंग पेपर है सवा दो लाख टन। रैपिंग पेपर हैं १५ हजार टन। इन सब को एक लम्बी फेहरिस्त है।

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : میں دوسری بات اس سلسله میں عرض کرتا هوں اور ولا هے نیوز پرنت پیپر کی - آنریبل منستز کو یه اطلاع هے که اس

وقت نیوز پرنت پیپر کی بہت زیادہ تیمت ھے - تو اس کے لئے کیا تنجویز کی جا رھی ھے -

‡[मौलाना एम० फारूकी: मैं दूसरी बात इस सिलसिले में अर्ज करता हूं वह है न्यूज प्रिट पेपर की। स्नानरेबिल मिनिस्टर को यह इत्तिला है कि इस वक्त इस न्यूज प्रिट पेपर की बहुत ज्यादा कीमत है। तो उसके लिए क्या तजवीज की जा रही है?]

श्री मनुभाई शाह: जहां तक यह सवाल है, इसमें न्यूज जिट नहीं श्राता। लेकिन फिर भी श्रानरेबिल मेम्बर ने जब यह पूछा है श्रीर वाकई यह सवाल श्रहमियत रखता है, तो मैं उनकी सूचना के लिए यह बताऊंगा कि हम नेपा में प्रोडक्शन बढ़ाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। इसके श्रलाबा २ फैक्ट्रियां न्यूज जिट की पब्लिक सेक्टर में लगाई जांय, इसकी भी तजवीज चालू है।

مولانا ایم - فاروقی: آپ کی اینول
رپورت میں یه تذکره هے که اس وقت
ایک هی نیپا مل هے اور اس میں نیوز
پونٹ بن رها هے - اب آپ ایک اور
فیکٹری بنانے والے هیں اور اس کے
سلسلہ میں آپ تسکشن کو رهے هیں تو کیا آنریبل منسٹو یه بدئیں کے
که کب تک وہ تسکشن ختم هونے کی
امید ه -

"[मौलाना एम० फारूकी: यह आपकी एन्अल रिपोर्ट में तजिकरा है कि इस वक्त एक ही नेपा मिल है और उसी में न्यूज जिट बन रहा है। अब आप एक और फिल्ट्री बनाने वाले हैं और उसके सिलसिले में आप डिस्कशन कर रहे हैं। तो क्या आनरेबिल मिनिस्टर यह बतायेंगे कि कब तक वह डिस्कशन खत्म होने की उम्मीद है?]

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श्रामनुभाइ द्याहः यह जावस्ट जमना फैक्टी के साथ हमारा डिस्कशन हो रहा है, उसमें उन्होंने जो नया प्रासेश बनाया है कि न्यज प्रिंट बगास (Bagasse) के अन्दर से बनाया जाय, उसके लिए वे टेकनिकल गारंटी देने के लिए तैयार नहीं हैं। अब हमने वैस्ट जर्मनी सरकार से कहा है श्रीर उन्होंने दो टेकनिकल आदमा दिये हैं जो इं। डेपेंडेंट इंक्वायरी करके बतायें। कि यह श्रासेस सही है या नहीं ।

SHRI B. SHIVA RAO: Has my hon. friend in his possession any statistics to indicate what proportion of the paper either produced or imported in this period is consumed by the Government, Central as well as State?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is difficult to give exact percentage but about 20 per cent, to 25 per cent, is consumed by the various Departments of the Government of India and State Governments. If, however, the hon. Member wants details, he may give separate notice and I and my colleague the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply will supply the information.

Shri T. S. AVINASHLINGAM CHETTIAR: Is it not a fact that the demand for ordinary printing and writing paper far exceeds production in India and consequently the price has risen considerably in the market?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is true practically for all consumer commodities. The Plant target, as we have envisaged, seems to have fallen short. That is why we are endeavouring to revise the targets continuously. In the case of paper, we have taken steps to see that the target set for the Second Five Year Plan is achieved. The target was about 3⁻⁵ lakh tons but we have licensed already about 4£ lakh tons. We have also taken steps to increase considerably the target for paper production. Ot course, there are some varieties of paper which definitely are in short supply. Prices of such varieties have

gone up thus causing difficulties to the consumers. We recently had a meeting with the Indian Paper Manufacturers and have come to an arrangement by which the main dealers of paper will supply paper to consumers at list prices.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know the reason why the quality of the N.E.P.A. newsprint has not appreciably improved in spite of the efforts to improve it?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The historical reasons are known to the House. It is not true that the quality has not improved. Both the production and quality have improved but not to our satisfaction. I can assure the House that we are taking all possible steps to see that the production and the quality of the paper produced by the NEPA Mill improves.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know what steps Government are taking in respect of ensuring equitable prices of paper made available to the consumer?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: I have already covered that in the elaborate answer that I have given.

*349. [The questioner (Shri Jai Narain Vyas) was absent. For answers vide cols. 1947-48 infra.]

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS TO EACH STATE FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE SECOND PLAN

- ♦350. SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount allotted to each State for the third year of the Second Five Year Plan; and
- (b) the amount spent by each State in the third year of the Second Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). A Statement showing the Plan outlay in 1958-59 in individual States is placed on the Table of the House. Figures of actual expenditure during the year are not yet available.