

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 the year 1958 were about 251,000 tons and 265,000 tons respectively.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آنریبل

منسٹر یہ بتائیں گے کہ اس میں کس-کس قسم کے پیپر کتنے بن رہے ہیں -

‡[مولانا ام۰ فاروقی : کیا آنرےبل مینسٹر یہ بتاویں گے کہ اس میں کس کس قسم کے پیپر کتنے بن رہے ہیں ؟ ]

شری منوभाई शाह : इसकी फेहरिस्त बहुत लम्बी है। वह सब मैं बता सकता हूँ। इसमें व्हाइट प्रिंटिंग पेपर है सवा दो लाख टन। रैपिंग पेपर है १५ हजार टन। इन सब को एक लम्बी फेहरिस्त है।

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : میں دوسری

بات اس سلسلہ میں عرض کرتا ہوں اور وہ ہے نیوز پرنٹ پیپر کی - آنریبل منسٹر کو یہ اطلاع ہے کہ اس

وقت نیوز پرنٹ پیپر کی بہت زیادہ قیمت ہے - تو اس کے لئے کیا تجویز کی جا رہی ہے -

‡[مولانا ام۰ فاروقی : میں دوسری بات اس سلسلے میں عرض کرتا ہوں وہ ہے نیوز پرنٹ پیپر کی۔ آنرےبل مینسٹر کو یہ عتلا ہے کہ اس وقت اس نیوز پرنٹ پیپر کی بہت زیادہ قیمت ہے۔ تو اس کے لیے کیا تہویز کی جا رہی ہے ؟ ]

श्री मनुभाई शाह : जहां तक यह सवाल है, इसमें न्यूज प्रिंट नहीं आता। लेकिन फिर भी आनरेबल मेम्बर ने जब यह पूछा है और वाकई यह सवाल अहमियत रखता है, तो मैं उनकी सूचना के लिए यह बताऊंगा कि हम नेपा में प्रोडक्शन बढ़ाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। इसके अलावा २ फैक्ट्रियां न्यूज प्रिंट की पब्लिक सेक्टर में लगाई जायें, इसकी भी तजवीज चालू है।

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : آپ کی اینفول

ریپورٹ میں یہ تذکرہ ہے کہ اس وقت ایک ہی نیپا مل ہے اور اس میں نیوز پرنٹ بن رہا ہے - اب آپ ایک اور فیکٹری بنانے والے ہیں اور اس کے سلسلہ میں آپ تسکشن کو رہے ہیں - تو کیا آنریبل منسٹر یہ بتائیں گے کہ اب تک وہ تسکشن ختم ہونے کی امید ہے -

‡[مولانا ام۰ فاروقی : یہ آپ کی انفرمیشن رپورٹ میں تذکیرا ہے کہ اس وقت ایک ہی نیپا مل ہے اور اسی میں نیوز پرنٹ بن رہا ہے۔ اب آپ ایک اور فیکٹری بنانے والے ہیں اور اس کے سلسلے میں آپ ڈسکشن کر رہے ہیں۔ تو کیا آنرےبل مینسٹر یہ بتاویں گے کہ اب تک وہ ڈسکشن ختم ہونے کی امید ہے ؟ ]

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** यह जो वेस्ट जर्मनी फैक्ट्री के साथ हमारा डिस्कशन हो रहा है, उसमें उन्होंने जो नया प्रासेस बनाया है कि न्यूज प्रिंट बगस (Bagasse) के अन्दर से बनाया जाय, उसके लिए वे टेक्निकल गारंटी देने के लिए तैयार नहीं है। अब हमने वेस्ट जर्मनी सरकार से कहा है और उन्होंने दो टेक्निकल आदर्श दिये हैं जो इंडिपेंडेंट इन्क्वायरी करके बतायेंगे कि यह प्रासेस 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. AVINASHILINGAM 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  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lakh tons. We have also taken steps to increase considerably the target for paper production. Of 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 answer, 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.