

CLOSED TEXTILE MILLS

369. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : SHRI
GULAM NABIUNTOO : SHRI
ABID ALI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be
pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills in the
country which remained closed as on May
30, 1968 ;

(b) the number of workers rendered
unemployed as a result thereof

(c) the number of spindles and looms
rendered idle ;

(d) the daily loss of production of cloth
and yarn ;

(e) the relief provided to workmen and

(f) the steps taken to secure the resumption
of work in these mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) 55.

(b) About 60,913.

(c) Spindles—12.10 lakhs.

Looms—12,476.

(d) Daily loss of production is estimated at
8.85 lakh metres of cloth and 1.92 lakh kg.
of yarn.

(e) The information is being collected and
will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) Five mills have since reopened.
Committees have been appointed to
investigate into the affairs of those mills
which were recommended for that purpose by
the State Governments. Excepting the mills
whose cases are pending in the High Courts
in connection with liquidation etc., the
question of resumption of work would be
considered in consultation with the State
Governments in the light of the
recommendations of the Committees.

PAPER INDUSTRY

370. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the
Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made a
study of the reasons due to which the Paper
Industry has not been flourishing of late and
reasons for closure of some of the paper mills

(b) if so, what action Government have
taken in this regard ; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in
negative, what are the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY
AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI
AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of all the varieties of paper
have been decontrolled.

(c) Does not arise.

**EXTENSION AFTER 55 TO NON-TECHNICAL
PERSONNEL**

371. SHRI ANANT PRASAD
SHARMA : Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Gazetted officers on
the Indian Railways, as on 31st March, 1968 ;
and

(b) whether extension is given to non-
technical personnel after the age of 55 and if
so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
C. M. POONACHA) : (a) 6,969.

(b) Does not arise as the age of super-
annuation has been raised to 58 years from
1st December, 1963.

लखी सराय रेलवे स्टेशन पर दुर्घटनाएं

372. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या
रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आये दिन पूर्व
रेलवे के लखी सराय स्टेशन पर दर्जनों
व्यक्ति रेल दुर्घटना के शिकार होकर मरते
हैं और सैकड़ों घायल होते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां तो आये दिन इन दुर्घटनाओं
के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या आये दिन इन दुर्घटनाओं से
वचने के लिये सरकार लखी सराय स्टेशन
को गया की ओर की पश्चिमी लाइन को
स्थानान्तरित करने का विचार रखती है ?