

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1361**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022)**

**IMPORT OF NEWSPRINT**

**1361. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:**

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

- (a) whether India imports 45 per cent of its newsprint from Russia;
- (b) the impact of Russian invasion of Ukraine on newsprint for India;
- (c) whether sanctions on Russian banks have also contributed to the problems for newsprint;
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to address it and alternative arrangements that have been made for supply of newsprint to print media and others in the country; and
- (e) the extent to which strike in Finland from where India also gets huge import of glossy newsprint is impacting availability of newsprint in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER  
OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS {SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR}**

(a) to (e) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has informed that as per the import trade statistics, the import of newsprint from Russia in last 3 years ranges between 34-39 per cent. The volume of share of imports in percentage terms from Russia actually exhibited a marginal increase in the year 2020-21 and 2021-22. Therefore, as compared to the total demand of newsprint in India, there does not seem to be much effect of supplies of Newsprint from Russia to India. As per the import trade statistics, the volume of Import of glossy newsprint from Finland is not significant.

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