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**Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the  
Minister of Atomic Energy, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, on the development of nuclear  
propulsion engines for ships and isotropic power generators for peaceful uses of atomic  
energy.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Administrative Ministry concerned	Present position
<i>Textile Sector</i>			
1.	M/s. Shree Hanuman Cotton Mills, Fulshwar	Foreign Trade	Report of the Investigation Committee is under consideration
2.	M/s. Luxminarayan Cotton Mills Ltd., Rishra	do.	do.
3.	M/s. Bhagyalaxmi Cotton Mills Ltd., Belgharia	do.	do.
4.	M/s. Ramporia Cotton Mills Ltd., Serampore	do.	do.
5.	M/s. Bengal Laxmi Cotton Mills Ltd., Serampore	do.	Taken over under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951
6.	M/s. Jyoti Wvg. Factory, Calcutta	do.	Report of the Investigation Committee is awaited

## INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF PAPER

969. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an increasing trend in the prices of different varieties of paper;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to normalise the price level ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) There has been no abnormal variation in the price of varieties of paper during the last 7 months, that is, since January, 1972.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

## NUCLEAR PROPULSION ENGINES FOR SHIPS AND ISOTOPIC POWER GENERATORS

970. SHRI SYED AHMAD: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the development of Nuclear propulsion engines for ships and isotopic power generators for remote areas as part of peaceful uses of Atomic Energy ; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this direction ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A project report has been prepared outlining the development work involved in nuclear propulsion for marine application. No experimental work in this connection has been taken up. Development work relating to the technology of production of radioisotopes which find application in isotopic power sources has been undertaken and further work is in progress.

## SCHEME FOR PAPER FACTORY AT DAMANPUR

971. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested a scheme to set up a Paper Factory at Damanpur in Doars of Darjeeling District of West Bengal for exploiting the vast wealth of forest resources there ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.