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MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018

Setting up of Paper Mills in North Eastern Region

5210. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established few paper mills in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that all paper mills in the North Eastern Region are not properly functioning;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for revival of these paper mills?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a) & (b): Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise is located in the North Eastern Region. The production units of HPC viz. Nagaon Paper Mill and Cachar Paper Mill are located in Jagiroad and Panchgram, Assam. One of the subsidiaries of HPC viz. Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd. is located at Tuli, Nagaland.

(c): The production units of Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd viz. Nagaon Paper Mill & Cachar Paper Mill are closed since March, 2017 and October, 2015 respectively. Operations in Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd. are also suspended since 1992

(d): The production at the units of HPC got suspended due to acute financial crunch. The downtrend in performance began in 2008-2009 alongwith the natural phenomenon of severe gregarious flowering of bamboo in North Eastern Region leading to constrained supply of bamboo raw material. The condition of mills got worse due to a blanket ban by National Green Tribunal (NGT) on mining and transportation of Coal in the State of Meghalaya w.e.f. May 2014 from where CPM and NPM had been sourcing their coal requirements for decades.

(e): A proposal for revival of Hindustan Paper Corporation is under consideration.
