

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3909  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017/3<sup>RD</sup> CHAITRA SAKA, 1939**

**Self Reliance in Printing of Currency Notes**

**3909. SHRI VEKATESH BABU T.G.:**

**QUESTION**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is importing huge quantity of paper used for printing of currency notes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for the same during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up manufacturing facilities for indigenous production of papers used for printing of currency notes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such units are likely to be set up and the estimated cost savings as a result thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FOR FINANCE  
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)**

(a) & (b): The amount spent for import of paper during the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
2013-2014	1289
2014-2015	1495
2015-2016	1016

(c) & (d): One Bank Note Paper line at Security Paper Mill (SPM), Hoshangabad under the aegis of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) and two lines at Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited (BNPMIPL), a joint venture Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) and SPMCIL, are operational and supplying paper for banknote printing.

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