

enterprises during the last financial year is Rs. 3038 crores. The amount was meant for raising resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Scheme of Public Engineering In
Uttar Pradesh**

8496. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Public Health Engineering Department of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far by the Government on the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Utilisation of Bagasse of Paper
Production**

8497. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies were made regarding utilisation of bagasse to produce bio-gas which can be utilised as feed stock into the boilers in sugar factories, after which the fibre inslude can be further utilised for production of paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to encourage utilisation of bagasse in paper manufacturing to reduce cutting of trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The Government is not aware whether any studies have been made in this respect.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have taken following steps to encourage the use of bagasse in paper making:—

- (i) manufacture of writing and printing paper and uncoated kraft paper containing not less than 75% by weight up pulp made from bagasse is exempted from excise duty.
- (ii) paper units, based on use of minimum 75% pulp from bagasse have been exempted from Industrial Licensing provisions.

[*Translation*]

Land Acquired by Coal Companies

8498. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land acquired in Bihar, particularly in Chhotanagpur and Santhal Pargana, by the Central Coalfields Ltd., Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., Eastern Coalfields Ltd. for their projects during the last three years:

(b) the total number of persons displaced by these units during the above period;