

कागज में प्रसिद्धि बचन में काफी घटता होता है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस बारे में क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं।

**उद्योग और नागरिक वृत्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० पी० मौर्य):** (क) और (ख) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अखबारी कागज शकुआरी (कोनिफेरस) की लकड़ी की लम्बे रेशों में तैयार किया जाता है, जो नेपा मिल्स द्वारा देश में उपलब्ध सलाई और बाम से तैयार किए गए अखबारी कागज की मुलना में अधिक मजबूत होता है। इस प्रकार नेपा अखबारी कागज की शीट का भार अधिक होता है किन्तु नेपा मिल्स इस बात का सुनिश्चय करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक अभ्युपाय कर रही है कि मजबूती में किसी प्रकार की कमी किए बिना इसका भार ०६ जी० एम० एम० से अधिक न होने पाए।

**Increase in prices of Essential Commodities during Emergency**

954 SHRI C K CHANDRAPAN

SHRI S A MURUGANAN-  
THAM.

SHRI S M BANERJEE

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state-

(a) whether the prices of sugar, vegetables, pulses, and oils have increased since emergency; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A C. GEORGE). (a) and (b) The prices of

sugar, pulses and oils have not increased since Emergency in fact there has been appreciable fall particularly in respect of pulses and edible oils. Amongst vegetables the prices of potatoes have generally fallen. It is primarily onions which recorded an increase in prices since Emergency. The reason was a partial failure of the crop in the major producing States viz, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. In the recent weeks even onions have shown a tendency towards decline in prices.

**Utilisation of Sludge Gas for cooking purposes**

955 SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE

SHRI DINEN BHATTA-  
CHARYYA.

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that the Sludge Gas can be utilised for cooking purposes, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to utilize it for mass consumption?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K C PANT) (1) Yes Sir

(b) A Project Report for utilisation of Sewage Gas from Okhla Sewage Works in Delhi has been prepared by the Central Electricity Authority. The Bombay Corporation which is supplying sewage gas to a small number of consumers is also reported to be considering the possibilities of extending the use of sewage gas for domestic consumption.

**Remission in Imprisonment of Women Convicts**

956 SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether some special remission in imprisonment for women convicts in the country has been ordered to mark the International Women's Year?