

(b) The villages electrified in the last three years in Bihar with the

funds provided by Rural Electrification Corporation are as follows:

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)	Villages electrified
1984-85	1788	611 Nos.
1985-86	2516	2117 Nos.
1986-87	4117 (Tentative)	3200 Nos. (Prov).

(c) The targets fixed by the Planning Commission during the Sixth & Seventh Plans were to electrify 16550 and 16000 villages respectively.

(d) During the Sixth Plan period, against a target of 16550 villages, 13952 villages were electrified. The reasons for the shortfall in the achievement of targets are inadequate power supply and shortage of certain construction materials and inadequate sub-transmission system.

Forest based paper industry

*80. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for expanding the forest based paper industry in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have studied the suggestion of the Tamil Nadu Government for better use of bagasse as a good raw material for paper?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a)

and (b) There is at present an overall shortage of forest raw materials in the country for various end-uses including manufacture of paper and paper board. Having regard to the present state of forests in the country and the need to conserve the scarce forest resources, setting up of additional capacity for paper and paper board based on forest raw

materials is considered only if assured availability of such raw materials on sustained basis is established beyond doubt.

However, in order to enable the paper industry to meet its raw material requirements, the procedure for import of wood pulp, chips and logs etc. has been liberalised. Encouragement is also given by way of excise concessions for use of non-conventional raw materials, such as, agricultural residues, waste paper etc. Full excise exemption has been granted in respect of writing, printing and kraft paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of pulp made from bagasse.

No specific suggestion has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu with regard to the use of bagasse as a raw material for manufacture of paper and paper board.

Market prices of Different Brands of Medicines

249. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative market prices of different brands of the following medicines (1) Diapipam 5mg; (2) Lopramide 2mg and (3) Chlorodiaji pokicide 10 mg;

(b) which are the other medicines, in the prices of whose different brands, there is a difference of 100 per cent or more; and