

project would be possible after these have been completed.

IPS Personnel in the Country

*377. SHRI SYED AHMAD
HASHMI: SHRI MAQSOOD
ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IPS personnel in the country; and

(b) the number of personnel amongst them belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribesi, minority communities and backward classes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

PART (a)

The number of IPS officers as on 1-4-1976 is 1824.

PART (b)

Since there is no reservation of vacancies for the minority communities and backward classes, information regarding the number of such officers has not been compiled and is, therefore, not available. The representation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the IPS as on 1-4-1976 is as follows—

Scheduled Castes	— 145
Scheduled Tribes	— 54.

Use of bagasse for production of paper

•378. SHRI JAGAN NATH
BHARDWAJ:
SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:
SHRI R. NARASIMHA
REDDY:
~ SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that bagasse, is a suitable material for the manufacture of white paper;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantities of this raw material are being burnt every year in sugar factories and by the manufacturers of khandsari sugar; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the use of bagasse for large scale paper production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

"(b) and (c) A large quantity of bagasse is being used as fuel by sugar mills. Proposals for the manufacture of paper by utilisation of bagasse have been considered but the availability of bagasse for paper mills on a large scale cannot be ensured unless alternative arrangements for fuel substitution economically are made by sugar mills.

Statistics in respect of Minorities for Employment in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings

*379. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G.
KULKARNI:
SHRI PIARE LAL KUREEL URF
PIARE LALL TALIB:
SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:
SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any statistics are maintained in respect of minorities regarding their employment in Government Departments and public sector undertakings;