

plied Polyester Staple Fibre by BRPL for manufacture of yarn/cloth. The above mills are located at Rangiya, Jagi Road, Bijni and Tihu.

One more spinning unit at Boitamari which was earlier in the District of Goalpara but now in Dist. Bongaigaon after a new district Bongaigaon has been created, is coming up which will also use BRPL fibre.

#### **Separate Ration Cards for supply of Sugar**

3054. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to issue separate ration cards to those who buy only sugar from fair price shops and not other items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to poor quality of rice and wheat available at fair price shops, the general public is reluctant to buy these items from fair price shops; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) FCI issues rice and wheat of fair average quality to State Governments and U. T. Administrations, which in turn administer the further distribution of the commodities through fair price shops.

Large quantities of wheat and rice of the order of 14 million tonnes are generally lifted by public through fair price shops, annually. The Central Government, has however, requested the State Governments/UT Administrations to tighten supervision to ensure that proper quality of wheat and rice reaches all consumers.

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#### **Microwave Linkage of Rajkot and Ahmedabad with other Kendras**

3055. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for microwave linkage of Rajkot and Ahmedabad television relay centres with other television relay centres of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard think?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Requests have been received from the Government of Gujarat for linking the TV transmitters in Gujarat including the one at Rajkot, to Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad for relay of regional service programmes.

(b) and (c) It had been decided to introduce regional TV service in Gujarat via satellite. This was initially planned to be achieved during INSAT-II time frame, i. e., (1993-95) on availability of facility in the space