

Food Management Policy

†1854. PROF. RAM DEO .BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recommendations of Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government on each of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir. The final report is likely to be submitted shortly.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Fake Ration Cards

†1855. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of ' CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in number of fake ration cards in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any action to prevent this malpractice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) As per the population projections of 2000, there are 18.03 crores households in the country against which the States have reported issue of 19.92 crores ration cards. The excess ration cards include fake ration cards in the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.