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RAJYA SABHA

**BPL families in Gujarat**

\*274. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are allotting BPL quota wheat and rice on the basis of 21.20 lakh BPL families instead of about 36 lakh BPL families in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to increase the monthly quota of BPL wheat and rice on demand from Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the allocation of foodgrains to all States and Union Territories is made on the basis of the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission (1993-94) and on the population projections of the Registrar General of India (as on 01-03-2000), which criteria is being uniformly followed for all the States/UTs and which cannot be altered in isolation.

2. The allocation of foodgrains to Gujarat is made on the basis of an estimated 21.20 lakh BPL families, which includes 3.25 lakh Antyodaya families.

**Recovery of EPF dues from defaulting employers**

\*275. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1,511 crore of workers' money is yet