

pricing policy on films and news-prints; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The Government in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting do not have any proposal for change of the price policy of films and newsprints.

(d) Does not arise.

Foreign Share Holding Companies engaged in Food Processing Industries

1168. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies with foreign share-holding, which are engaged in food processing industries in India;

(b) whether the Government propose to review its policy about permitting foreign share holding in Indian food processing industries in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Foreign equity holding in Indian food processing industries will be as per the Industrial Policy.

Quantity of Rice & Sugar allotted to Meghalaya

1169. SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice and sugar allotted to Meghalaya to be distributed through Public Distribution System, month-wise:

(b) the total quantity lifted by the State Government from January, 1991 to June, 1991, month-wise:

(c) the source from where it was procured; and

(d) the Agency involved for bringing rice and sugar to Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) A Statement giving the required information is attached.

(c) Rice stocks are being despatched from the North, i.e., Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Sugar stocks are generally despatched from the mills in Uttar Pradesh and occasionally from the mills in Maharashtra.

(d) The Food Corporation of India is responsible for the delivery of the allocated quantities of rice and sugar in the case of Meghalaya.

STATEMENT

Allotment & Offtake of Rice and Sugar for Public Distribution System in respect of Meghalaya from January to June, 1991

(In '000 tonnes)

| Month 1991 | Rice | | Sugar | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | Allotment | Offtake* | Allotment | Offtake |
| January | 9.5 | 9.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| February | 10.0 | 7.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| March | 10.0 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| April | 10.0 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| May | 10.0 | 13.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| June | 10.0 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

*Provisional