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procurement price for paddy etc.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It can be had on another day, because there is another business-the, Legislative Business.

You give notice and it will be discussed.

(Interruptions)

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: I have to make one announcement; and after the announcement I have to attend to some work in the Rajya Sabha.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not included in the agenda here; it is not in , the papers here.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: It had been given (Interruptions). In the forenoon, I had given a notice; in the forenoon, I had supplied copies to the Secretary. I will read it out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: At the end of the day you can make a statement; not now.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Is it very long?

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: No.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATERJEE: He can read it out.

भो गिरधारी लॉल ब्यॉस (भी लवाड़ा) : राजस्थान में फेमीन के बारे में मंत्री जी ने कुछ नहीं कहा । वहां सारी फसलें वरबाद है: गई हैं।

MR CHAIRMAN: What has happened to you?

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is making a statement. Would you listen to his statem int? What is this?

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is making a statement. Kindly listen to his state-

(Interruptions)

DR VASANT KUMAR PANDIT (Rajgarh): What about the copies?

(Interruptions)

14.50 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. PROCUREMENT PRICE FOR PADDY AND COARSE KHARIF CEREALS AND MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF COTTON FOR 1982-83

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-TURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): I would like to make a statement. The Procurement price of common variety of paddy has been fixed at Rs 122/- per quintal and of kharif coarse cereals viz.. jowar, bajra, maize and ragi at Rs. 118/- per quintal for 1982-83 marketing season. Consequent on the increase in the procurement price of paddy it has also been decided to raise the issue prices of all varieties of rice by Rs. 13/- per quintal over the present levels with immediate effect.

In regard to cotton, the Government has decided to fix the minimum support price of kapas of fair average quality of J-34 variety at Rs. 380/- per quintal for 1982-83 season.

र्भाः राम।वतार शास्त्रीः (पटना): यह तो बहुत कम है।

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: This was not done last year; now they have fixed the price. The corresponding prices of other varieties would as usual be fixed by the Tex ile Commissioner.