

there is a strike on of electricity workers in U. P. which has paralysed some cities of U. P. This is because of the non-implementation of the Wage Board award. This is a central responsibility. They have posted the military there. I request that either the Labour Minister or the Irrigation and Power Minister should make a statement. We do not want that the strike should be tackled by calling in the army. We want a statement by the Labour Minister.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai) rose—

MR. SPEAKER : Do not get up without giving me previous notice of what you are going to say. Do not make it a daily phenomenon.

Papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : May I bring to your notice that there is a strike declared by the government employees in West Bengal for three days with effect from today? May I request the Minister to make a statement on the situation that is developing there in consequence of the strike.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU (Diamond-Harbour) : And also on their demands. They wanted implementation of the recommendations of a government-appointed Wage Board. But Government's way of implementation seems to be by calling in the army to pose a threat to peaceful strikers. Is this the purpose for which the army is maintained in his country?

श्री मोलहू प्रसाद (बांसगाँव) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, कल के अखबार में यह समाचार छपा है, पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के 14 जिलों में भीषण सूखे की स्थिति—30 प्रतिशत फसल नष्ट। मैं ने कल इस सम्बन्ध में एक ध्यानाकर्षण प्रस्ताव दिया था, लेकिन वह स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है। आप उसको स्वीकार न करें, लेकिन आप कम से कम खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री से इस बारे में एक वक्तव्य देने के लिए कहें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप मुझे लिखकर दें। मैं उनको भेज दूँगा।

श्री मोलहू प्रसाद : मैंने लिखकर दिया है।

12.12 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF CSIR

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for the year 1969, along with the Audited accounts for the year 1968-69 [Placed in Library See No. LT. 4058/70].

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT ON FLOOD SITUATION

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : I beg to lay on the Table a supplementary statement on the flood situation in the country. [Placed in Library See No. LT—4059/79]

ANNUAL REPORT AND OTHER PAPERS RE : GARDEN REACH WORKSHOPS LTD. CALCUTTA

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Garden Reach Workshops Limited, Calcutta for the year 1968-69 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956. [Placed in Library See No. LT.—4060/70]

EXPORT OF JUTE BAGGING FOR WRAPPING GOTTON BALES (INSPECTION RULES)

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Export of Jute Bagging for Wrapping Cotton