

13.24 hrs.

REPORT OF TARIFF COMMISSION
ON FAIR-SELLING PRICES OF
SYNTHETIC RUBBER

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.
BOROOAH): Sir, I lay on the Table—

- (1) A copy of the Report (1971) of the Tariff Commission on the Fair Selling Prices of Synthetic Rubber, under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951.

- (2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for delay in laying the above Report on the Table of the House.

- (3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining the reasons for not laying the Hindi version of the Report simultaneously. [Placed in Library See. No. LT-5215/73.]

13.25 hrs.

REPORT OF TARIFF COMMISSION
ON PRICE STRUCTURE OF BETA
OXY NAPHTHOIC ACID

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR
SINGH): I beg to lay on the Table—

- (1) A copy of the Report (1966) of the Tariff Commission on the price structure of Beta Oxy Naphthotic Acid, under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951.

- (2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for delay in laying the above

Report on the Table of the House.

- (3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining the reasons for not laying the Hindi version of the Report simultaneously. [Placed in Library See. No. LT-5214/73.]

13.26 hrs.

RE. DROUGHT IN REWA AND
SIDHI DISTRICTS

SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH (Sidhi): I want to draw the attention of the House to a matter in connection with the speech of the hon. Food Minister the other day in reply to the debate on food. The districts of Rewa and Sidhi bordering Mirzapur in eastern UP are similarly in a state of drought. I wish that when as per his statement the Food Minister undertake a trip to get acquainted with conditions in eastern UP and Bihar, he would also take time to go and have a look at things as they are in these two districts of Madhya Pradesh. Conditions there are extremely difficult. There is no irrigation at all and there has been no rainfall.

Apart from all this, another thing that is extremely troublesome in that area is that people who are supposed to take out ration cards in the rural areas are provided with only 4 kgs. of grain per head for a whole month, and as there has been no rain, foodgrains that were given to agricultural labourers by people who own land have now been stopped completely. So agricultural labour is completely dependent on the rationed foodgrains for their livelihood. The present quantum of ration is extremely limited. I wish the Food Minister makes a statement about what can be done about giving more foodgrains to agricultural labour.