

श्री मधु दिनने : पा.पु.सी. के ऊपर
किस चर्चा करके रहे

14.05 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THIRTY-FIRST REPORT

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU
RAMAIAH):** Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Thirty-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 2nd August, 1973."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Thirty-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 2nd August, 1973."

The motion was adopted.

RE: FOOD SITUATION IN WEST BENGAL

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore): Already this matter has been brought to the notice of the Government by Shri Samar Guha. I do not know how he came in between these items 9 and 10. This has been reported in all the newspapers of Calcutta. Previously, the rice quota for West Bengal from the Centre was 35,000 tonnes per month. Subsequently it was reduced to 20,000 tonnes. Now again there has been a reduction to 17,500 tonnes. Actually in the last month, West Bengal received only 9,000 tonnes. As a result of this short supply, there has been a serious crisis in the supply of rice ration in both statutory as well as modified areas. On the 27th of this month, the whole State of West Bengal observed a bandh against price rise and scarcity of articles supplied from the ration shops. In the meantime, there have been floods

in Malda and some other areas. So, the whole State of West Bengal, so far as the food situation is concerned, is in chaos. Kindly ask the Minister, Sir, to make a statement here and now how they are going to help the West Bengal people to get rice from the ration shops, both from statutory and from modified ration shops.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):** I do not think there is any cause for panic in regard to this matter. In fact, we have been supplying West Bengal Government between 1,50,000 tonnes and 1,60,000 tonnes, depending upon the monthly allocation. This month, i.e., August, our allocation is 1,52,500 tonnes and we shall see that this quantity is delivered to the State Government. I do not think there is any reason to become panicky.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned for Lunch to reassemble at 3 00 P.M.

14 08 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fifteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunch at five minutes past Fifteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEM- BERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH REPORT

**PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARA-
SHAR (Hamirpur):** Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee on Private Members'