

12 Hrs.

Re PRICE OF SUGAR

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): Sir, I have given notice of an Adjournment Motion on the price of sugar. It is very important that we should discuss the situation. The price has touched the peak, so to say, of 300 per cent in the course of the last two years and a half—

MR. SPEAKER: I have already given my ruling on such matters.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: It is a very important issue today.

MR. SPEAKER: You can give notice of a motion for discussion.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: The price is now Rs. 4 per kilo and you cannot get it in the market. If this House is not allowed to discuss it—(Interruptions)—it is a matter of deep regret.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not give you permission.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: The notice I have given covers all the rules and regulations—

MR. SPEAKER: I did not give you permission.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: It is an unprecedented situation.

MR. SPEAKER: You are speaking without my permission; nothing will go on record.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Sir, **

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Bengaluru): May I seek your opinion in the matter, whether it is your view that we should discuss the price of sugar along with the price of other goods that we are going to discuss?

MR. SPEAKER: You can bring in a regular motion. I am told there is already a discussion fixed about this matter. (Interruptions) I am sorry, I do not allow anything more.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: The life of the common man is getting worse. You are exporting sugar at 90 paise per kilo to foreign countries where the purchasing power is ten times higher than here. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Alipore): Sir, in the matter of floods and drought, the procedure followed was that the Minister concerned first made a statement, and on the basis of that statement, you had admitted motions for discussion of floods and drought separately. Now, the sugar price also has created an all India crisis. The whole country is engulfed in the sugar crisis. Everyday, the prices are rising further and further. It is Rs. 5 a kilo now. Therefore, why should you not direct the Minister to make a statement on sugar also? Thereafter, if you like, we will give notice of a motion and you should allow it. Why should he not make a statement and what is responsible for the sugar prices which are spiralling? Everyday, the situation is getting worse and worse. He does not make a statement or say anything.

MR. SPEAKER: There is already a discussion fixed.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: He should make a statement and tell the House what is the policy.

MR. SPEAKER: It is a policy matter if, before the discussion, the Minister gives some statement. (Interruptions)

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MR. SPEAKER: Do not make it a daily phenomenon. What are you doing? (Interruptions) I say, I do not allow it and yet you force yourself in this way. All I can say is that you are speaking without my permission and if you go on doing like this I shall have to ask you to sit down. (Interruptions). You should not interrupt. I have examined everything. Papers to be laid. (Interruptions). I have already said that he should come with a statement as early as he can.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: It should be made before the discussion comes up in the House. (Interruptions).