

the mills make payment for sugarcane regularly and if the prices are also higher than those paid by the khandsari producers then the sugarcane will be supplied to the sugar mills. The price of the sugarcane used for 'Khandsari' and 'Gur' is much more and therefore, a greater quantity of sugarcane is diverted towards that side. We have no control over the production of 'Gur' and 'Khandsari' and we do not come to know how much is the production of these commodities. You can estimate the quantity of sugar produced but regarding the quantity of other sweetening agents produced, nothing can be said. If the production of sugar has come down to 60 or 62 lakhs tonnes, one cannot say that the production of 'Gur' and 'Khandsari' has not increased. If the mills pay higher prices for sugarcane, the production of sugar automatically increases. Secondly, there is some exemption from excise duty on 'Khandsari' while on 'Gur' there is no control at all. That is why the production of sugar has been less.

[English]

SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : It is not a fact that there are some interested person in-between in this export and import business? The Minister has stated that we are producing enough sugar. Is it not a fact that Government wants to please some interested persons who are getting commission out of this, and if it is true, how much commission is a party getting per quintal when sugar is exported or imported?

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH : I do not have any information about the Hon. Member's Party. But I know about my Party; they are not getting anything out of it. If he has any specific information, then he should write to me or to the Prime Minister and we shall look into it. But he cannot make general allegations like this.

MR. SPEAKER : Prof. Nirmala Kumari ...Not present. Prof. P. J. Kurien...He is also not present. There is no more Question left; the list is over. Now let me run through the whole list again. Shri Shantaram Potdukhe...Not here. Shri Krishan Pratap Singh Not here. Prof. Saifuddin Soz . Not present. Shri K. Ramamurthy Not here, Shri Ram Bahadur Singh Not here. Shri V. Sobhanadreeswara Rao...Not present. Shri Viridhi Chander Jain...Not present.

Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal...Not present. Shri B. V. Desai...Not here. Prof. Nirmala Kumari . Not here. Prof. P. J. Kurien...Not here. So, the Question List is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

(English)

Facilities asked by All India Small Newspapers Conference

*527 **SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the facilities asked for by All India Small Newspapers Conference from Government;

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether they have asked for financial assistance, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL):

(a) The Government have not received any representation from All India Small Newspapers Conference asking for facilities.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(Translation)

Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee

*532 **SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee of his Ministry held in 1984;

(b) the resolutions passed in these meetings; and