

MR. SPEAKER : It is not as simple as that.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : He is ready to answer.

SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE : The Tariff Commission report was laid on the Table of the House. The hon. Member has not cared to see it.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : You can say what it is.....

SHRI KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know whether the Minister is aware that there is difference of at least Rs. 1,000 per every tonne of sugar. The production cost comes to only Rs. 900 and the price fixed even by Government is above Rs. 1800 per tonne. Does the Government feel that this margin is necessary for the millowners ?

SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE : I do not know on what basis the hon. Member is drawing his conclusions. The present price structure of sugar is based on the cost of sugarcane, raw material, manufacturing cost, plus return of Rs. 10.50 per quintal. That is broadly the recommendation of the Tariff commission. So, in India the price of sugarcane, the raw material, relatively being higher, I don't think it is possible to do that.

A.L.R. News Bulletin regarding Opening of Karokoram Highway

*71. **DR. KARNI SINGH :** Will the Minister INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Radio in its 8.15 A.M. news bulletin on 16th February, 1971 had said :

"The Karokoram Highway linking Gilgit and Hunza in North West Pakistan with China is being open to traffic today by the Pak Chief of Army Staff, General Abdul Hamid Khan"; and

(b) if so, the reason for conceding Gilgit to Pakistan and for describing

Tibet as China and not as Tibet region of China ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reference to Gilgit and Hunza as being part of North West Pakistan, instead of Pakistan occupied Kashmir, was a mistake. The official concerned has been cautioned to be careful in future. The new road links Gilgit and Hunza in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir with Sinkian in China and not directly with Tibet.

DR. KARNI SINGH : Pakistan has illegally occupied Gilgit and ceded it to China. But this broadcast over All India Radio has virtually accepted their claim over Gilgit, and Pakistan's right to cede it to China, and we no longer accept the autonomy of Tibet. May I know whether any machinery exists in AIR to check and re-check the broadcasts to ensure that Indian territories are not lost by such broadcasts made through AIR?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY : I have said, it is a very unfortunate mistake. The story was done in a hurry. Of course, already adequate arrangements exist there to ensure the factual correctness of the news broadcasts but unfortunately this was done in a hurry and this mistake was committed. As I have said, we have taken enough precautions to see that this sort of mistake does not occur again. We have decided to see that such stories should be checked by the Director and Joint Director—that means the evil of responsibility has been raised.

DR. KARNI SINGH : Are those personnel involved in this broadcast experienced personnel or were they new ?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY : They are experienced, no doubt. They are experienced persons. As I said, this is an unfortunate mistake. It was a mistake. As the story was done in a hurry this mistake was committed.