

CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

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Com.P.Ramamurti, General Secretary of the CITU has issued the following statement to the Press:-

The CITU strongly protests against the enhancement of the price of levy sugar by 20 paise per kilo. The attempt to justify this increase on the ground of the increase of minimum bonus by 4.1/6% is most reprehensible. When the decision to increase the minimum bonus was taken, its impact on the cost of production was taken into account.

I demand the Labour Ministry to come out with actual figures showing the impact of the bonus on the cost of production.

Actually, it is well-known that the sugar industry has made fabulous profits and the Govt.'s handling of sugar distribution and price is a big scandal.

The Govt. has no justification to increase the price of sugar, when the whole question is being gone into by the Tariff Commission. It is obvious that the Govt. has succumbed to the powerful sugar lobby which is strongly entrenched in the Congress Party in Maharashtra and U.P.

This action of the Govt. is a green signal to all other industrialists to increase the prices of their products.

The CITU demands the immediate cancellation of the increase in the price of sugar.

For favour of publication:

P Ramamurti

To  
The Editor,

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