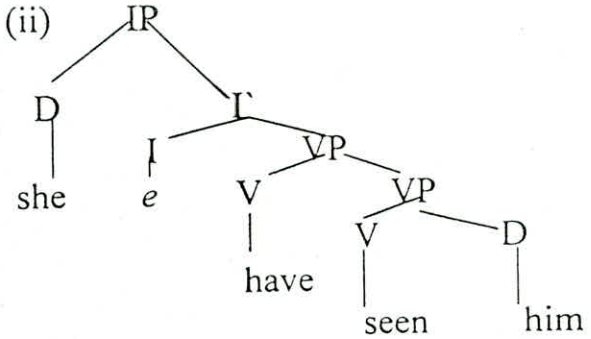
tried is a control verb in the sense that it does not involve ECM; hence it allows *hard* between it and its IP complement. But ***believes*** does not because it is an ECM verb. This is because the Case of PRO in control structures is checked by infinitival *to* ;therefore , "the adverb positioned between the preceding verb and its IP complement will not prevent the Case of PRO from being checked." (A.Radford,1997: 88) "By contrast, if we posit that the Case of an objective subject is checked by an immediately preceding transitive verb or transitive complementizer, it follows that the presence of the intervening adverb *sincerely* prevents the
transitive verb ***believes*** from checking the objective Case of the infinitive subject **him.**" (A.Radford,1997: 88)

The IP projection has been regarded as being headed by a finite auxiliary or by infinitival *to* ;but it may also be a clause that contains no overt auxiliary. Accordingly, both clauses in the following sentences are IP projections even though the latter clause has no overt auxiliary.

6.
(i) *He could have seen her, or [she have seen him]*
(ii)



As can be seen from 6(ii), the clause with no overt auxiliary is regarded as an IP in which the "I constituent *could* undergoes head ellipsis (alias gapping)." (A.Radford,1997: 88) Thus, the head I position of IP is filled by an ellipsed auxiliary ;i.e. ellipsis is "a