

contemplating to take to connect the different borders with the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Only one organisation namely the Border Roads Development Board has been set up by the Government specifically for the construction of certain roads in the Northern and North Eastern border areas. Besides this organisation, the C.P.W.D. and State P.W.Ds are entrusted with the construction of certain roads in border areas.

(b) The total expenditure on Capital Outlay on the construction/development of roads included in the programme of the Border Roads Development Board and those financed by the Roads Wing of the Ministry of Transport & Shipping during the period 1-4-64 to 31-3-67 is Rs. 126.98 crores.

(c) The construction/improvement of rear link roads is undertaken along with the construction of roads in the forward border areas so that the border roads are connected with the rest of the country.

LOW COST TRANSISTOR SETS

2846. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some firm has made an offer to manufacture transistor sets at a cost of Rs. 75/- each; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal under consideration to sell such transistor sets to the public at low cost?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) One Bombay firm has been supplying single band medium wave transistor radios to Super Bazaar at Rs. 75/- per set. The firm has stated that they would produce radios at a smaller cost in future if certain additional import assistance is given.

(b) There is no proposal with Government to themselves undertake such sales but they would give encouragement to the production and sale of cheap transistor sets of adequate quality.

INDIGENOUS T.V. SETS

2847. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the manufacture of indigenous T.V. sets has been started;

(b) how the quality and price of these sets compares with the sets manufactured in foreign countries; and

(c) the procedure for marketing these sets in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) CEERI Pilani, who have developed the indigenous know how for manufacture of T.V. Sets and are manufacturing 1,000 sets on a pilot plant basis, have already manufactured some sets. The two units in the private sector, M/s J. K. Electronics, Kanpur and M/s Telerad, Bombay, which have been licensed to manufacture T.V. Sets, are likely to go into production by June-July 1968.

(b) Both the quality and price of the indigenously made sets are expected to compare favourably with those of the imported sets.

(c) At present CEERI Pilani are selling and servicing these sets from their T.V. Service Centre at Delhi. The private sector manufacturers will have their own marketing arrangements.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL REGARDING DEATH OF INDIAN SOLDIERS IN GAZA

2848. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a copy of the report submitted by Major-General Inderjit Rikhye to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the incidents involving the death of Indian armed personnel in Gaza during the recent Arab-Israeli conflict;

(b) whether Government have also received any report from their own sources including the Commander of the Indian contingent with the U.N.E.F.; and