

Withdrawing of ban on recruitment in Government Establishments

5919. SHRI R. V. BADE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to withdraw the ban on recruitment in Government Establishments completely; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b). There is no general ban on recruitment in Government Establishments. However, there is a limited ban on direct recruitment to certain categories of Class III and Class IV posts. This ban is proposed to be reviewed after the Third Pay Commission's recommendations have been considered by the Government.

Cheaper T.V. model designed by the radio and electricals manufacturing Company Limited, Bangalore

5920. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Radio and Electricals Manufacturing Company Limited (R.E.M.C.O.) in Bangalore has been successful in designing a new model of T.V. which would be cheaper than any existing model;

(b) if so, the salient features of this new model set and the cost thereof including excise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure large scale manufacture of this cheaper T.V. set?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b).

Radio and Electrical Manufacturing Company Limited (REMCO) Bangalore, (which is a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of Mysore) have released on March 10, a 19" TV set under the name 'Jyotsna'. The set which is designed for single-channel reception employs 14 valves and is priced at Rs. 1935.50 including excise duty of Rs. 143 and sales tax of Rs. 235.50.

(c) TV sets as manufactured in this country employ different designs resulting in different ex-factory prices. They also have varying foreign exchange components and have different performance characteristics, particularly in terms of maintenance. Government do not intend, at this stage, to standardise on a single design but have prescribed a uniform pack value for units in the small scale sector.

Adulteration and black marketing of cement in Assam

5921. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that adulteration and black marketing in cement are going on in Assam and other North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) No specific complaints have been received regarding adulteration of cement and black marketing in Assam and other North Eastern States.

(b) Does not arise.