

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALJUDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The matter of setting up of the National Accreditation Board is under consideration of the Government.

Cine Colour Positive Film Unit in Udhagamandalam

327. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for setting up a unit for manufacture of cine colour positive film at Udhagamandalam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). M/s. Hindustan Photo Films had submitted a Feasibility Report in March, 1983 for setting up of a project for the manufacture of cine colour films and colour paper with an annual capacity of 8 million sq. metres and 2 million sq. metres respectively in technical collaboration with M/s. Agfa Gavent of Belgium, at an estimated total cost of Rs. 208.29 crores. The project was not cleared for implementation due to resource constraints.

[Translation]

Import of Colour Picture Tubes and Manufacturing

328. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the colour picture tubes are being imported at present;

(b) if so, the figures of the import made during the year 1991-92; and

(c) the names of the companies in which such picture tubes are manufactured for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The demand for picture tubes is being met indigenously at present. However, in case of any shortfall in indigenous production due to unforeseen circumstances, Government may consider the possibility of permitting import of picture tubes to bridge the gap between demand and supply. Based on the data available on production/export of Colour TVs/ Colour Picture Tubes, the import of Colour Picture Tubes is estimated as 50,000 during 1991-92.

(c) The names of the indigenous companies which are manufacturing & exporting colour TV picture tubes are given below:-

1. M/s. JCT Electronics Ltd.
2. M/s. Uptron Colour Picture Tubes Ltd.
3. M/s Samtal Colour Ltd.

[English]

Extension of Essential Commodities Act, 1955

329. PROF. ASHOK ANAND RAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI: