

Concessions to Small Scale Units producing TV Sets

5036. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to states:

(a) whether Government have seen press reports that small scale units in T.V production are producing 4,000 sets per month and are having a turnover of 10 crores or so; and

(b) whether there is a proposal under consideration to offer any concessions to these units as small scale units?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) According to information available with Government one small scale manufacturer has produced more than 4,000 television sets per month in December '76 and January '77.

(b) The unit concerned is registered as a small scale unit, and there is no proposal for granting to this unit any concession not normally available to small scale units in general.

Recommendation of Marathe Committee on Cost of Structure in T.V. Industry

5037. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of Marathe Committee on the cost structure in T.V. industry; and

(b) if so, how the lowering of price from Rs. 1800 to Rs. 1600 is justified?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Marathe Panel on the Cost and Price Structure of the T. V. Receiver Industry had concluded that simple, functional T. V. sets of 51 cm screen size could be produced during 1977-78 at an ex-factory price of Rs. 1600.

Import of Picture Tubes by Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation

5038. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why foreign exchange is being used for import of picture tubes by ETTDC when there is an indigenous production of picture tubes; and

(b) the reasons why equalisation of price structure reducing the price of picture tubes is not attempted?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The two indigenous manufacturers of T. V. Picture Tubes are not able to fully meet the demand for T.V. Picture Tubes at the present time. The gap between demand and supply is being met by imports arranged through Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation.

(b) The equalisation of prices of imported and indigenously manufactured T.V. Picture Tubes is being attempted. The price of picture tubes imported by Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation has been fixed at Rs. 375/- (as recommended by the Marathe Panel); the price of indigenously 51 cm picture tube has been reduced by the manufacturers to Rs. 405/-.

बेरमो कोल फोल्ड के मजदूरों को अनिवार्य जमा की पहली किस्त का भुगतान

5039. श्री रामदास सिंह: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बेरमो कोल फोल्ड के मजदूरों को अक्टूबर-नवम्बर, 1976 में अनिवार्य जमा की पहली किस्त का भुगतान किया गया था और उस पर साढ़े बारह प्रतिशत की निर्धारित दर से ब्याज दिया गया था ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके कारण और औचित्य क्या हैं ; और