

(b) M/s. Haldor Topsoe and M/s. Pullman Kellogg have been selected as the consultants for the ammonia plants at Thal Vaishet and Hazira respectively. M/s. Snam Progetti have been selected as the consultant for the Urea plant at both places.

(c) and (d). There were six firms who were qualified to submit bids for the engineering consultancy for the Ammonia Plant based on their experience, expertise, resources to transfer technology etc. The firms now chosen are from the list. The experts committee only went into the question of relative merits of those firms who submitted bids, to recommend their choice.

Acquisition and Development of Technical know-how for introduction of Coloured T. V.

377. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government to introduce coloured T. V. in India immediately will force the country to acquire the costly technical know-how from foreign country and also equipments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the necessary technical know-how is already be the process of development in our own country and this will be ready for commercial exploitation after nearly 3 years; and

(c) if so, what considerations have weighed with Government to rush through with a proposal which will affect adversely the progress so far made in the Indian electronic technological field?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-
UDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (c). A decision to introduce colour TV in the country will be taken after a careful consideration of all relevant

issues, including import of know-how and requirement and development of indigenous technology and electronics industry.

(b) No, Sir.

Conversion of present Coloured T. V.

378. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether the present T.V. sets can be converted into coloured T.V. sets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-
UDBEN M. JOSHI): No, Sir. However, a black and white TV receiver can receive pictures (in black and white) even if transmissions are in colour.

Outcome of Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission

379. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADMAN:
SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission meetings held in August and later on this year; and

(b) action so far taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The main subject discussed in the 20th meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission held at New Delhi between 29th and 31st August, 1980 was the question of augmentation of the dry season flows of the Ganga. The Commission examined the difficulties that had prevented initiation of studies of the two proposals. The Commission noted that