

cities and towns which would be getting TV coverage for the first time under the Special Plan. However, on the basis of available information, it is tentatively estimated that TV receiver production during 1984 could be in the range of 10 lakh to 12 lakh sets, both colour and Black and White taken together. This should result in an increase in electronics production of between Rs. 180 crores and Rs. 240 crores during 1984.

Communication :

During the past 3 years a number of steps have been taken to expand the production of communication equipment. These have included, promotion of indigenous development/production of switching, transmission and radio communication equipment; co-ordinated centralised purchase of technology for manufacture of Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchanges (PABX), Digital Electronic Rural Automatic Exchanges (ERAX) Electronic Telephones and promotion of new plants set up by State Electronic Corporations and I.T.I. As a result of these steps initiated during the past 3 years, it is expected that during the year 1984-85, the following communication equipments are likely to be manufactured : Digital Automatic Electronic Exchanges for the Army ; HF, VHF and UHF radio communication equipment; High Power Amplifiers for Satellite Earth Stations; Ground communication Equipment for Satellite Earth Stations; PCM Multiplex Equipment; FDM Multiplex Equipment; UHF Radio Relay Equipment and Microwave Radio Relay Equipment. The manufacture of these items is expected to result in incremental production of around Rs. 60 crores by 1984-85.

Computers :

Out of the 130 parties who have been given industrial approvals for the production of mini/micro computers, about 50 parties have started production. There are an estimated 60 models

of mini/micro computers in the market so far. During the year 1984-85, it is expected that more manufacturers will start production and the number of models of mini/micro computers may be in the range of 70 to 90. Production of computers has risen from Rs. 21 crores in 1982 to a provisional Rs. 63 crores in 1983. In 1984-85, this is expected to rise by about 25 per cent.

Controls, Instrumentation and Industrial Electronics :

Five organised sector companies, 2 in the public sector and 3 in the private sector have been encouraged to import technology from abroad on a wide range of controls, instrumentation and industrial electronics products. Three of these companies have set up production facilities for instrumentation and industrial electronics applications in a number of industries like Cement, fertilizer, steel, power stations, etc. Import substitution of this area is consistently growing. During 1984-85 it is expected that two more companies will go into production and two or three more units may be licensed in this area. A growth of about 20 per cent from the previous year is expected in this area.

Production of Cement

4135. SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cement production in the country increased by about 12.5 per cent this year (1983-84) over that in the last year (1982-83) ;

(b) if so, the cement production figures for the two years ; and

(c) the estimated cement requirement per annum and how far India has become self-sufficient in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) and (b) Actual production of cement

during 1982-83 and anticipated production during 1983-84 and percentage increase are as under :

Actual production in 1982-83	Anticipated production in 1983-84	Percentage increase
(In million tonnes)		
23.30	27.00	5.8

(c) The Working Group on cement industry (1980-85) had projected the demand for cement by the end of 6th Five Year Plan (1984-85) around 38 million tonnes. Targetted production of cement for the year 1984-85 is 34.5 million tonnes. With better utilisation of existing capacity and installation of additional capacity, availability position of cement is expected to ease further.

Selling out of Public Sector Industrial Units

4136. SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Haryana Government proposal to sell half a dozen public sector industrial units to private sector ;

(b) whether these units include Haryana, concast, the biggest unit in the State Sector in Haryana, despite the fact that it has started showing operational profits ;

(c) whether Central Government have issued certain norms, rules or instructions regarding the nature of industries to be run in the State sector ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the reasons assigned for proposed sell out to the private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

(SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a), (b) and (d) The Government have been informed by the State Government that they are examining the feasibility of selling some Government owned factories which are running at a loss. These include M/s. Haryana Concast Limited, Hissar.

(c) Schedule 'A' of the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 contains a list of 17 industries which are reserved for the public sector.

Aluminium Plant in Andhra Pradesh

4137. SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether 8 lakh tonne alumina plant project in Andhra Pradesh remains on the shelf and even after over six years it is still a non-starter ;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps being taken to take up the project expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) to (c) In 1980, the Soviets prepared a feasibility report for setting up alumina project in Andhra Pradesh based on the East Coast Bauxite deposits. The issues regarding financing of the project and product export to USSR, on long term basis, have not yet been resolved and are still under negotiations by the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission.

Sick Units

4138. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : SHRI AJOY BISWAS :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether thousands of industrial units in the small and medium sectors have gone sick ;