

Foreign Exchange earned from Export of Cotton Textiles to U.K.

293. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state the amount of foreign exchange Government are earning from the export of cotton textiles to Britain ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : These are given below :

Figures : Financial year-wise

	(Rs. lakh)
1968-69	2597.7
1969-70	2172.0
*1970-71	1734.9

*Provisional.

Defence Publicity

294. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2514 on the 26th November, 1970 regarding Defence Publicity and state :

(a) whether the merger of publicity and journalistic posts in Defence with the Central Information Service has since been completed ; and

(b) if so, the persons affected thereby and the manner in which the seniority of persons, so affected, has been fixed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) No, Sir. The screening of the incumbents of the posts in the Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, which are being included in the Central Information Service, is in progress and the approval of the Union Public Service Commission to their appointment in the Service will be sought shortly.

(b) The seniority of the persons included in the Central Information Service will as per usual practice, be determined in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission at the time of their appointment to the service

Supply of T.V. Sets to M.Ps.

295. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) the number and names of Members of Parliament of the Fourth Lok-Sabha who were given T.V. Sets ;

(b) the price at which the T.V. sets were given to them ;

(c) the number of applications pending with Government for supply of T.V. sets to Members of Parliament ;

(d) when it is proposed to supply them with T.V. sets ; and

(e) the time generally taken in disposing of the applications for such sets and the make and model of T.V. set which is made available to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) :

(a) Government have not supplied T.V. sets to Members of Parliament. A local dealer who had improved some sets in 1965, had agreed, on the Ministry's request, to sell some sets to Members of Parliament. He was advised to sell these sets to those Members of Parliament who had applied to the Ministry. The allotments were made in the order in which applications were received. The total number of sets supplied against these allotments is 54.

Besides, C.E.E.R.I., Pilani had also agreed to sell sets to Members of Parliament on priority basis. 29 of these sets were allotted on request received from Members of Parliament. However, only 12 were actually purchased. A statement giving names of Members of Parliament who have purchased sets from these two sources is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-184/71].