

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE
(VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) (SHRI A. C.
GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available, loans totaling Rs. 30 lakhs were taken by the mill-company from one of the nationalised banks and the State Government gave a guarantee for Rs. 20 lakhs to the Bank. The question of recovery of these loans is the responsibility of the Bank and the State Government.

(c) and (d), The Government of Gujarat recommended take over of the management of the mill, under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. The take over has been approved.

**भुम्फनू के लिये सीधे टेलीफोन लाइन
का प्रसार**

442. श्री शिवनाथ सिंह : क्या सचार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार भुम्फनू जिला मुख्यावास के महत्व और जनता की भाग को ध्यान में रखते हुये दिल्ली-पिलानी की सीधी टेलीफोन लाइन का दिल्ली से भुम्फनू तक विस्तार करने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो कब तक ?

सचार मन्त्री (श्री हेमवती नदन बहुगुणा) :

(क), भुम्फनू और दिल्ली के बीच परियात कम अर्थात् प्रतिदिन दस काल होने के कारण इन दोनों स्थानों के बीच सीधे ट्रंक परिपथ की व्यवस्था करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

**Production of T. V. Sets at
Reduced Price**

443. SHRI R. P. YADAV : Will the
PRIME MINISTER (PRADHAN MANTRI)
be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being contemplated to reduce the price of a Television set so that it can reach the common man ;

(b) whether Government are aware that one Shri Udhm Singh has assembled a T. V. set costing hardly Rs. 1500 against Rs. 3200 of general brand ; and

(c) if so, why Government is not encouraging such people or opening a factory under public sector to bring down the price considerably ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH
MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI)
(SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) To bring down the prices of Television sets, the important steps being contemplated are :

(i) gradual reduction in the prices of electronic components by setting up large volume production ; components account for a substantial portion of the cost of television sets.

(ii) large quantity production of television sets in each unit ;

(iii) production of transistorised television sets with small screens of sizes 12" to 16".

(b) Shri Udhm Singh has submitted an application for taking up manufacture of T.V. sets. He has indicated in the application, that the price of the TV sets made by him would be Rs. 1200, plus taxes. He has not indicated the size of the screen. The prices of indigenous TV receivers available in the market are Rs. 1900 and Rs. 1700 for 23" and 19" screens respectively, exclusive of taxes. No indigenously made TV sets, inclusive of taxes, is costing as much as Rs. 3200/-.

(c) To meet the anticipated demand of TV receivers in the Fourth Plan period, applications were invited from entrepreneurs by issue of a public notice. Proposals received from a number of public sector undertakings, firms both in the organised sector and the small scale sector and individual scientists/technicians are under consideration. Government will view sympathetically proposals received from competent individuals and groups.