

Foreign collaboration for Manufacture of TV sets ruled out by Electronics Commission

1458. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether foreign collaboration for the manufacture of television sets has been ruled out by the Electronics Commission; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Yes. Four manufacture, two in the organised sector and two consortia in the small scale sector have established manufacture of TV sets in the country based on indigenous knowhow developed by CEERI Pilani. About 30,000 TV sets of good quality have already been produced.

The Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, a wholly Govt. owned undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Hyderabad also a wholly Govt. owned undertaking under the Department of Defence Production have developed Television sets of Indian designs on their own. The Electronics Systems Divn. of the Indian Space Research Org. has similarly developed solid state TV set of rugged design for use along with the SITE experiment for direct reception from Satellite. Many other institutions, undertakings and individuals have also developed indigenous designs for TV sets.

Since indigenous technology for the manufacture of TV sets has now been fully established in the country and TV sets of good quality are being produced, there is no need to have any foreign collaboration for the manufacture of TV sets in India.

New technique for producing Leather Articles from rejected Goats and Sheep Skins

1459. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new technique for producing attractive leather and leather

articles from rejected goat and sheep skins has been developed by the Central Leather Research Institute, Madras; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b). The Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Madras has developed two processes for utilising defective skins. One process is "Tie and dye", otherwise known as "Bandhi" process, by which leathers made from such skins are given multi-colour effects for making fashionable items like hand bags, pouches, garments, slippers etc.

By the other process, screen and block printing is done on rejected leathers which not only cover the defects on the leathers but also give them an attractive look.

Both the leathers can be produced in the small scale as well as in the large scale sectors.

Crisis in Calcutta Fancy Leather Goods Industry

1460. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a crisis in the Calcutta fancy leather goods industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). Calcutta Fancy Leather Goods Industry depends upon the supply of E.I. Tanned leather, sheep and goat skins from Madras. The supply of these leathers to Calcutta has suffered in recent months because of increasing exports. The shortage thus caused has pushed up the prices of these leathers in Calcutta substantially—and this has affected the industry somewhat adversely.