

Licences issued to Private and Government agencies to manufacture T.V. Sets

4002. SHRI LALJI BHAI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and Government agencies given licences to manufacture Television sets in India; and

(b) whether Government have suggested some standard prices of the T.V. sets to be manufactured by those firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Three private parties and two public sector undertakings were granted Licenses for the manufacture of T.V. Sets as under:—

Serial No.	Name of the Licencee	Annual capacity (in Nos.)	Location
1	M/s. J. K. Electronics, Kanpur	10,000	Uttar Pradesh
2	M/s. Telerad Pvt. Ltd., Bombay	20,000	Maharashtra
3	M/s. John Prasad, Madras	10,000	Jammu & Kahsmir
4	M/s. Electronics Corpn. of India Ltd., Hyderabad (A Govt. of India Undertaking).	20,000	Andhra Pradesh
5	M/s. Radio and Electricals Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Bangalore (Mysore Govt. Undertaking).	5,000	Mysore.

Besides the above, Letters of Intent for a total capacity of 40,000 Nos. of T.V. Sets have been issued to six parties in the organised sector (five public sector undertakings and one private party for expansion) and approvals for a total capacity of 1,91,100 T.V. Sets have been granted to 67 parties in the small scale sector (consisting of 3 public sector undertakings and 64 private parties).

(b) No standard prices have been suggested by Government for T.V. sets to be manufactured by these firms. However, the prices of Television Sets currently being manufactured in the country are fairly uniform, and it is expected that as a result of competition between the units and several measures being taken by Government T.V. Sets of lower prices will become progressively available in the market.

Alleged sale of goods by U.S.S.R. in hard currency in Europe

4003. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report in the *Statesman* dated the 20th February, 1973 under the headline "Between the Lines" in which it is stated that Government have complained to the Soviet Union that goods bought in India were being sold in Europe for hard currency; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is totally incorrect.