

of Colour Picture Tubes was received from M/s. Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (APEDC). The application was registered by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) on 11-4-1986. The proposal was not accepted by the Government of India. M/s APEDC represented against this decision in December, 1988. Meanwhile, the collaborator of M/s APEDC, namely M/s. Philips, Holland, informed the Government of India that they had withdrawn their offer of collaboration with M/s APEDC and terminated all its past arrangements for technology transfer for the manufacture of colour picture tubes. Subsequently however, M/s Philips changed their decision and offered to transfer technology for manufacture of colour picture tubes to M/s APEDC and/or M/s Videocon. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and M/s APEDC have no objection to the consideration of application of M/s Videocon for the grant of licence for the manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips. Holland provided M/s Videocon set up the plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh. M/s Videocon has confirmed the location of their plant for manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, the proposal of M/s Videocon is under consideration of the Government of India. There is no other proposal to manufacture Colour Picture Tubes pending with the Government.

The item Colour Picture Tube is de-licensed. The names of the firms which have been approved Foreign Collaboration/Capital Goods for CP-Ts manufacture are as follows:—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Firm</i>	<i>Date of FC approval</i>
1.	M/s. JCT Electronics Limited	12-3-1984
2.	M/s. Uptron Colour Picture Tubes Ltd.	2-12-1985
3.	M/s. Samtel Colour Ltd	11-8-1986
4.	M/s. J & K SIDC	26-9-1990

Invention of Fusion Machine

1987. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new fusion machine for generating power economically has been invented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Tokomak, a special kind of plasma device for producing fusion energy is being tried out in many laboratories. So far they have not succeeded in producing more energy than that used in the machine and therefore, this is considered still uneconomical at this stage of development. In recent times, experiments on cold fusion are being tried out in many laboratories. Yet no reproducible device has been made nor the theory behind this phenomenon is well understood. Research is being carried out in many laboratories in the world including Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

(b) In view of the above facts, it is too early to judge if fusion energy will become economically available in the next couple of decades.

[*Translation*]

Basic Drugs Unit of I.D.P.L. in Bihar

1988. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug units set up by Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. in the country;

(b) whether any proposal to set up a basic drugs unit in Bihar is also pending with the Union Government for a long time;

(c) if so, whether the government propose to authorise the work of setting up of the said unit to Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., if so the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?