

(b) if so, the details of the response, if any, received by Government of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN):

(a) and (b). No specific approach has been made by senior non aligned leaders that PM make a separate appeal to the USA and the USSR. However, the Seventh Non-aligned Summit in New Delhi had called upon nuclear weapon states to halt and reverse the nuclear arms race, and for an immediate prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Availability of TV Sets in the Market

*204. SHRI G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that popular 12" portable TV sets in plastic cabinets such as "Uptron" Make have disappeared from the market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether Government are aware that many unscrupulous TV units have cornered these supplies and are selling at high prices by putting the same machines in heavy wooden frames under new trade names instead of the original Uptron plastic cases; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to eliminate this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) UPTRON has informed

that they are supplying to the market 12" plastic cabinet portable TV sets in the quantity range of two to three thousand sets per month and they are available for purchase through their authorised dealers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) UPTRON has confirmed that they have not received any specific complaint on either misuse of plastic cabinet or cornering of stock. UPTRON has confirmed that they have not sold these TV sets to other manufactures and these are being sold only through their authorised dealers and are available to bonafide buyers from any of the authorised dealers across the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Functioning of National Sports Federations

*205. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the affairs of various national sports federations are not in order; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to tone up their functioning in the interest of promotion of sports in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R.K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Government is aware of the unsatisfactory functioning of a few national sports federations.

(b) The Government has issued certain guidelines for better functioning of the federations. In specific instances, for a federation which is affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association, the Government brings unsatisfactory functioning of the federation to the notice of the Olympic Association, requesting it to take