

LOK SABHA

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*The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up a Television Unit by Rajasthan State Industries in Collaboration with Mineral Development Corporation

*601. SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to issue a licence for setting up a Television Unit by the Rajasthan State Industries in collaboration with Mineral Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the proposed capacity of the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Rajasthan State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Jaipur have been granted a letter of intent on 14th April, 1972 to set up a new Industrial undertaking in Rajasthan to manufacture TV sets for an annual capacity of 5000 Nos.

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : इस में प्रगति हो रही है। कुछ जमीन एकवायर हो गई है। पब्लिक लिमिटेड कम्पनी
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एक बन चुकी है और एक पेंटेगान इलेक्ट्रोनिक्स नाम से नौजवान इंजीनियर ने कम्पनी बनाई है। राजस्थान स्टेट इंडस्ट्रियल एण्ड मिनरल डिवेलेपमेंट कारपोरेशन ने इसको ज्वायंट सैक्टर में लगाने का फैसला किया है। ड्राफ्ट मैमोरैंडम और आर्टिकल ऑफ एसोसिएशन जो कम्पनी के हैं उनको रजिस्ट्रार ऑफ कम्पनीज ने एप्रूव कर दिया है। राज्य सरकार ने हमें बताया है कि कम्पनी ने एक प्रोटोटाइप भी तैयार कर लिया है जिस की टैस्टिंग हो रही है।

श्री राम प्रकाश : इसके लिए विदेशी सहायता मिलेगी और अगर मिलेगी तो कितनी ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : विदेशी सहायता का प्रश्न नहीं है। आपके दो सवाल हो चुके हैं।

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: May I know from the hon. Minister whether there has been any assessment made regarding the requirement of TV sets during the Fifth Five-year Plan? May I also know how many more licenses will be issued for manufacture of TV sets and whether they will be manufactured in the private sector or the public sector?

SHRI K. C. PANT: The assessment earlier made revealed a demand of something like 2 lakhs of sets. That

has been more than covered so far as the Fourth Plan is concerned and licenses have been issued. I am speaking from memory, it would be somewhere between 2 lakhs and 3 lakhs. By the end of the Fifth plan the projected demand will be 5 lakhs and licenses will be issued. So far as the other point is concerned, there is a clear cut policy followed by the Electronics Commission which gives licenses to the public sector and the small scale sector in the private sector and this is being done in such a manner that there is equitable distribution throughout the country.

श्री राम प्रकाश : टेलीविजन फैक्ट्री राजस्थान में लगाने की जो बात आप सोच रहे हैं इसको किसी पिछड़े हुए इलाके में क्या लगाया जाएगा ताकि वहाँ के लोगों को रोजगार मिल सके ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : यह लैटर ग्राफ इंटेंट तो जयपुर के लिए ही दिया गया है ।

श्री राम प्रकाश : लैटर ग्राफ इंटेंट की क्या पोजिशन है ?

Week-long Festival of Dance, Drama and Music at Red Fort, Delhi

*602. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a week-long festival of dance, drama and music was held at Red Fort, Delhi in the last week of February;

(b) whether this was organised as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of India's Independence; and

(c) whether All India Radio and Television Centre Delhi have produced any documentary of the event?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir, but a news item of this function was included on the inaugural day, in the T.V. Newscast as well as in two youths bulletins and a pradeshik bulletin. However, since then instructions have been issued that Festivals of such importance should be taken advantage of by different media.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU: In his reply the hon. Minister stated about the future progress but I want to know why the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has failed to take documentaries so that people can see it in other places where television is there. This can also be sent outside the country when cultural exchanges are taking place.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): The participants in the festival are regular participants in All India Radio's normal programmes also. We have got a fund of their tape recordings which we do use from time to time and those have been prepared in the best studio conditions where the recordings are naturally much better. Whenever this takes place in a public place or public hall, etc. the acoustics is not always best everywhere and that is one of the reasons why we did not do it. Naturally, I feel, from the national point of view more advantage could have been taken and that is why instructions have been issued that in future such opportunities should be better utilised.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU: Ministry of Education is the organiser of this festival. May I know whether