

exchange component will also be there. But I would not like to give the final figures in this matter until the figures have been firmed up and they have been approved by the Government.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO: Every month or every two months it is being announced on the radio that a mineral sand separation project will be set up at Chhatrapur. From the reply given by the hon. Minister it is evident that every thing is ready. May I know what is holding up starting of this industry near that area? Is it scarcity of resources or the fact that the Gopalpur minor port has not yet been finalised? What is really holding up this project?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Really nothing is holding it up. We are only proceeding cautiously in this matter because it is a highly complex operation that has to be undertaken, and unless we do it with a great deal of forethought and planning, we may commit mistakes which may be very costly. Therefore, while we are going ahead with this project, because of the novelty of it the speed is bound to be a little slow.

श्रीमती सहोदराबाई राय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं माननीय मिनिस्टर माह्वर से यह कहना चाहती हूँ कि हमारे मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कोई भी योजना जब चालू होती है, तो छः महीने तो उस की नाप-तोल में चग जाते हैं और सारी रकम खर्च हो जाती है तो कलकत्ता और दूसरी जगहों पर वह योजना चली जाती है। मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि छतरपुर के लिए आप ने जो योजना तैयार की है, उस में ऐसा तो नहीं है कि छः महीने लग जाएं और फिर दूसरी जगह वह चली जाए और हम देखने में रह जाएं ?

श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल : यह जो माननीय सदस्या ने छतरपुर के बारे में कहा है, यह मध्य प्रदेश का छतरपुर नहीं है।

श्रीमती सहोदराबाई राय : तो फिर मध्य प्रदेश के छतरपुर में भी खोलिये आप।

श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल : मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि छतरपुर में जो यह काम शुरू किया है, इस को हटाने का विचार नहीं है।

Applications for Production of T.V. Sets in West Bengal lying with the Electronics Commission

*130 **SHRI R. N. BARMAN:** Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications for production of T.V. sets in West Bengal have been lying with the Electronics Commission for more than two years;

(b) if so the total number of such applications pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether due to the non-issuance of such licences, the TV buyers of West Bengal have to look to Delhi manufacturers and thereby a vast market is sought to be reserved for the existing manufacturers of T.V. sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No application for production of TV sets in West Bengal is pending with the Department of Electronics or the Electronics Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI R. N. BARMAN: The Minister has not tried to answer my question. I had asked whether applications were pending for two years or not. He says that nothing is pending now. Whatever it may be, the fact is that applications were kept pending for two years and when TV is introduced in West Bengal, there will be no State manufactured TV

set in the market and people will have to buy from Delhi, Punjab, Bombay and other places. In this context, I would like to know from the hon. Minister when the applications were received, their dates, when they were sanctioned, the capacity sanctioned and also by what time the TV sets from these firms will be in the market.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: The information asked for by the hon. Member can be easily furnished. But I can tell him that no discrimination against West Bengal in licensing of these units has been shown. About seven units have been licensed in West Bengal and they are expected to produce 20,000 sets per annum. It is more or less on the same lines as in Tamil Nadu and since they have a capacity which can be expanded, we expect that when the expansion is given and when the expanded capacity is used, the production can go upto 40,000 sets in West Bengal itself. That would nearly meet the demand which is expected to arise because of the next TV station in Calcutta. Therefore, I do not think any hon. Member should harbour any misapprehension about such matters that any discrimination has been shown against West Bengal or the eastern region in licensing TV manufacturing units.

SHRI R. N. BARMAN: My second supplementary is to what extent the manufacture of TV sets in the country is still dependent on foreign imports and whether it is a fact that a scheme for manufacture of glass shells for TV tubes by BEL is being shelved and if so, the reasons thereof.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: I gave the information in answer to an earlier question that it is not being shelved and we are actively pursuing the matter and hope that we will be able to set up the picture tube and glass shell units quite soon.

SHRI PILOO MODY: I would like to know from the Minister whether it is the policy of the Government

that TV sets should be manufactured only in the States in which they are going to be used because the seriousness with which he has replied to this question indicates that that is the policy of the Government.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: That is not the policy of the Government. We have given licences to various units. But it is also desirable to license units in areas where TV sets are located and TV viewers are concentrated, but we have licensed units all over the country.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CBI Enquiry into the Affairs of M/s Pneumatic (India) and M/s Eastern Machine Sales, Calcutta

*121 **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN**
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI conducted any enquiry into the fraudulent activities of M/s Pneumatic (India) and M/s. Eastern Machine Sales, Calcutta, cheating the National Industrial Development Corporation, Limited to the tune of 14 lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, whether any prosecution has been done; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) to (c). It is presumed that the reference is to the National Small Industries Corporation Limited and not the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited. Under the hire purchase scheme of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited certain hires including Messrs Eastern Machines Sales, Calcutta had applied for supply of Zinc Plating Plant/Automatic Punch Tape Plant