

also been the Home Minister and who is now the Finance Minister, encourage a retired official of such an important department as the Intelligence Bureau to write a book, it should be presumed at least by outsiders that this book had the approval of the Government of India. The reason for my saying this is this. This book has already become controversial. Government, of course, may be perfectly justified in hearing no evil, in seeing no evil and speaking no evil. The reply to the question in monosyllables like 'Yes' and 'No' seems to be very intelligent. But this book has already become very controversial. Instead of serving the purpose which Shri Y. B. Chavan had in view, this book has in my view and in the view of very competent readers, rendered the entire Government of India, our late Prime Minister and the functioning of the entire Government and its intelligence system a laughing-stock. May I know why this book was not read earlier and why no approval was sought ?

SHRI MOHSIN : It is true that in this book, Shri Malik has traced the development leading to the India-China conflict in 1962 and he has given an account of the conflict and has analysed the causes that led to India's reverses in the conflict. The book also describes at length the organisation and functioning of the intelligence services in the country, and some of the contents of this book are such as would warrant further consideration as to whether action under the Official Secrets Act could be initiated. The matter is at present under consideration of Government. But under the present rules, only persons who are in service are to take the permission of Government if they are to publish certain books. But there are no rules as such today requiring persons who have retired to take permission for writing such books.

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : When this book was really written, as claimed by the author, at the encouragement of one of the important and senior Cabinet Ministers, was it at any time discussed at the highest level, because apart from the functioning of the Intelligence Bureau, it reveals so many things and in such a way that I do not know how and why this man should have been put in charge of our intelligence service ?

SHRI MOHSIN : Yes, Government are aware of the contents of the book. I have already pointed out the main features of the book. Whether to take action against this ex-official or not is actually under consideration.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Has this book any adverse effects on our defence and foreign policies ?

MR. SPEAKER : Too big a question—asking for opinion.

SHRI MOHSIN : That is exactly what is under consideration.

SHRI D. N. TIWARY : How many books on the India-China war of 1962 have been written and have military officials and even an ex-Secretary of the Defence Ministry written books on the subject which give a different picture in a different way, whether Shri Malik's attempt was to present the correct picture of the whole thing and enlighten the public so that they may not be led away by the other writings ?

SHRI MOHSIN : There are some books already written. The first was *Untold Story* by Lt. General Kaul then *Himalayan Blunder* by Brig. Dalvi, then *Guilty Men of 1962* by D. R. Mankekar, then *With Two Presidents* by Major C. L. Dutta, ADC to Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Radhakrishnan ; the last one was by Mr. Maxwell entitled *India's China War*.

Imported Components in T. V. Sets

*684. **SHRI K. C. PANDEY :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the sources through which Television sets are available in India ;

(b) the portion of imported components in each type of Television set made in India ; and

(c) the measures being taken to reduce the portion of foreign exchange ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHSIN) : (a) Television sets manufactured by four firms in India on the basis of know-how developed by Central Electronic

Engineering Research Institute, Pilani, are available.

(b) Import content of the 23"/24" T. V. receiver is Rs. 260 and of the 19" T. V. receiver Rs. 150. A major part of this is for the T. V. picture tube.

(c) The manufacture of T. V. picture tubes has already been established by Bharat Electronics Ltd.; even so, Rs. 60/- in foreign exchange is needed for the glass bulb imported by BEL for making the picture tubes. The manufacture of other important components at present being imported, is to commence shortly. Indigenous manufacture is also contemplated of glass bulbs for the picture tube; with this import content would come down to 1% to 2% of the cost of the T. V. set.

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पांडे : मन्त्री जी बतायेंगे कि क्या टेलीविजन सैट की आवश्यकता शिक्षा और कृषि ज्ञान प्रसार के लिये भी है? अगर है तो योजना बड़े-बड़े शहरों, जैसे बम्बई, कलकत्ता, दिल्ली, अहमदाबाद, के स्थान पर देहातों में कब तक जाने की आशा हम लोग करें?

SHRI MOHSIN : The Government is aware of the necessity of the television programme even in rural areas. Government have now decided to extend T. V. coverage to Bombay with relay station at Poona, to Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow with relay station at Kanpur, and to Srinagar during the Fourth Plan period. The Srinagar and Bombay stations are expected to go on the air in the middle of 1972.

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पांडे : मध्यम महोदय, बाराणसी उत्तर प्रदेश का एक सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र रहा है, और आज भी है। क्या मन्त्री जी बतायेंगे कि बाराणसी, इलाहाबाद की उपेक्षा क्यों की जा रही है? क्या यहाँ भी लगाने की कोई योजना है? अगर है तो कब तक?

SHRI MOHSIN : It is suggestion for action.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : The Minister said in his reply that the Central Elect-

ronics Engineering Institute at Pilani had developed know-how for these T. V. receivers. In that case, why is the Government continuing to permit foreign firms like Phillips (India) to increase the production of T. V. receivers with imported foreign technical know-how, when our own indigenous know-how has been developed sufficiently?

SHRI MOHSIN : Till indigenous know-how is completely developed, we may continue to have the foreign technical know-how for some time.

Import of Aluminium through M. M. T. C.

*685. SHRI D. D. DESAI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. has imported certain E. C. Grade aluminium recently against specific allocations made by Government ;

(b) if so, the landed cost per metric ton of Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and indenting commission chargeable on its landed price ;

(c) the price per ton demanded by the Corporation ; and

(d) when the material is likely to be released to the industry ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The M.M.T.C. purchases aluminium from different sources and at different prices, and the price varies accordingly. It would not be desirable to publicise details of the business operations of the Corporation such as the break-up of its prices.

(c) The sale prices per tonne announced by the M. M. T. C. for the current (April-June 1971) quarter are as follows :