

stage and we would be able to reduce the cost of the appliances which are being used and we would be able to reduce the cost of the materials which are being used. In the Bhavnagar laboratory also, solar ponds are being experimented upon and certain appliances are being made which can be used for this purpose.

[Translation]

Setting up of Colour T.V. Unit in Eastern U. P.

*574. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a colour T.V. manufacturing unit in Eastern Uttar Pradesh soon;

(b) if so, its proposed location, the name of unit to whom licence issued and the time by which the factory is likely to be set up; and

(c) the likely production capacity of the factory and the number of persons likely to get employment therein ?

[English]

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) Central Government has no proposal to set up any Colour TV manufacturing unit in Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : The Deputy Minister of Electronics, Food and Supply of the Government of India, Dr. M.S. Sanjeevi Rao, had announced on 2nd April, 1984 that under the T.V. expansion programme of the Government of India, a T.V. unit would soon be set up in eastern U.P. He had further announced that out of the licences that had been issued for manufacture of colour T.V. picture tubes, one licence had been given to U.P. and this factory which would cost Rs. 180 crores would be set up very soon. I would like to know at which place this unit has been set up and what its production capacity is.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL : I have answered with regard to the Central Government. So far as the setting up of colour T.V. tube manufacturing unit is concerned, it concerns to the State Government. I have not got full information in regard to the statement of the then Deputy Minister Dr. Sanjeevi Rao, but at present the position is that we have given permission to manufacture T.V. sets in one or two Central Government units. We have permitted State Government undertakings to manufacture T.V. sets on large scale. These can be manufactured in the joint sector as well as in the private sector. The T.V. sets are being manufactured on a large scale in U.P. uptron is manufacturing 50,000 T.V. sets and apart from that the private sector is also making T.V. sets.

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : The experts are of the view that the laser rays coming out of colour T.V. sets are more harmful than the rays coming out of black and white T.V. sets and they can cause decomposition of the body, leukaemia and blindness. If this is true, then why is colour T.V. being encouraged ? If it is being encouraged what protective steps are being taken by the Government in this regard ?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL : In regard to the question of scientific implications unless full facts are known to us we cannot say whether it would be harmful to human eyes and the human body. It would not be proper to create such a scare among the people unless we have come to know all the facts. There are many benefits of colour T.V. We can give information about plants to farmers on colour T.V. in a better way. There are many things that can be explained through colour T.V.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Payment of Instalment of Relief to Pensioners by Chandigarh Administration

*570. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :