

respectively. These however were not approved by them as the latter have demanded reciprocal rights for Gulf Air to operate to Trivandrum. Gulf Air is not entitled to operate to Trivandrum under the existing bilateral air services arrangements. This has been pointed out to them and efforts are being made through diplomatic channels to obtain the requisite permission for Air India to operate to Doha and Muscat.

Direct operations by Air India between Jeddah and Trivandrum are not feasible due to technical/operational reasons.

Sale of Cheaper T.V. Sets

586. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government took a decision some 18 months ago to bring down the prices of both colour and black and white TV sets to Rs. 5,000/- in case of 51 cm. colour TV set and Rs. 1,000/- for 35 cm. black and white TV set;

(b) the steps which Government propose to take to ask the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation to make cheaper colour sets available at not more than Rs. 5,500/-; and

(c) whether keeping in view the expansion in TV coverage and country's social and educational needs particularly in the farflung rural and tribal areas, Government will promote the sale of cheaper black and white TV sets through its own undertakings ?

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) Based on the reduction in customs and excise duty forming part of the "Measures to further Accelerate the Development of Electronics Industry" announced by the Government on August 18, 1983, Government had felt that CTV sets of 51 cm. screen size should be available around Rs. 5,000/- + local taxes.

(b) and (c). Electronics Trade and

Technology Development Corporation (ET and T), a public sector undertaking under Department of Electronics, has taken up a programme for supply of material, technology and brand name with the objective of providing black and white and colour TV sets at reasonable prices. It is expected that CTVs manufactured under this scheme will be available at a price less than the price at which the CIVs are being sold in the market. It will also promote sale of Black and White TV sets under its popular brand names as a part of the MTB scheme.

"Installation of Sewage Treatment Plants In Cities Situated on Banks of Ganga

587. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the name of cities situated on the banks of the Ganga in West Bengal where sewage treatment plants will be installed under the action plan and the agency to whom their proper operation and maintenance will be entrusted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : Seventeen Cities in West Bengal where treatment plants will be installed under the Action Plan are : Behrampur, Nabadwip, Hugli-Chuchura, Chandannagar, Bhatpara, Barrackpore, Srirampur, Titagarh, Panihati, Bali, Kamarhati, Baranagar, South Dum Dum, Jadavpur, Garden Reach, Naihati, South Suburban.

The executing agencies for the action Plan will be the respective State Governments and State Boards for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution.

Acquiring of Harpoon Missiles by Pak from USA

588. SHRI AJAY BISWAS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan will get 'Harpoon' missiles very soon from USA;

(b) whether after procurement of this type of sophisticated missiles, the naval strength of Pakistan will increase considerably; and