

tubes from all available sources at competitive prices to help the TV industry.

(iii) During the peak demand period (Nov./Dec. 84) ET&T arranged airlifting of B&W picture tubes in order to maintain the price level of picture tubes to the minimum.

(iv) ET&T has rationalised and controlled the stock holding of TV picture tubes and reduced the inventory carrying cost from 2½ months to 1½ months.

(v) While during the initial stages of import of Colour Picture Tubes, ET&T paid approx. US \$63 per Colour Picture Tube with DY(FOB), through bulking and intensive negotiations the prices were substantially brought down to the rate of 59 US \$(FOB) per CPT with DY during the second half of 1984. Such price reductions obtained by ET&T for Colour Picture Tubes are among the lowest prevailing in the world Market.

Black and white picture tubes

1686. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price fixed for sale of canalised black and white picture tubes by the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation during the year 1980-81; and

(b) what was the break-up of this price in terms of CIF cost of import, Electronics Trade and Technology Corporation expenses and margin of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SPACE AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):

(a) The prices fixed for sale of Black and White picture tubes during 1980-81 were as under:—

51 cm. size

April 1980-March 1981	Rs. 405	} F. O. R. Ex Port of Entry
March 1981	Rs. 432	

36 cm. size

April 1980-September 1980	Rs. 365	} Ex Port of Entry
Oct. 1980-March 1981	Rs. 335	

61 cm. size

April, 1980-May, 1980	Rs. 532	} Ex Port of Entry
June, 1980-March 1981	Rs. 690	

(b) The sales prices fixed by ET&T and approved by the Pricing Committee headed by CCI&E, consisted of the following:—

(i) CIF prices depending on size of picture tubes|port of shipment|source of supply.

(ii) Customs duty applicable at the rate of 120 per cent *ad valorem*.

(iii) Expenses in the course of import, approved by Pricing Committee.

(iv) ET&T service charges of Rs. 5 per picture tube.

Issue of import licence of banned items by ET&T

1687. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past one year the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited have issued import licences for items banned in the list of import policy; and