

Filling up of posts of L.D.C./Typists in Sports Authority of India

477. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of lower division clerks/typists appointed in the Sports Authority of India on the basis of test/interview held in June, July, 1984;

(b) what is the number of vacancies in the above cadre proposed to be filled in before the current financial year;

(c) whether any panel has been formed for the purpose, if so, the number of candidates included in the panel;

(d) by what time they are likely to be appointed;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Finance have not cleared the proposal of Sports Authority of India for more posts in the said cadre; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Seven.

(b) No vacancies exist.

(c) Eightyone candidates have been included in the list of qualified persons as a result of the typewriting test interview held for the purpose.

(d) In the absence of vacancies, this question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Price of colour TV sets

478. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the colour TV manufacturers have given an understanding to Government of India that the retail prices of colour

TV sets marketed by them would not exceed Rupees 7500 (Turret tuner) and Rs. 8000 electronic tuner and that this price included guarantee/warranty and sales tax in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that the manufacturers have evolved different strategies to keep their profit margin intact and the actual price comes between Rupees 9000 and Rupees 10,000 per set; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such manufacturers?

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 PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. This undertaking was given by Colour TV manufacturers in respect of Colour TV (CTV) sets which were assembled through kits imported on one time basis by the Government during ASIAD. No other undertaking has been given by Colour TV manufacturers to the Government about the retail prices of Colour TV sets. Indian Television Manufacturer's Association however committed in a meeting with Government that from 15th October, 1984, cost of the CTV to the customer with all taxes and one year guarantee in Delhi will not be more than Rs. 7500 with electronic tuner and Rs. 7000 with turret tuner.

(b) and (c) On the basis of a complaint and investigations done under MRTP Act, a 'Notice of Enquiry' has been issued to certain TV manufacturers/dealers for imposing higher costs on the consumers for colour TV sets directly or through service contracts. After necessary investigation a R.T.P. Enquiry has been instituted and the enquiry is at initial stage.

Trade deficit of Nepal with India

479. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of Commerce and Supply be pleased to state: