

the colour TV sets, and we have given only last month. The sets have started coming into the market. I am confident, now that nearly 12 from the organised sector and 26 from the small scale sector have already got the import licences, they will all commence production in May and June. I am confident they will serve the masses by bringing the prices down.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Sir, the Minister has said just now that they have given licences to Indian firms to manufacture colour TV sets. I would like to know—(1) how many of these have started manufacturing; and (2) whether these companies were being given licences or manufacturing these components or are they indulging in screw driver technology.

SHRI M. S. SANIEEVI RAO: Sir, I have already informed this august House in the beginning itself that we are proud now that our ECIL and TJPTRON have totally indigenised the sets by their own circuits. It is not an imported substitute in all. But still we have to import the component because there is no other alternative and we are not manufacturing colour TV tubes and certain integrated circuits. As you are all aware that one month back the semi-conductor plant at Chandigarh have started manufacturing integrated circuits and we are confident it will manufacture them. Regarding the colour TV tubes, we have given three licences—one each for Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. We are also confident the colour TV tubes will be manufactured in two or three years time.

MR CHAIRMAN; Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Hindustan Computers Limited

•61. SHRI J. K. JAIN; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Computers Limited, New Delhi have registered themselves as a small-scale industrial unit;

(b) whether a proper licence has been issued by Government to the Company as a small scale unit;

(c) if so, on what grounds; and

(d) whether any investigation has been made into the fact that the plant and machinery possessed by the above company are of a capital nature and are worth over Rs. one crore?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Hindustan Computers Limited have been granted industrial approval as a small-scale unit.

(c) As per norms applicable to small-scale sector at the time of registration of the unit.

(d) No formal investigation has been made.

Promotion of Hindi Computers

67. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a special cell for Hindi computers;

(b) what is the number of full-time computer scientists who are working in the cell since its inception; and

(c) what are the details of the scheme for promotion of Hindi computers in the Industrial and educational institutions under Central Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI); (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has set up a Special cell for Devanagari Computer Development on July 7, 1982 to promote and coordinate activities relating to Devanagari Computers.

(b) At present two Computer Scientists and a Senior Hindi Translator having a Ph.D in Hindi Literature are working in the Cell.

(c) To encourage the use of Devanagari computers at all levels in the Government, as also in industrial Educational institutions, a number of development projects relating to manpower development, training programmes, etc. have been initiated. As a result of these efforts, two companies viz. M/s. DCM Data Products Limited and M/s. Tata Burroughs Limited have productionised the Bilingual Computer systems capable of working both