

Scientists to open talks with their counterparts in Pakistan, if necessary, through the good-offices of Nobel Laureate Prof. Abdus Salam, to help in lessening the nuclear threats; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Electronic Components

972. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies which have been given permission to import electronic components for assembly in India; and

(b) What is the amount of foreign exchange earned by those companies by exporting their assembled products?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from Office of CCI&E and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Leasing out of Imported Computer by Small Entrepreneurs

†973. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Previously unstarred question 96, transferred from the 27th April, 1982.

(a) whether it is a fact that the big business houses who are not allowed to import computers are being supplied with these computers on lease basis by the small entrepreneurs who are allowed to import these computers;

(b) if so, whether any inquiries in this regard have ever been made so as to check this mal-practice by small entrepreneurs; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Some big business houses, who have not them- selves approached the DOE to import computers, have been using computer time on other machines, including those of small entrepreneurs who have installed imported computers under the software export or other schemes.

(b) and (c) A monitoring cell has been recently established in the Computer Development Division of DOE to look into the pattern of utilisation and performance of the computers cleared for import by DOE. Where such monitoring brings to light any malpractices, suitable action will be taken by Government.

T.V.-cum-Radio Sets

974. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V.-cum-Radio sets are being manufactured in India;

(b) if so, since when;