

Shortage of TV Picture Tubes

532. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Electronics Ltd., (BEL) Bangalore is not in a position to supply sufficient quantities of the picture tubes to the TV industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of BEL TV tubes is nearly double that of the landed cost of imported TV tubes from rupee currency area; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the shortage of picture tube is causing distress to TV manufacturers particularly in the small scale sector and is likely to result in lay-off of hundreds of workers employed in the TV industry?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Some shortage of TV picture tubes has been experienced by the industry in recent weeks, since the average production of Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore is around 80,000 tubes per annum, while the production of TV Receivers is now about 10,000 sets per month.

(b) No Sir. TV picture tubes of 470 mm size imported from the rupee area cost Rs. 437/- (including customs duty) while equivalent tubes manufactured by Bharat Electronics at Bangalore cost only Rs. 370.

(c) Government are aware that the present temporary shortage is causing concern to TV manufacturers particularly in the small scale sector. A number of long-term and short-term measures have been taken by Government to meet the situation. These are:

(i) The capacity of Bharat Electronics Bangalore has been approved for expansion to 200,000 picture tubes per annum:

(ii) Two parties in the private sector have been granted industrial licences for 40,000 tubes per annum each and two more parties have been given letters of intent for the same quantity;

(iii) Import of picture tubes upto 25 per cent of the face value of the licence has been allowed in the current import policy for 1974-75.

लाईनों में श्रम-घंटों की हानि

533. श्री सीता राम सिंह : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या योजना आयोग ने दिल्ली/नई दिल्ली में राशन की दुकानों, परिवहन बस अड्डों मिट्टी के तेल तथा डीजल के डिपट्रों, कपड़े की नियंत्रित मूल्य की दुकानों पर लम्बी लाईनों में श्रम-घंटों की हाने वाली हानि के संबंध में कोई मूल्यांकन किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

[Loss of man-hours in queues

533. SHRI SITARAM SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made any assessment in regard to the man-hours lost in long queues at ration shops, transport bus stands, kerosene and diesel depot, controlled cloth price shops and at soft-coke depots etc. in Delhi/New Delhi; and

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

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

Promotion of Scheduled Castes/Tribes and other Candidates as Section Officers

534. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is cadre-wise, number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other candidates as Section Officers (i) through 1973 Select List against regular vacancies, separately, on seniority and length of service basis, and (ii) on long term basis against temporary vacancies after the 27th November, 1972:

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