

(d) and (d). SCL is making effort to sell chips in foreign market. In the current financial year, Pulse dialler has been exported to Hong Kong. Orders have been received for Clock chips from West Germany which is under execution. The export pricing is based on marginal costing. The export earning during 1985-86 is expected to be around Rs. 14.40 lakhs.

Manufacture of V.C.R.

2573. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given up the idea of centralised purchase of technology in regard to manufacture of VCRs;

(b) if so, reasons thereof; and

(c) whether alternative arrangements for manufacture of VCRs have been made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Government of India announced Integrated Policy Measures on Electronics on 21st March, 1985. As per this, it was proposed that Department of Electronics or its designated agency will purchase technology for VCR/VCP, including the technology for manufacture of Deck Mechanism and Microwave Ovens. After announcement of the Policy, Government—Industry Meet was arranged on 17-5-1985, at which several speakers expressed grave doubts on the successful outcome of the Government's policy on centralised purchase of technology. In view of the above, Government have given freedom to entrepreneurs to select their own technology. However, Government has decided to promote only such units which are prepared to commit sizeable investment for suitable vertical integration with an accelerated phased manufacturing programme and which have the requisite in-built capacity to keep pace with the changing technology.

Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET&T) has

signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 7-11-1985 with M/s Grundig of West Germany for establishing a joint venture in India to manufacture VCRs and to set up a technology development centre for consumer electronics with facility for research, training, pilot production and a base for export support.

Closure of embassy in Delhi by Equador

2574. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Equador has closed its embassy in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Equador have conveyed that the decision is only due to economic reasons and in no way affects Equador's desire to continue and strengthen cordial relations with India.

Spare parts for Tarapur

2575. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the biggest manufacturing company which builds power generation equipment among other engineering products for hydro, thermal and nuclear generation, is ready to supply spare parts for the Tarapur Atomic Power Plant;

(b) if so, reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) whether an offer has also been received from USSR to build a light water reactor using enriched uranium ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE