

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday February 26, 1975/Phal-
guna 7, 1891 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI ISMAIL HOSSAIN KHAN
(Bajpeta-Assam)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR SPEAKER. Now, we take up
the questions

SHRI M K Krishnan—absent

SHRI Varkey George—also not
present.

SHRI Vasant Sathe

**Proposal made by Electronics Trade
and Technology Corporation for Import
of Picture Tubes**

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*123. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI DHAMANKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electronics Trade
and Technology Corporation has put
forth a proposal for import of 40,000
picture tubes; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the
matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI
VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a)
and (b). Government have decided

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to import 40,000 TV picture tubes
through the Electronics Trade and
Technology Development Corpora-
tion, which is a public sector under-
taking under the Department of
Electronics. The import of the picture
tubes is now being effected.

SHRI VASANT SATHE The first
thing I would like to know from the
hon. Minister is whether it is a fact
that since 1971 the price of picture
tubes produced indigenously by Bhar-
at Electronics has risen from Rs 220
to Rs 565 and what plan do the Go-
vernment have to make the electro-
nic industry self-sufficient particular-
ly in the field of television which is
a growing sector in the light of our
satellite TV programme where even
rural areas would be served by tele-
vision. What plan do the Government
have to make the country self-suffi-
cient in the field of television sets,
particularly, in the manufacture of
picture tubes which are to-day in
shortage?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA:
As far as the prices of TV tubes pro-
duced by BEL are concerned, apart
from the economic compulsions that
have arisen recently, we thought that
there should be a price parity between
the tube produced indigenously and
the one imported from abroad.
Therefore some sort of pool price
system has been developed which has
been found acceptable so far as the
manufacturing economy is concerned.
We are almost self-sufficient in tube
manufacture in the country. The
major question is regarding picture
tubes which are being manufactured
in Bharat Electronics. But four other
parties have been given the industrial
licence to manufacture these picture