(b) The first instalment of funds of Rs. 5 crores has already been released in March, 1987 for the Mainframe Computer project at ECIL. An amount of Rs. 10.00 crores has been projected for 1987-88. This will be released in a phased mannar depending on the progress of the project.

[Translation]

Growth of National Income

7454. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMED: CHAUDHARY RAM PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth rate of national income in 1986-87 and target for 1987-88; and
- (b) the steps proposed to increase the growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) According to the latest Economic Survey, the economy is expected to grow between 4.5 and 5.0 per cent during the year 1986-87. No year-wise targets of growth rate in national income have been fixed.

(b) With the launching of the Seventh Five Year Plan in 1985-86, certain major policy initiatives were taken to promote growth, Implement development programmes, reinforce anti-poverty programmes and give a new direction to fiscal policy. These policy initiatives and vigorous implementation of development programmes in different sectors are expected to help in achieving the targetted growth rate of 5 per cent per annum envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

[English]

Decrease in Collection of Taxes from Oli Sector

7455. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big jump in

collection of both direct and indirect taxes from April to December, 1986 while there is decrease in taxes from the oil sector;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps initiated to improve the tax collection from the oil sector; and
 - (d) how far they have been effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a big jump in collection of both direct and indirect taxes from April to December, 1986. There was no decrease in gross taxes from oil sector.

(b) to (d). In view of (a) above does not arise.

Depreciation Allowance in Taxes for use of Indian Technology

7456. SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is difference in depreciation allowed for companies which use foreign technology and those which use Indian technology;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) steps proposed to provide tax incentive to encourage use of Indian technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Facilities to Dusadh (Paswan) in Delhi

7457. SHRI KUNWAR RAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain facilities are provided to persons belonging to various Scheduled Castes in the educational institutions in Delhi;