

(a) whether Government have drawn up the broad plans for expansion of tele-communication facilities during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ;

(b) if so, the number of new exchanges, PCOs electronic exchanges and new lines that are to be created in Maharashtra ;

(c) the district-wise break up of this plan if available ; and

(d) whether any effort is being made to make the service cheaper ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : The Plan is still under discussion with the Planning Commission. Detailed plans for the individual territorial/urban units will be finalised only after the plan size has been decided upon.

(d) As of now, there appears to be no possibility of making the service cheaper due to rising investment costs in the coming years.

Issue of Supplement to the Delhi Telephone Directory

504. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to issue a Supplement to the Delhi Telephone Directory released recently giving latest telephone numbers of Minister, MPs etc; and

(b) if so, the time by which the supplement will be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. A

Supplement to Delhi Telephone Directory corrected upto 31.3.1985 including telephone numbers of Ministers, MPs etc. is expected to be available by June, 1985.

Reservation of the Production of Some Drugs

505. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian drug sector has proposed for reserving the production of some items of drugs for itself; and

(b) if so, the details of such drugs and Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b) : The Indian Drugs Manufacturers Association has suggested that 138 Bulk Drugs be reserved for companies without foreign equity. Government would take into account all view points while taking a decision regarding changes, if any, in the Drug Policy.

Taking over of Sick Industrial Units by MRT Companies

506. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether MRTP Companies are being asked by Government to take over sick industrial units ;

(b) if so, the response from those companies;

(c) whether any of the industrial units of the MRTP companies have fallensick;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not nationalising such companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Data on the sick industrial units is being collected by the Reserve Bank of India and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among bankers as also in conformity with the provisions of the statutes governing nationalised banks, it will not be possible to divulge the names of the individual constituents of the banks.

(e) Nationalisation of any industrial unit is considered by the Government in the light of the policy guidelines on sick industries issued in October, 1981. Salient features of the Policy Guidelines have already been furnished in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 204 on 23.1.1985.

Increase in Oil Production to Achieve Self-Sufficiency

507. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of various agencies engaged in oil exploration and production;

(b) whether his Ministry had given directions to those agencies to increase oil production to achieve self-sufficiency in oil ; and

(c) if so, the achievements made by various oil exploration and production agencies in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM

(SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As a result of efforts of the ONGC and OIL the country's self-sufficiency in crude oil has increased from about 30% in 1980-81 to about 69% at present.

Telephone Problems

508. SHRI G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for every Six telephones, installed (working or not working) in the country, there is one staff member, the highest ratio in the world; and

(b) whether majority of the telephone problems in India are due to over-staffing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No. Sir. As per figures available, the correct ratio is about 9.6 telephones per employee.

(b) The figures in respect of some other countries are as under : (Figures compiled by International Telecommunication Union, Geneva, 1973-1982 ; figures of 1982 are taken)

1. China	...	9.35
2. Egypt	...	9.12
3. Pakistan	...	9.97
4. Argentina	...	66.84
5. Australia	...	93.54
6. Brazil	...	55.34
7. Canada	...	151.25
8. Indonesia	...	22.74
9. Iran	...	55.71
10. Iraq	...	32.45
11. Mexico	...	104.23