

question. I want to say that they should stop indulging in rigging themselves, that is the reply to this question.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Everybody has his own logic.

SHRI H.R. BHARADWAJ : This is a correct reply. They have won by indulging in rigging and they are now levelling charges against others. People have voted in our favour and we have won...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : What does the Hon'ble Minister say? Have I indulged in rigging? Is this a reply?

SHRI H.R. BHARADWAJ : He is saying that people have won by indulging in rigging...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Please do not say like that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

English

Allocation of Funds for Telephone Expansion in the Seventh Plan

*42. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to seek more aid and allocation of funds for the Seventh Plan period so that the remaining targets of the Sixth Plan are completed and new schemes for the benefit of telephone subscribers in India are implemented?

(b) if so, the total amount sought for telephones in the Seventh Plan

(c) whether the proposals made by his Ministry had already been accepted by the Planning Commission to be included in the Seventh Plan; and

(d) if so, the major schemes that are likely to be undertaken in the Seventh Plan?

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

(b) The total amount sought for telecommunication is Rs. 13,768 crores.

(c) and (d) : These are still under discussion with the Planning Commission.

Oil Exploration During the Seventh Five Year Plan

*45. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to intensify oil exploration operations in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the allocation of funds, State-wise; and

(c) the names of the places where oil exploration operation will take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). The Seventh Five Year Plan has yet to be finalised. The exploratory effort is proposed to be stepped up considerably during the Seventh Plan period. Details can be furnished after the Seventh Plan has been finalised.