

participate, then I am sure, there will not be any appeal out of it because they sit together, amicably sort it out. That is why it is called Lok Adalat. Lok means people and Adalat means court. It is people's court. They participate in the administration of law (*Interruptions*). They get justice. That is why no appeal lies against it because that agreement is filed in the court. It is accepted as a decree or order of the court. It is enforceable because the Magistrate records the compromise and the case is finally settled. Once it is settled by compromise or amicable settlement there is no question at all (*Interruptions*).

MR SPEAKER I think we can have a full discussion, sometime, on this. I cannot allow it anymore now (*Interruptions*).

MR SPEAKER I have already spent half-an-hour on it (*Interruptions*).

Long Distance Switching and Transmission Equipment

*835 SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the extent of shortfall in achieve-

ments against the targets for long distance switching and transmission equipment during the Sixth Plan period and

(b) the present performance during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). A statement is given below

STATEMENT

(a) During the 6th Plan, the shortfall in achievement in respect of targets for long distance switching and Transmission equipment was as follows

TAX capacity	·	50 %
Coaxial Cable	·	53.3 %
(R Kms)		
Microwave System	·	62.6
(R Kms)		
UHF System		74.2 %
(R Kms)		

(b) Performance during the 1st two years of the 7th Plan has been as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	1985-86		1986-87	
		Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement
1.	Trunk Automatic Exchanges. (Nos.)	2	1	4	4
2.	Capacity of TAXs (lines)	6000	5600	9500	7400
3.	Coaxial Cable Systems (R Kms)	2200	1507	1115	1032
4.	Microwave Systems (R. Kms)	1700	2304	2583	1701
5.	— UHF Systems (R Kms)	1500	1605	1685	1605

SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY Sir, from the figures furnished to

us, it is clear that the performance of the Ministry during the Sixth Plan period was

poor and is disappointing. What are the reasons for that? What is the explanation? What is the reason for the poor achievement? For instance, about the TAX capacity, the shortfall was 50 per cent. The shortfall regarding the second item was 53.3 per cent. The shortfall regarding microwave system was 62.6 per cent. The shortfall regarding UHF system was 74.2 per cent.. (*Interruptions*) It is gradually increasing. What is the reason for it? There is slight improvement in the Seventh Plan period and I will come to it later

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: It is a fact that in the Sixth Five-Year Plan the performance was not satisfactory. From the Sixth Five-Year Plan we tried to switch over to better technology and at the same time we started indigenisation of the product in our factories like ITI and BEL. Since the Sixth Five-Year Plan was the first year when we had this microwave system and the UHF system produced within our country, we had teething trouble, but, as you have also said, in the Seventh Five-Year Plan in the first two years it has improved and in the current year also the production is much better. Whenever you start a new technology and production is done within the country, there is bound to be some slippage. But we have taken corrective steps. I think, in the Seventh Plan we will be able to achieve our target for the Seventh Plan, and the backlog of the Sixth Five-Year Plan also will be covered.

SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY: In the Seventh Plan period, for instance, in the year 1985-86, in microwave system the achievement was 2,304 R. Kms. but in the year 1986-87 the achievement is only 1701. What is the reason? And how is it that the Minister says that there is better performance in the Seventh Plan period?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Take, for instance, the microwave system. Suppose in the north-eastern area or in the Kashmir Valley or in Himachal Pradesh, we have to instal this; it is very difficult terrain. In certain places we have got the difficulty of acquiring land also; it is not

only equipment. Because of this, the installation process itself takes some time. In Nagaland as well as in Mizoram because of insurgency it becomes difficult sometimes to work in remote areas. So, these are the difficulties because of which we could not achieve. But in areas where there is no such difficulty, we have been able to instal. Now, normalcy is there in Mizoram, Nagaland as well as in Kashmir and I think we will be able to achieve the backlog that we have shown in the past year.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: The Government of India has announced a policy that by the end of this Plan period every district district headquarter will be connected by the STD facility. But as far as achieving the target in the Sixth Five-Year Plan is concerned, the Government was far from achieving the target and during this Plan also it seems that it is falling short of the target. As far as UHF system is concerned, in the year 1985-86 the target was 1500 but the achievement was 1605. It was more than the target, but in 1986-87, the target was 1685 but the achievement was 1605, the same as in the previous year. This gives an impression that the Government has reached a static position—where the position is of no change. I feel that some urgent and necessary steps should be taken by the Government so that the targets can be fulfilled. Whether the Government has planned any steps in this direction or not should be made clear by the Government.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: It is a good suggestion. We are always monitoring, and will continue to monitor, the progress.

Drilling By Oil India Limited In Bay of Bengal

*836. **SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil wells drilled since 1981 by the Oil India Limited in Bay of Bengal basin;