

plan proposals had laid down an objective of providing telephone practically on demand by 1990.

(b) Meeting of the above goal would require provisioning of at least 40 lakh additional direct exchange lines during the 7th plan.

(c) Plan proposals are still under discussions with the Planning Commission. However, it appears that this goal may not be feasible due to paucity of resources and other infrastructural constraints.

**Funds for Haldia Petro Chemical Project in Seventh Five Year Plan**

**555. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :  
SHRI SATYA GOPAL  
MISRA :**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have now suggested that the Union Government should provide funds for the important Haldia Petro-Chemical Project in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, Union Government's reaction thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):** (a) and (b) : Government of West Bengal had suggested Participation of the Union Government in the Haldia Petrochemicals complex. The State Government have already been advised of the inability of the Central Government to Participate in the Project in the near future.

**Contracting out Manufacturing of Essential Drugs to Private Companies by IDPL**

**556. SHRI Y. S MAHAJAN :** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether IDPL has been contracting out production anti T B drugs and other essential drugs to private companies ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether it is permissible for the IDPL to follow such a course ; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to check this unhealthy practice ?

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :** (a) and (b) : IDPL produced some formulations including anti-TB formulations and kits on loan licensing basis due to the following reasons :

(i) Capacity constraints and the tight schedule for supply ;

(ii) Most of the items in the product range of IDPL.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Telecommunication Net Works in Orissa**

**557. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up the Tele-communication expansion works in Orissa in response to the request made by the State Government ;

(b) if so, the various Tele-communication net works proposed to be implemented in Orissa in the beginning of the Seventh Plan Period ;

(c) the progress made in implementing those Tele-communication net works in Orissa ; and

(d) the details thereof ?