

(b) Various incentives are available in the form of exemption from payment of sales tax and excise duty, accelerated depreciation, soft loans, custom duty exemption on certain raw materials and equipment for manufacture and use of non-conventional energy devices. Further, the Government have delicensed the manufacture of equipment for exploitation of additional sources of energy like solar energy, wind power, biomass including biogas, geothermal etc.

Expansion of Costing and Economic Analysis Divisions

4695. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the strength of costing and economic analysis Divisions in the Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications ;

(b) whether the present structure is capable of coping up with the increasing load of work in these two areas especially in the context of modernisation and technological developments that are rapidly taking place in the communication sector ; and

(c) whether Government propose to expand these Divisions during the Seventh Plan period ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The strength of Costing Cell in the Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications is as follows :

Department of Posts

1. Asstt. Director General	1
2. Accounts Officer	1
3. Junior Accounts Officers	2
4. Lower Dn. Clerk	1

The Cell is working under the overall charge of the Dy. Director General.

Department of Telecommunications

1. Director	1
2. Asstt. Director General	1
3. Junior Accounts Officers	2
4. Personal Assistant	1

There is no economic analysis Division in the Department of Posts. The strength of economic analysis Division in the Department of Telecommunication is as under :—

1. Economist	1
2. Sr. Research Officers	4
3. Research Officers	2
4. Jr. Accounts Officers	2
5. Jr. Engineers	2
6. Personal Assistants	2
7. Personal Assistants in CSS Gr. C	1
8. Assistant	1
9. L.D.C.	1
10. Peon	1

(b) and (c). The existing strength is adequate at present. Expansion will be considered as and when justification arises.

Leakage of L.P.G. in Baroda

4696. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that liquified petroleum gas has leaked in Baroda recently;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and