

	<i>Energy requirement (MU net)</i>	<i>% growth over previous year</i>	<i>Energy Generation MU</i>	<i>% growth over previous year</i>
1985-86	170746	—	170037	—
1986-87	192356	12.6	187605	10.3
1987-88	211568	10.2	183818	7.8

(upto Feb. '88)

(b) and (c) : Various measures being taken to increase the availability of power include expeditious commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures. These measures would help in bridging the gap between requirement and availability.

#### Telecom facilities in Rural Areas

5290. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as a part of strategy chalked out by Mission Better Communication, Government propose to provide, prompt, updated and efficient telecommunication facilities in the rural areas in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether, the programme of expansion of STD has been drawn to introduce this facility within all the Small Auto Exchanges in a district and particularly to connect in the first instance all exchanges within a district to district headquarter and Tehsil/Block headquarters and with one another and also to ensure the introduction of STD between the neighbouring district headquarters exchanges within a State;

(c) if so, a brief outline thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor and the reasons for according priority to linking various Indian cities to foreign cities and neglecting the rural exchanges in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In view of resource constraint, the following priorities are in operation for providing STD service:

- (i) connection of State Capitals to Delhi.
- (ii) connection of district headquarters to the respective state capitals.
- (iii) stations having telephone exchange exchanges with a capacity of 1000 lines and above on 1.4.85.

In addition to the above, other stations having automatic exchanges and linked by Reliable Transmission Media are also considered for introduction of STD facilities.

A number of inter-dialling and group dialling schemes connecting various towns have been planned all over the country. These schemes will connect various exchanges in a district which have community of interest with each other. Some of the schemes have been implemented also and others are being implemented depending upon availability of resources.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (b) and (c).

#### Achievements of Mission Better Communication

5291. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made under the "Mission Better Communication" since its inception in respect of delivery of telegrams within 12 hrs, reduction of fault rate in respect of telephone and telex connections, elimination of wrong calls on S.T.D. reduction in the incidence of telephones

going dead, elimination of wrong billing, ensuring prompt response from such general service numbers as 171, 180, 181, 197, 198 and 199 and wiping out the waiting list;

(b) whether equal attention is paid by the Mission to the needs of the rural areas and the prompt expansion of telecom. facilities through installation of Public Telephones both local and long distance and Telegraph Offices on the Morse Code; and

(c) if so, the exact performance in each of these categories since inception of the Mission?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The achievements made under the 'Mission Better Communications' since its inception (1-4-86) in respect of important indicators are as under :-

Indicator	Status as on 1-4-86	Status as on 1-2-88
1. % of delivery of telegrams within 12 day light hours between 500 cities.	22	75.0
2. Telephone faults (Faults per 100 stations per month)	35	19.9
3. Telex faults (Faults per 100 stations per month)	60	32.8
4. Call Success Rate STD calls	20	71.7
5. Call success rate of special services such as 180, 181, 197, 198, and 199 etc.	40	78
6. Call Success rate special services (answered within 10 Seconds)	30	64.5

In addition 4,67,000 new telephone connections and 6550 new telex connections have been given during the period from April, 86 to December, 1987.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the period from April 1986 to January 1988, about 2200 Long Distance Public Telephones and 950 small Telephone Exchanges have been opened in the rural areas. Approximately same number of Long Distance Public Telephones have also been converted into combined offices subsequently.

#### Incentive scheme speedy delivery of telegrams

5292. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an attractive graded incentive scheme has been introduced for the staff for speedy delivery of telegrams as part of better productivity drive; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the date with effect from which it has been introduced ?