

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 ?

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

(b) The revised incentive scheme for Telegraphmen (outdoor) was introduced with effect from 1.9.1986. Under this scheme, an incentive is paid on telegrams delivered beyond 84 telegrams in a weekly spell of duty in plain areas and beyond 60 telegrams in a week in specified hilly areas on the following slab rate basis :

**Plain Areas**

Upto 84	NIL
85-100	20 Paise per message
101-150	40 Paise per message
151 and above	50 Paise per message

**Hilly Areas**

1 to 60	NIL
61 to 75	20 Paise per telegrams
76 to 126	40 Paise per telegrams
126 and above	50 Paise per telegrams

In addition a Trip Incentive of 50 paise per Trip beyond 3 Trips is paid provided a Telegraphman delivers more than 20 telegrams per duty. For hilly areas this incentive is paid beyond 2 Trips provided a telegraphman delivers 15 telegrams per duty.

**Electrification of villages and tubewells in Punjab**

**5293. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages and tubewells in Punjab which have been provided electricity till December, 1987;

(b) whether Union Government propose to sanction rural electrification schemes recommended by Punjab Government on priority basis; and

(c) if so, the time likely to be taken in sanctioning these schemes ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) :** (a) All the inhabited villages in Punjab have been electrified. The number of pumpsets energised upto 31-12-1987 is 5,07,245 (provisional).

(b) and (c). The Rural Electrification schemes received from Punjab State Electricity Board are being sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation subject to their being technically and economically feasible.

**Estimated use of Energy**

**5294. SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the correct estimate of the energy used in the country and derived from non-commercial fuel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) :** (a) and (b). Non-commercial energy is consumed mainly in the household sector. Based on the data available from sample surveys carried out by the National Council of Applied Economic Research and the National Sample Survey Organisation, the per capita energy consumption in the household sector has been estimated as 0.38 tonnes of coal replacement per capita per year in the rural areas and 0.4 tonnes of coal replacement per capita per year in the urban areas. After estimating the total energy consumption using these norms, the commercial energy used is deducted to arrive at the estimate of non-commercial energy used.

**Hike in annual outlay for National Thermal Power Corporation**

**5295. SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :