

Calcutta Telephones in the period between January 1981 and July, 1981;

(b) how many of these faults could be corrected within one day|one week|one month|two months|three months;

(c) what steps Government have taken to prevent such appallingly increasing number of faults; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to rectify the faults speedily after they were reported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) A total of 4,42,964 faults were reported in the areas covered by Calcutta Telephones during the period between January, 1981 to July, 1981

(b) Out of these faults, 37.67 per cent were cleared within one day. 84.49 per cent within one week, 96.78 per cent within one month. 99.14 within two months and 99.97 per cent could be cleared within three months

(c) The following steps have been taken to prevent faults and to improve the network performance:

(i) gas pressurisation of main underground cables;

(ii) construction of underground cable ducts;

(iii) replacement of damaged cables;

(iv) installation of cabinets and pillars for underground telephone cables;

(v) use of jelly-filled cables in the distribution network;

(vi) provision of microwave and PCM functions between exchanges;

(vii) checking of telephone instruments and fittings and taking remedial action thereon;

(viii) close coordination with different utility agencies who are performing digging operations.

(d) External plant maintenance has been reorganised and exclusive cable maintenance division under D.E. (Cables) has been formed in each main exchange area for speedy repair of the cable faults. Another Divisional engineer looks after the remaining part of external line plant of such exchange areas. The faults position is monitored every day at various levels of the Calcutta Telephones Organisation.

DVC's supply of power to Calcutta

1252. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the claim of DVC authority in respect of its steady rate of growth in power generation does not at all correspond to the erratic supply to the Calcutta area during the last three months; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to make the DVC commercially viable and thereby enable the DVC authority to honour the agreements that it had entered into?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The average daily generation in DVC has shown improvement. The average supply to Calcutta has been approx. 1.632 M.U. per day during the last three months. Calcutta city is supplied not only by the DVC, but by the Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation and by the other generating stations of the West Bengal State Electricity Board. Since DVC supplies power in bulk to Calcutta, it is not responsible for distribution within the city.

(b) The performance of DVC is continuously under review and every effort is being made to improve its working.