

**Break-down Cases pending investigation in DESU**

2772. DR. A.U. AZMI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) how many power break-down cases are pending for DESU's officials to look into and how many officers have been charge-sheeted for frequent power failures in Delhi; and

(b) what is the outcome of looking into by the Special committee of the the reasons for frequent power failure in the capital, recommendations thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) Whenever there is power breakdown in the system, it is attended to immediately. In most of the cases, duplicate source of supply is always available and after isolating the faulty portion, the supply is restored. On an average the supply to the affected area is interrupted for a duration of 20 to 30 minutes. Efforts are made on a continuing basis to minimise interruptions to supply.

(b) The Committee constituted by the General Manager, DESU on 18-7-1981 to look into the causes of frequent failures in the distribution system of DESU and suggest short/long term measures is yet to furnish its report. However, some interim measures have been suggested by the said Committee for bringing about improvements in the power distribution systems of five different areas in the Capital and necessary action is being taken. In addition the question of replacing some cables having frequent failures is also under study.

**Cables Handling**

2773. DR. A.U. AZMI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether the handling cables

at various stages *i.e.* while loading/unloading often endanger the life of DESU workers and if so, action taken to use proper methods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : Bulk of the work of loading/unloading of cables is handled with the help of cranes. Proper tools and equipments are used and all possible precautions taken while handling cables at the work sites to ensure the safety of the workers.

**Appointment of General Manager DESU**

2774. DR. A.U. AZMI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the action taken to fill up the post of G.M., DESU lying vacant since 6th June, 1980 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : The post of General Manager, D.E.S.U. fell vacant on 6th June, 1980 and since then the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Delhi has been looking after the work of General Manager, DESU in addition to his own duties. Recently a new post of Additional General Manager has been created and has been filled up. Efforts to select a suitable person for the post of General Manager are also being made.

**Coal Production targets are declining trend in Eastern Coalfields and BCCL.**

2775. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed the target of coal production for 1982-83 and whether the target for 1981-82 fully achieved ;