
APEPDCL ahead of private peers - CMD

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BL reported that Mr N Gulzar CMD of Eastern Power Distribution Company of AP Limited said that its headquarters formed 10 years ago in AP is far ahead of private companies in the country, though its capital investment is much less and has succeeded in reducing line losses to the minimum.

Mr Gulzar at the tenth formation day celebrations said that many private power distribution companies were investing three to four times more than APEPDCL, but the results were far from impressive. He said that “They are top heavy, whereas APEPDCL is bottom heavy. Our strength lies in the field workforce. However, we can still learn a few lessons from the private companies.”

He exhorted workers to be more safety conscious and reduce the number of accidents in the five coastal districts covered by the company Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and two Godavari districts.

Mr Dora director projects said that APEPDCL would be spending INR 60 crore on IT initiatives as “the Union Government has allocated INR 10,000 crore for such projects in the country. We will be getting our share of it.”

Besides, he said that the Union Government had allocated INR 30,000 crore for improvement of systems in power distribution and APEPDCL may get INR 400 to INR 500 crore on that count. These projects would further enable the company to improve performance and “it is already ranked one of the best in the country.”

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