

CCTV cameras at Metro stations develop glitches

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Nearly 10% of CCTV surveillance cameras installed across Metro stations have developed glitches, say sources.

Of late, a number of cameras have developed snags or stopped working.

“Many think this is a small number, and is not a cause for concern. But if an incident happens, one of the most important ways to find out what took place is through CCTV camera footage. When we know that an issue keeps cropping up with the cameras, the root cause has to be identified and only this will help solve the problem permanently,” an official said.

Keeping an eye

Chennai Metro, built at a cost ₹14,600 crore, has 32 stations, both elevated and



More than 2,000 CCTV cameras are installed, across all the 32 Metro stations in the city. ■ FILE PHOTO

underground. Each station has nearly 80-100 cameras, depending on its size.

“Some bigger stations like Chennai Central have more than 120 cameras, and smaller ones like Nanganal Road and Ekkatuthangal have only 50 or 60. These are fixed at both the concourse [where tickets are issued] and platform levels. In all the 32 stations together, we have more than 2,000

cameras installed,” an official said.

According to CMRL officials, there have been a few instances of video loss in certain cameras, and these were attended to immediately.

“We also carry out regular audits to see if there is any anomaly [in the functioning of these cameras]. As soon as we notice it, we ensure it is corrected at the earliest.”