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This is regarding public demands / grievances of the residents of Uttara, Middle Andaman. The Secretary to LG vide his letter dated 21.2.2001 at page 48/c has requested us to examine the points concerning Tribal Welfare department and send a detail report to her by 26.2.2001 for the perusal of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor. The ES, AAJVS vide his letter dated 9.3.2001 at page 51/c has furnished a detailed report on the point relating to construction of a check post in Baniya Khari to prevent Jarawa entry into the locality. Accordingly, we may send the detailed information to the Secretary to the L.G., if approved.

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A draft letter is added for perusal and approval please.

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Please refer tour note of Secretary (TW) vide para 23/n on his visit to Little Andaman from 27.7.2001 to 28.7.2001 (PUC) regarding payment of electric charges for the streetlights of the Nicobarese settlement at Harminder Bay.

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In the past the electric charges for the streetlights were paid by the respective DC's. With the transfer of work relating to maintenance of streetlights to the PRIs, the electric charges for the streetlights are being paid by the respective Panchayats so far as the non-tribal area is concerned. There are no Panchayats in the tribal area under the Panchayat Regulation as the tribal areas are exempt from the purview of Panchayat Regulation. However, there are traditional Tribal Councils, in the tribal area, but they have no legal status. So the work relating to maintenance of streetlights in the tribal areas could be transfer to the Tribal Councils. The respective DC's are no longer operating funds towards maintenance of streetlights. Consequently, the electric charges of the streetlights of the tribal areas have become outstanding for a few years now. not

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The issue was examined by the Tribal Welfare Department vide notes at paras 22-26/n at pages 10-11/n and it was suggested that the Tribal Welfare Department will able to meet the expenditure towards the streetlights in the tribal area provided sufficient fund either under Plan and Non-Plan is provided. Altogether an amount of Rs. 22.62 lakh is outstanding for payment towards electric charges. The Finance Department vide their notes at paras 27-30/n has suggested that the fund towards streetlights charges may be provided under the Annual Plan Programme 2001-2002. Accordingly an amount of Rs. 6.2 lakh has been provided under Annual Plan 2001-2002.