Discussed with Director (TW).

This is regarding payment of energy charges towards street lights in tribal areas including Nicobars to the Electricity department as mentioned at para (g) of Director (TW)'s U.O note dated 28.7.99 at page 2/c.

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In this connection it may be mentioned that there is no provision either under Major Head '2225' (Plan) or (Non-Plan) budget during the current financial year 1999-2000 to meet the expenditure towards the street lights.

Further, the electric bills towards the street lights provided in the non-tribal areas excluding Municipal area was usually met out of non-plan budget of the District office, i.e., D.C Office, Andamans, While the electric bills towards the street lights provided in the tribal areas of Nicobars is met out of Non-Plan budget of District Office, i.e., D.C office, Niocbars.

It is, therefore, proposed that the existing system of making payment of energy charges towards street lights in the non-tribal areas by the District office, i.e., DC's Office Andamans may continue by providing sufficient funds under Non-Plan budget to DC Office Andamans by the Administration as there is separate head of accounts in the Non-Plan budget of the District Office. So that the expenditure towards energy charges could be met.

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