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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE

In the wake of the suggestion, regarding payment of electric bills in respect of the tribal area by the Tribal Welfare Department of the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration on his visit to the Onge settlement at South Bay and Nicobarese settlement at Harminder Bay in Little Andaman on 25.7.99, the issue was examined in this office File No. 1-760/99-TW. In this connection a copy of the notes recorded at paras 1-23/n in the above file is enclosed herewith.

In terms of the observations of AO (Fin) vide his note at para 16/n, the following information has been called for from the DC, Andamans and DC, Nicobars.

(i) The scheme under which the street lights in the tribal areas were provided.

(ii) The scheme under which the electricity bills in respect of street lights provided under tribal areas were being met till now.

However, the information is yet to be received from them. Meanwhile it may be pointed out that as noted at para 6/n, the electric bills towards the street lights provided in the tribal areas is met out of the non-plan budget of the respective DCs.

With regard to budget provision towards electric bills by the Tribal Welfare Department, it is stated that we have not provided any fund for this purpose during the current financial year, 1999-2000. Further as noted at para 6(a) the existing system of payment of electric bills towards street lights in the tribal areas may be continued by the respective DCs.

Encl. As Above

Director (TW)

Secretary (TW)

AO (Fin)

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