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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE**

F. No. 1-760/99-TW

(1) The issue regarding payment of electric bills towards street lights in the tribal areas including Niobars raised by the Electricity Department as mentioned vide para (g) of Director (TW)'s U.O No. 5-64/99-TW/590 dated 28.7.99 (PUC) is examined as under:

(2) The electric bills towards the street lights, both in the non-tribal areas and tribal areas excluding Municipal area was usually met out of the Non-Plan budget of the respective District office, i.e., DC Office Andamans and DC Office Nicobars. With the formation of Panchyati Raj Institutions in the non-tribal areas, the fund required towards street lights is placed at the disposal of the respective Panchyats and they are meeting the expenditure towards the street lights. So far as the tribal areas of Niobars is concerned, the existing system of making payment of electric bills towards street lights by the District office continues.

(3) We do not know the quantum of expenditure per month towards the electricity charges of street lights. The monthly average expenditure towards street lights and repairing charges etc., are to be worked out by the Electricity Department so that the extent of expenditure towards the street lights is available. As of now we do not have any fund either under Plan and Non-Plan to meet the expenditure towards the street lights. It will be essentially a Non-Plan activity, for which funds are required to be provided under Non-Plan budget. In case it is decided to meet the expenditure by Tribal Welfare Department, sufficient fund is to be provided under Non-Plan budget. So far as the expenditure towards the street lights during the current year is concerned, we will have to project the requirement of fund in the RE which is due to be submitted to the Finance Department by the 13th August 1999. The expenditure involved in maintaining the street lights etc. is to be worked out by the Electricity Department and intimated to us so that necessary fund could be asked for RE / 10 monthly estimate.

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