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### Lessons Unlearned

Water is the precious natural gift for the survival of all human beings including the plants. Without water human life will be very difficult. The existence of human life is mainly depend on water.

Even after passing 51 years of independent and passing of several five year plans, the water problems of this island is still remain unresolved. The drinking water problem became so acute year after year and the planners of this Administration has no answer to solve the immediate human problem. A number of villages in this islands face acute drinking water problem which may likely to continue without any immediate solution, similar to the electricity, water transport and housing problem of the government servants. There is no dearth of funds but the officers who decide the destiny of the islands have no enthusiasm to solve the human problem but they do not find much time than their own comfort and loot the maximum possible within the short time. The only drinking water source available for the Port Blairians is the Dhanikhri Water Dam which was commissioned during the year 1973. The Engineering skill of the MES for the construction of the said dam is a living monument. But the water storing capacity of the dam is reducing year by year due to deposit of large quantity of slith. The demand of water also increased manifold due to increasing population both civilians and defence personnels. The shipping sector is the life line of this island. Since last few years the number of water crafts both govt. owned and private shipping companies increased considerably. These all ships are also drawing water from Port Blair in every trip. On a rough calculation about 250 to 300 ships are birthing the two Wharfs. These ships are fetching water nearly 2500 cum per month. The quantity of water being supplied to ship monthly is snatching away from the general public, thus the public are facing acute drinking water especially in summer season. There was a time that most of the ships where being supplied water from Pani Ghat but, the Administration has no long term policy and abandoned the Panighat Water sources and now all the ships are drawing water from Port Blair.

During these 26 years after commissioning of the Dhanikhari dam, the Administration has not taken any positive steps to find out alternate water resource. However, about 2 years ago, the Administration identified 2 places for the construction of 2 Dams, one at Chouldari and other at Indira Nagar, at Wandoor. But, these projects are still remaining in infant stage and no body knows when these project would be completed for the benefit of the people.

## QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from the authorised local dealers for supply and installation of the following computer configuration :-

1. Intel Pentium II @ 350 with MMX  
512 KB Cache  
32 MB SD RAM  
4 3 GB ultra DMAAT A13 HDD.  
Video graphics card on AGP slot with 4 MB.  
1.44 MB FPD/104 Key KB  
1.45 14" SVGA Digital Color Monitor  
with WIN 95/98 preloaded  
with license, Lotus Smart Suite  
preloaded with CD media  
32 x CD ROM with Multimedia Kit  
25 P / IPP / (I PIS / 2) / 2 USB Parts  
MS Mouse with PAD
- (2) HP Scanner 5100C
- (3) HP Deskjet 870 Cxi
- (4) 1 VSE QX 255 DMP
- (5) UPS 1 KVA with 20 minutes backup.

The authorised dealers are requested to submit their quotations to this office by 1.3.99 at 2.30 p.m. and the quotation will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the quotationers or their authorised representatives, if any, present.

#### Terms and conditions :-

1. The Brand / make should be specifically mentioned against each item failing which the item shall not be considered for acceptance
2. The quotation should be accompanied by earnest money deposit of Rs 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) in favour of the Research Officer (IW), Directorate of Tribal Welfare from any Nationalised Bank at Port Blair. The quotations without EMD shall not be considered
3. The Supply and installation should be effected within the fifteen days from the date of receipt of the supply order failing which the system will be procured from the next lowest quotationer.
4. The Secretary (IW), A & N Administration, Port Blair reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation without assigning any reason thereof.

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The Public of South Andaman, especially, the people residing at Port Blair is facing acute Drinking water Problem and the problems will be increased in the days to come and the demand of water and supply has no relation. It is also understood that there is no coordination between the APWD and Municipality. Some times the Municipality blame the APWD that the later has not supplying adequate drinking water for the distribution to the public.

Unless alternative water sources are found out immediately the drinking water problem in Port Blair would be very acute in the days to come due to increase in population and other developmental activities. Meanwhile, the administration should initiate prompt action to complete the two project, already taken for construction of dams.