

- The Ministry has received the proposal regarding acquisition of 500-passenger vessel and two catamarans on which some more information has been sought from the UT Administration. While the decision on catamarans can be taken by the Ministry itself, the proposal for procurement of 500-passenger ship will have to be put up before the EFC.
- The proposal for construction of a jetty at Campbell Bay has not so far been finalised as the clearance from environmental angle is awaited from the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Besides, as the cost of the project is around Rs.18 crores, this proposal will have to be put up before the SFC.
- The arrears to be paid by the A&N Administration to the Shipping Corporation of India as on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 amounted to be about Rs.24.00 crores for which adequate budget provision needs to be made by the UT Administration.
- The proposal to provide a "floating" hospital in a ship has been included in the perspective plan of the Ministry of Shipping for Lakshadweep Group of Islands. It is advisable that A&N Administration also project this requirement in their perspective plan for the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period.

**AGENDA NO.2:      Present position of power generation in various Islands and schemes for meeting the growing demand in future.**

**2.1      Issues raised**

**2.1.1      By Lt. Governor:**

- The first and only Hydel Power Plant (5.MW capacity) of this Territory located at Kalpona is going to be commissioned soon. There has been an upward revision in the total cost from Rs.47 crores to about Rs.70 crores and a proposal in this regard has been sent to the Ministry of Power.
- There is a need to extend SPV (Solar Photo Voltaic) based power supply system in remote and small habitations in this territory.